

# GRANTS

## Newsletter

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### Welcome

New rounds of large capital funding programmes are currently relatively scarce. It is, therefore, essential for projects with a funding shortfall to think outside the box and explore all possible avenues of funding, as public grants are undeniably still out there.

This entails researching and pursuing grants for alternative activities or elements of the project in order to release available funding for areas of the project not eligible for grants. This is where the Grants team can add value and advise of all alternative sources of funding and secure grants for your project.

### Funding for sports facilities

Sport England's Sustainable Facilities fund has a total of £10 million available to make a small number of large awards, focused on projects that demonstrate innovative approaches to facility provision and increase sports participation.

Eligible activities include capital infrastructure funding, which can include contributions to the costs of new build, modernisation and major fixed equipment, where it is an integral part of a project.

The next deadline for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> December 2009 with further information found at [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org).

### WRAP provides additional funding for recycling in West Midlands

Two funding programmes are available for capital and infrastructure for recycling

forms through Advantage West Midlands.

#### 1. AWM 100 - Capital support for commercial and industrial food waste and mixed plastics.

Grants are available towards the cost of plant, equipment and infrastructure to increase the quantity of:

- Animal by-product (ABPR) compliant processing capacity for the treatment of source-segregated food wastes.
- The reprocessing capacity of mixed plastics waste.

Wastes should come from commercial and industrial sources that would otherwise have gone to landfill or incineration.

Grants of up to 45% can be awarded for eligible capital costs, depending on the size of your organisation and/or location of your proposed project.

Closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

#### 2. AWM 200 - De Minimis grant funding for recycling firms

Grant funding of up to 50% is available for West Midlands businesses who are investing in new or expanded commercial and industrial waste capacity.

Grants of up to €200,000 (current equivalent of £175,000) are available for capital costs to collect, recycle or reprocess commercial and industrial waste from the region.

Eligible costs include plants and equipment, machinery, civil engineering and buildings.

Closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

[www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)

### Energy efficiency funding available to Local Authorities and NHS Trusts

Salix Finance is an independent, publicly funded company set up to accelerate public sector investment in energy efficiency technologies through invest to save schemes.

At present there are two schemes available through the programme:

**1. Local Authority Programme** - aimed at helping Local Authorities recognise and act on the value of managing their own energy use to help reduce running costs and to help protect their communities from the impacts of climate change.

Projects are usually for the improvement of energy efficiency within council and local authority buildings.

Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

**2. NHS Trusts Programme** - primarily focuses on reducing carbon emissions of NHS Trust Hospitals such as heating, cooling and lighting.

Funding seeks projects that will deliver both CO<sub>2</sub> and revenue benefits and offer long term CO<sub>2</sub> savings.

The Salix scheme, for both Local Authorities and NHS Trusts, works through applicants using a development manager from Salix to identify appropriate projects and complete initial applications. They are then subject to an assessment and if successful, set spend targets over the next two years.

Deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

[www.salixfinance.co.uk](http://www.salixfinance.co.uk)

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## Energy Efficiency Loan Scheme soon to close

Salix also provides a 100% funded loan scheme which provides interest free loans to pay for the installation of a wide range of energy efficiency measures across the public sector estate.

Loans are available for around 80 different energy efficiency technologies, including building insulation, boiler and lighting upgrades and IT energy efficiency.

Whilst the scheme runs until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, the closing date for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

Further information can be found at [www.salixfinance.co.uk](http://www.salixfinance.co.uk)

## Woodfuel funding in Yorkshire

Future Energy Yorkshire is providing up to 50% funding for public and private sector organisations in Yorkshire and the Humber region to develop robust biomass supply chains.

With nine activities the programme supports a range of activities ranging from capital projects to support and guidance.

This includes:

- 1. Infrastructure fund:** A fund totalling £2.5 million provides up to €200,000 (currently £175,000) to fund processing equipment and storage and transport facilities.
- 2. Boiler conversation fund:** A total fund of £250,000 is available to enable the conversation of coal and oil boilers to biomass fuel.

The programmes provide £5 million to encourage sustainable management of the region's woodlands, as well as developing a growing market for all forms of woodfuel.

The Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme, funded by Yorkshire Forward (the RDA for Yorkshire), seeks to provide:

- Readily available biomass fuels.
- Low cost and low risk technology.
- An open market for biomass fuel trading.
- Increased supply chain competition for fuels and technology.
- Advice and support on the development of biomass supply chains.

Funding is available until 30th June 2011.

Further information can be found at [www.fey.org.uk](http://www.fey.org.uk)

## Carbon Trust Grants

The Carbon Trust have just doubled the size of grants available under its flagship Applied Research Scheme from £250,000 to £500,000.

Applied Research Grant Funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations that aim to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions.

Grants of up to £500,000 are available towards the cost of your project. A minimum 40% match funding is required, subject to state aid legislation.

Forthcoming calls for proposals include:

- **Winter 2009:**  
14th December 2009 - 18th February 2010
- **September 2010:**  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Please also be aware that Davis Langdon are continuing to develop a good relationship with the Carbon Trust to find new ways in which we can learn about new opportunities through their expertise and resources. The Grants Team will inform you of any opportunities this may pose in the future.

For further information please visit: [www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk)

## £15 million for flood funding

DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) has announced that £9.7 million has been awarded to 77 local authorities to assist in surface water flooding solutions.

A further £5 million is available to all other Local Authorities to bid for funding to deal with known local flooding problems.

Whilst funding has been awarded to Local Authorities, it is envisaged that the money will enable the production of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMPs) in the

highest flood risk areas.

This poses new opportunities to discuss potential projects with the Local Authorities who have been awarded this funding.

Further details can be found at [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

## Scotland Arts funding

The Scottish Arts Council has a Capital Grants Scheme, which invests in new equipment and improving arts facilities.

Funding is available between £10,000 and £100,000 for capital infrastructure and equipment that seeks to 'create opportunities for participation in the arts'. This includes funding for:

- New equipment to support participation in the arts and artistic production.
- Minor building work and fit-out of spaces.

Local authorities, registered charities and other non-profit making organisations may apply.

Applications deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

[www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)

## Regional and local grants

It is often difficult to keep up to date with funding available from the local and regional public sector bodies, such as Local Authorities and Regional Development Agencies (RDAs).

Calls for funding programmes and applications are not always openly advertised and can easily be missed. Furthermore, programmes and process vary in every area and region and it is a full time job to keep up to date with what is available to who and when.

RDAs and councils can often, however, provide much needed match funding for projects which help them meet their local and regional priorities. They also have European funds to distribute so it is worth keeping up to date with what may be available.

The Grants team can assist in advising you when relevant funding programmes are open and help build up relations with the relevant contacts.