



GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK

**All Landfill Communities Fund grants are subject to ENTRUST regulatory requirements (“The EB Manual”) as well as GBN’s Specific Funding Criteria.**

### **Fund Overview:**

The Green Business Network has up to approximately £100,000 available per year. Funding is spent on Calderdale projects located within 10 miles of landfill sites.

There are several funding rounds each year, with decisions available shortly after the Grants Panel meeting. There are no deadlines nor is there a published schedule of meetings – applications are assessed on a ‘rolling’ basis, **subject to the availability of funding.**

Routine grants will be awarded for amounts up to £5,000. In special situations, which are usually by advertisement, grants up to £10,000 may be available. [Exceptional projects may be referred for possible grant aid up to £50,000 from national funders under the LCF].

### **Contributing Third Party (CTP) Donation:**

A CTP donation (see below) *may* be required in some circumstances (payment of the CTP donation will only be required once a Grant has been approved), but this is *not usually* the case as separate arrangements have been made to defray the cost on behalf of applicants.

*Under the Landfill Tax regulations, landfill operators provide grant aid to eligible projects (via Environmental Bodies such as GBN) but can only claim a tax credit for 90% of the money donated. Some landfill operators write-off the 10% shortfall as an expense. Others require reimbursement of the 10% in cash. Someone who gives money in this way is a “Contributing Third Party”.*

*A company, public sector organisation, voluntary body or individual might be a CTP. In all cases, the CTP must not derive a unique benefit from the project going ahead and their CTP donation must not include Landfill Communities Fund monies. Also, there must be no connection between the CTP and any of the contractors carrying out the project. For further information, refer to ENTRUST website.*

### **Project Location:**

Projects should routinely be located in Calderdale and within 10 miles of a landfill site. [N.B. some areas of Calderdale are excluded by national funders].

### **Project Purpose:**

Grants will be available for community and environmental projects which must comply with the regulatory requirements of the **Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)**. Details of the LCF can be found on ENTRUST’s website ([www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk)).

### **Public Access Requirements:**

Projects must be genuinely available and open to the general public (except for biodiversity schemes addressing a priority species or habitat).

**N.B. Exclusions apply (the list is not exhaustive and may change from time to time) – see overleaf**

**LCF grants are NOT allowed for:**

- × Single user sports facilities (e.g. bowls, golf clubs)
- × Commercial organisations or amenities
- × Individuals
- × Projects considered statutory requirements e.g. to meet the requirements of the DDA
- × Core cost funding
- × Retrospective funding (i.e. projects that have already been completed)
- × Projects to benefit schools
- × Bus services, minibus services, or vehicles
- × Projects at hospitals, or hospices, or day care centres
- × Any works to public highways or car parks
- × Staff costs where they are not specifically undertaking works at the actual project site
- × Projects to deliver visual enhancements (i.e. 'a view')
- × Village or town centre enhancements, such as walkways, street works or signage
- × CD's, web-sites or remote interpretation about a site
- × Allotments, or fruit growing projects
- × Charity buildings, offices of charities, Citizens' Advice Bureaux and advice centres
- × Renewables or perimeter / security fencing installations
- × Portable items

**Judging Criteria:**

Initial sifting and assessment is carried out by the Green Business Network Community Development Projects Officer who will refer suitable projects for final decision at the next available Grants Panel. The main criteria used when assessing applications are:

- The level of community support for and involvement in the project
- The local community benefit and enjoyment which will result from the project
- The 'fit' with the GBN's own work programmes. GBN works closely with and takes a personal interest in successful projects as part of its wider "family" of organisations. This ensures that the sustainability and legacy of its funding is maximised.
- Value for money
- Compliance with the Landfill Communities Fund regulatory requirements

**The decision of the Grants Panel is final and is subject to the availability of funding.**

**Application Process:**

Initial contact is with the Community Development Projects Officer **Tel 01422 316661** who will visit suitable projects and pre-register them with ENTRUST (a regulatory requirement). If successful, routine applicants must complete a short application form and sign a simple (one side A4) proforma contract. Under scheme rules, you will be contracted to deliver the project on behalf of the Green Business Network who have to retain ownership of any assets.

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