

# GRANTS

## Newsletter

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**Welcome** to the new grants and funding newsletter with current news and updates on funding programmes.

The grants and funding team work across all business sectors and all parts of the UK advising of and applying for public funds on behalf of applicants.

With 24 years experience in public funding and a track record in successfully securing grants for a wide range of projects, the team provides research and advice, produces funding strategies, submits bids and makes the best case for funding a project in line with funders priorities.

We have developed a suite of new literature that identifies funding available from a range of programmes; from EU JESSICA to the Low Carbon Building Programme. Contact a member of the team for more information.

### Parks for People Programme announces new deadline (£250,000 to £5million)

A further Round for Stage 1 applications for funding is now available through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

A grant of between £250,000 and £5 million can be applied for by owners and not for profit organisations of public parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades in England. Funding is available for regeneration and restoration works.

70% of project costs is available through a two-stage process. Closing date for the applications is 31<sup>st</sup> August with a decision made by December 2009. [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

### New Fund to promote Sports in Rural Areas (£10,000 - £500,000)

A £10million investment fund to create sporting opportunities in rural areas will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

The Rural Themed Round is the first of a number of rounds aimed at providing opportunities and tackling the challenges within grassroots sports.

Local Authorities, community groups and sports clubs are encouraged to apply for funding to develop and deliver new and innovative projects that overcome the barriers to both provision and participation.

A grant of between £10,000 and £500,000 is available with Sport England explicitly encouraging high value, high impact projects in order to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas.

Applications will be accepted between 1st April and 30th June 2009. Further Funding Rounds will be announced 1st September 2009. Further information can be found by visiting [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org).

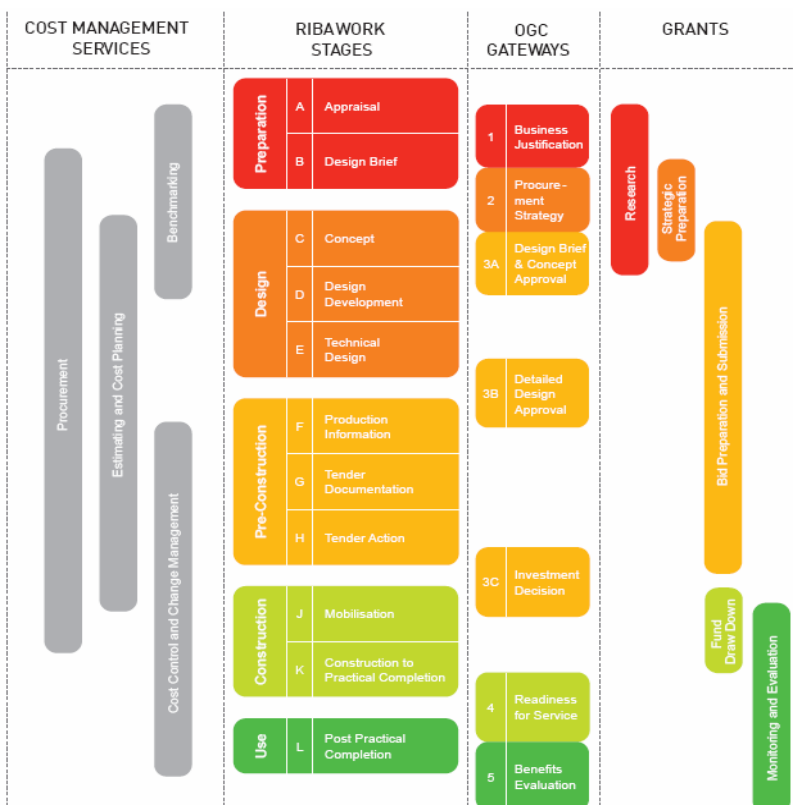
### 2009 Biffaward Flagship Scheme Open to Applications (£150,000 to £500,000)

Grants are available to support 'unique and exciting projects which will make a significant impact at regional or national level'.

Eligible projects are those that support the themes of either voluntary sector led regeneration through cultural facilities or projects rebuilding biodiversity.

£150,000 to £500,000 grants are available to projects involving the community working together with a variety of partner organisations to have a substantial impact on quality of life or the environment. Biffawards provide grants to community and environmental projects through tax credits from Biffa Waste Landfill Services.

### When to consider grant funding



Eligible projects must be site based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active landfill site. Eligible applicants must enrol as an Environmental Body with ENTRUST.

**Stage 1 Expression of Interest forms should be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.**

Biffawards also provide £50,000 grants through its Community and Biodiversity programme and £5,000 through its small grant programme. More information can be found at [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org).

