



GREEN BUSINESS NETWORK

The GBN has a detailed knowledge of landfill tax both as an LCF grant-maker and through working on 200 practical schemes with various LCF funders

All Landfill Communities Fund grants are subject to strict Government Regulations, as well as specific criteria which vary according to each individual LCF funder

GBN Fund Overview (2011-2012):

Green Business Network - a locally-based funder - has up to £100,000 available per year, generated by Calderdale waste arisings via WRG/WREN. This LCF 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 £15,000 may be available. [Exceptional projects may be referred for possible grant aid up to £50,000 from other national funders under the LCF]. **Please note: the LCF is designated as private and not Government (public) funding.**

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 the 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** known as the 'EB Manual'. Details of the LCF can be found on the website of the Regulator, **www.entrust.org.uk**.

Project Requirements:

Except for schemes with **historic buildings** or **biodiversity** (addressing a priority species or habitat), all projects **MUST** relate to a single **park or another amenity** evidenced as being:

- ✓ provided, maintained or improved for the protection and/or preservation of the environment (includes the natural, built and social environment).
- ✓ "something that makes the environment more pleasant or comfortable and/or improves the aesthetic qualities of an area for the general public".

Exclusions apply (the list is not exhaustive and may change from time to time):

- × Where any limit or restriction on use (or with 'unreasonable' access costs) is in place
- × Commercial organisations, amenities which are for profit, or individuals
- × Projects considered statutory requirements e.g. to meet the requirements of the DDA
- × Core costs or 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
- × CD's, web-sites or remote interpretation about a site
- × Allotments
- × Charity headquarters, administration offices etc
- × Renewables or perimeter / security fencing installations
- × Portable items
- × Projects to deliver visual enhancements (i.e. 'a view') MAY NOW BE ALLOWABLE
- × Village or town centre enhancements, such as walkways, street works or signage.
STREET TREES, BUS SHELTERS, FLOWER DISPLAYS MAY NOW BE ALLOWABLE

Judging Criteria:

Initial sifting and assessment is carried out by the Green Business Network Community Development Worker who may 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 the sustainability and legacy of its funding is maximised.
- Value for money
- Compliance with the Landfill Communities Fund regulatory requirements

Any decision of the GBN is final and is subject to the availability of funding.

Application Process

You must initially register a brief interest via the 'Contact' link on our website.

Initial follow up is by the GBN's Community Development Worker who will visit suitable projects and seek pre-approval for them from ENTRUST (a regulatory requirement). If successful, routine applicants must complete a short application form and sign a simple (one side A4) proforma contract. Under LCF scheme rules, you are contracted to deliver the project on behalf of the Green Business Network, who must retain ownership of any assets.

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