## INCREASE III Enterprise Programme open to applicants

As part of the £7.5million Scottish Government Investment, up to £300,000 is available to Scottish organisations to divert tonnage from landfill.

Project proposals which aim to recycle, reuse, remanufacture or compost household, commercial and industrial waste are being invited to apply.

To apply projects must demonstrate innovation, and / or commercially viability after start-up and ensure that the intended service is not considered a core Local Authority activity.

Applicants need to contact CRNS Development Officers to discuss the proposal to compete an Outline Proposal. Successful applicants will be invited to then complete a Full Proposal application.

## EU funding for the East of England is announced

The East of England Development Agency (EEDA) has launched the 6th Round for the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to support 'low carbon economic growth'.

Over £30 million is available to promote 'sustainable development, production and consumption'. Capital projects can apply for funding to support the development of low carbon approaches to construction and refurbishment of properties.

Eligible activity could include:

- Support for renewable energy demonstrator or exemplar projects making use of wind, solar, biomass, hydroelectric and geothermic solutions.
- Support for exemplar demonstrator energy efficiency solutions such as combined heat and power.
- Provision of business space (potentially incubators and move-on space) with an eco-efficient design.
- Support for physical developments linked to the growth of the clean technology and renewable energy sectors.
- Support for initiatives within communities aimed at encouraging low carbon forms of economic growth.

- Support for the development of waste management recycling facilities including opportunities for social enterprise engagement.

Local Authorities, public funded bodies, voluntary and community organisations, and some private sector organisations can apply for funding which runs until 2013.

Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2007 although it is advised by EEDA to submit a draft 2 weeks before the deadline to allow discussion between recipient and EEDA.

Details on the funding programme can be found at [www.eeda.org.uk](http://www.eeda.org.uk)

## Funding for England's Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Pathfinder schemes

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 HMR schemes will receive up to £46million to fund the refurbishment of properties and improvement of housing stock over the next year.

Delivered through the Local Authorities and specific delivery partnerships, funding is largely directed at rebuilding communities through physical interventions to renew weak or failing housing markets. A further £35million will be available to schemes fully meeting performance targets.

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

## Funding for London's Public Parks

'Great Spaces ' is providing a total of £200,000 to enable projects to carry out feasibility and design work to transform existing public spaces that have poor access or are unattractive and unwelcoming. London Boroughs can submit projects at any stage to the Mayor's design panel.

## Northwest Heritage Tourism Improvement Scheme - Upcoming deadlines

The Tourism Improvement Scheme provides funding of up to £30,000 for owners of historic buildings, gardens or collections to adapt to the changing visitor economy and develop business opportunities.

A maximum of 50% of project costs is available for basic capital infrastructure improvements including:

- Public car parking and vehicular access.
- Construction and improvements to public conveniences.

- Visitor reception improvements or upgrades.
- Improvements to facilities for those disabled in mobility, sight and hearing.
- Educational facilities associated with Historic Housing Association (HHA) education scheme and Visual interpretation schemes (eg. Labelling).
- Provision of external electricity, water and foul draining services.

Application deadlines are 3rd April 2009, 22nd June 2009 and 24th September 2009. Further details can be found on [www.lancashireandblackpool.com](http://www.lancashireandblackpool.com)

## WRAP funding available for capital projects (€200,000)

The Waste and Resources Action Plan (WRAP) exists to help individuals, businesses and local authorities reduce waste and increase recycling, improve the use of resources and help to tackle climate change.

Two funding streams are available at present.

### 1. WM 200 - De Minimis Grant Funding West Midlands Recycling Firms

Through the development of the Advantage West Midlands (AWM) Waste Infrastructure Development Initiative WRAP is delivering a programme of support to recycling businesses in the West Midlands. This is designed to contribute to a 300,000 tonnes reduction of Commercial and Industrial waste by 2011/12 at an overall cost of £5.4 million.

A 50% grant of project costs (up to €200,000) is available to West Midlands businesses for capital costs to collect, recycle or reprocess commercial and industrial waste from the region.

Funding will be available on a first come, first served basis with the Programme closing 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

### 2. Funding opportunity for mixed plastics reprocessing in Scotland

With a budget in the region of £5 million, WRAP Scotland are providing up to 30% of the capital set up costs and investment towards plastics recycling facilities.

Eligible costs could include purchasing or leasing land, installing infrastructure like buildings, hard standing, access roads, etc. and buying the equipment and machinery necessary.

Projects must be located in Scotland and demonstrate a need and gap for the facility. Capital infrastructure must be installed and fully operational by 31 January 2012.

Further details on these funding programmes can be found at [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk).