

Hampshire Community Buildings funding sources list

Grant schemes – local funds

Hampshire County Council

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants>

Home pages for all grants available from Hampshire County Council. The Culture, Communities and Business Services schemes are likely to be the most relevant for community buildings.

Also see the Rural Communities Fund (which has pooled together all the Council's rural grants) and the County Councillor Grants (for small grants from the Councillor covering your area):

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/rural-communities-fund>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

HCC Recreation and Heritage Community Fund 2019-2020

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/recreation-heritage-community-fund>

Funding for a wide range of community projects (including building works on community halls / centres etc.). There is a streamlined process for grants of £1,000-£3,000 and a two-stage process for grants of above £25,000. See the website for full details or call 01962 845390.

Landfill Communities Fund

Not-for-profit organisations operating near waste processing and recycling sites may be able to apply for grants from this Fund. The exact conditions and grant amounts vary from scheme to scheme, but several community buildings in Hampshire have been awarded sums of £20,000 or more. Apply soon because these schemes are due to close in the next year or two.

Veolia: www.veoliatrust.org or call 01902 794677

Suez: preview.tinyurl.com/ybqm7vyb or call 01454 262910

Biffa: www.biffa-award.org or call 01636 670000

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation

<http://www.hiwcf.com/> or call 01256 776101

HIWCF runs various grant schemes aimed at local voluntary and community groups. Register with them to receive updates and information on new schemes.

Your borough / district and parish council

You may be able to ask your parish council for funds directly or via the [Public Works Loan Board](#). Also, some borough / district councils run grant schemes for not-for-profit groups. Keep in touch with the relevant officers and the councillors that cover your area.

Section 106 Developers' Contributions / Community Infrastructure Levy

These are levied on new building developments, and community buildings may be able to obtain funds for improving their facilities. The funds are held by borough / district councils, but if you have a parish / town council then contact them first to explain your need.

NOTE ON WEBSITE ADDRESSES

Several website addresses have been shrunk using 'TinyURL'. Clicking on the link will take you to the TinyURL website showing a preview of the web address relating to the grant scheme.

New Forest National Park grants

<http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/communities/grants/> or call 01590 646634

The National Park Authority awards grants for projects and activities within the New Forest National Park. See the website or call for more information about their schemes.

South Downs Sustainable Communities Fund

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/oqdxau2> or call 01730 819219

Funding for projects that bring 'social, environmental, economic or cultural benefits to a community within the National Park'. Grants of £250-£10,000 are available, covering up to 50% of the total project cost. (Work on community buildings is not currently eligible.)

Police and Crime Commissioner

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-together/funding/apply-for-funding>

or call 01962 871595

Grants and contracting opportunities with the local Police and Crime Commissioner are listed on this page.

Southern Electric Resilient Communities Fund

<https://www.ssepd.co.uk/resiliencefund/> or call 0141 224 7191

To help communities deal with severe weather that disrupts electricity supplies.

Scheme due to reopen later in 2020.

Gannett Foundation Fund

<https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/cars/news/17877092.gannett-foundation-applications-open-charities/> (news item relating to 2019 applications)

Open to local registered charities within the circulation area of a Newsquest publication (this includes the Hampshire Chronicle and several other papers in Hampshire). Their normal grant award is between £1,500 and £9,000.

Scheme due to reopen later in 2020 so check your local paper for details.

IGas Energy Community Fund

<http://www.igascommunityfund.co.uk/> or call 01249 731007

Grants to help local communities located close to the oil and gas production and exploration sites that IGas operates. Four of their sites are in Hampshire.

2020 scheme due to close on 28 Feb.

Grant schemes – national funds for buildings and rural projects

These national funding bodies offer grants for various projects, usually including work on buildings. Contact them directly for the latest information.

ACRE Village Hall Improvement Grant

<http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund> or call 01285 653477

Grants of up to £75,000 for major building works on halls in villages and small towns.

The National Lottery Community Fund

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/> or call 0345 410 2030

This is the new name for the Big Lottery Fund. Details of all the Community Fund programmes (including Reaching Communities) can be found from this main site and on this phone number.

National Lottery Awards for All

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

Grants from the National Lottery of between £300 and £10,000 to 'support what matters to people and communities'. This covers a wide range of items and activities, including small capital projects on community buildings.

Garfield Weston Foundation

www.garfieldweston.org/ or call 020 7399 6565

Several community halls and centres have recently been funded through the 'Community' strand, with grants from £1,000 to well over £100,000. Their policy is to give grants of a fairly small proportion of the total project cost, typically around 10% for building works.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (phone number 020 7264 4990)

<https://preview.tinyurl.com/yapp2qqf> (specific fund for some community buildings)

preview.tinyurl.com/n3ww3ef (home page for all their grants)

Tesco Community Grants

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/> or call 0121 237 5780

Grants of up to £2,000 for a wide range of community projects / activities.

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation (buildings and equipment costs only)

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/> or call 020 7408 2198

Screwfix Foundation

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/> or call 0500 41 41 41

Grants of up to £5,000 for work on community buildings and people's homes.

Sport England

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/> or call 0345 8508 508

National Lottery funding relevant to community buildings with any kind of sporting facilities.

The Prince's Countryside Fund

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Grants for projects that will have 'a long-term positive impact on rural communities'.

Heritage Fund (previously the Heritage Lottery Fund)

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding> or call 020 7591 6042

A range of grant schemes, some of which will be relevant to community buildings.

Pilgrim Trust – (preserving heritage, including buildings)

<https://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/grants/> or call 020 7834 6510

National Churches Trust

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants> or call 020 7222 0605

Particularly note the Community Grants programme to increase churches' community usage.

Allchurches Trust

<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/>

Mainly capital funding for churches and other Christian-based charities.

Power to Change Bright Ideas Fund and Community Business Fund

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/>

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-fund/>

Funding to start and develop community businesses such as shops, pubs, farms, and cafes.

Community halls and associations might be able to apply for aspects of their own work; see the websites for more details.

Henry Smith Charity

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk or call 020 7264 4970

Lloyds Bank Foundation

<http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/> or call 0870 411 1223

Clothworkers' Foundation

foundation.clothworkers.co.uk or call 020 7623 7041

Tudor Trust

www.tudortrust.org.uk/ or call 020 7727 8522

Rank Foundation

www.rankfoundation.com/ or call 020 7834 7731

Aviva Community Fund

<https://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/> (no telephone number listed)

Asda Foundation

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/> Apply through your local Asda store

People's Postcode Trust and Postcode Community Trust 0131 555 7287

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/> <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>

Foyle Foundation

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/noywuax> or call 020 7430 9119

Support and funding for energy efficiency / renewable energy

Rural Community Energy Fund

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>

A grant scheme of up to £100,000 for the development of renewable energy projects that will benefit rural communities (not just individual organisations in those communities). The Fund is being run by across England by five 'Energy Hubs'; with southern Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in the South West Energy Hub and the rest of Hampshire in the South East:

<https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/south-west-energy-hub/>

<https://www.energyhub.org.uk/>

Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants

<https://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/> or call 01803 864390

Small grants for specific initiatives to promote sustainable development, e.g. energy efficiency surveys, solar panels, heat pumps etc.

ACRE Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/rural-community-buildings-loan-fund or call 01285 653477

For halls in rural areas, this loan fund is worth considering if you need funding for work that will quickly reduce your energy bills (e.g. by improving your building's insulation) or increase your income (e.g. by making your building more appealing to potential hirers). Then you can use the money saved to pay off the loan. See the next page for more details about the Loan Fund.

Energy audit tool for use by community building staff and committees

preview.tinyurl.com/o8h6nqm

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has an energy audit template that you can download free of charge from their website (at the link above). It is intended for use by non-experts and should provide useful evidence to help with grant applications and other fundraising.

Energy Saving Trust

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/ or call 0300 123 1234

The website has a range of resources and information about saving energy and generating your own heat or power.

Carbon Trust

<https://www.carbontrust.com/resources>

Guides and toolkits on a range of energy-related issues. The most useful topic for community buildings to search in is probably 'Future energy systems'.

Loan schemes and other useful contacts

ACRE Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund

www.acre.org.uk/our-work/rural-community-buildings-loan-fund or call 01285 653477

Loans from £1,000 to £20,000 (and occasionally higher) to help community halls in rural areas to meet the cost of capital works. The Fund is often over-subscribed so please contact ACRE as soon as you decide that you might want to apply for a loan.

Other loan funding

Co-op Foundation

<https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/> (scroll to the bottom of the page)

Interest-free loans of up to £50,000 for 'enterprising ideas to improve community spaces'. See the website for examples of projects they would like to support.

Charity Bank loans

www.charitybank.org/ or call 01732 774040

Charity Bank can give loans for a range of purposes up to £1,000,000.

Venturesome – loans from the Charities Aid Foundation

preview.tinyurl.com/hanu5cs or call 0300 0123 300

Loans to incorporated organisations only, for a wide range of charitable / social purposes.

We recommend that unincorporated organisations (e.g. village hall charitable trusts) do not generally consider borrowing money, because of the potential liability to the charity trustees as individuals. The ACRE Loan Fund (above) is an exception; it is specifically designed for small, unincorporated charities and has flexible terms and a low interest rate.

Gift Aid

<https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/overview>

If your organisation is charitable (or a Community Amateur Sports Club) and you are embarking on a major fundraising drive, consider registering for Gift Aid. This allows you to claim back 25p on every £1 you receive in donations from individuals. Also note the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme>

Free or low-cost legal advice

We have an agreement (through ACRE) with law firm Bates Wells Braithwaite. They can give initial advice free of charge and then quote for further work. Contact Kevin (details at the top of the page) for details.

Charity Property Help: preview.tinyurl.com/zexvzd5

A service run by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors that offers free professional advice and support to charities on building-related issues.

LawWorks: <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/legal-advice-not-profits>

This service links up charities and non-profit groups in need of legal advice with solicitors willing to give their time free of charge. Their resources are limited and community halls are low on their list of priority groups, but it may be worth asking if your resources are very tight.

Ethical Property Foundation

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/pndegfk> or call 0300 333 6595
Free initial advice on buying, managing, and letting property.

Cranfield Trust

<https://www.cranfieldtrust.org/> or call 01794 830338
Free advice for charities on management consultancy and HR issues.

Local solicitors and churches

Some solicitors and churches (especially Church of England) run funds focusing on small geographical areas. These aren't often advertised widely but may be able to fund your work.

Local businesses

They may be able to help with grants, sponsorship (in return for some publicity), resources, equipment, staff time etc. Be creative with what you can offer local companies in return for their support and use any contacts or other links you have.

Crowdfunding

This is a new approach to fundraising which uses online technology to enable the gaining and handling of donations from a large number of people.

<https://www.charitydigitalnews.co.uk/2019/02/21/the-best-free-online-fundraising-platforms-for-charities/> A list of crowdfunding sites for charities

Two of the most well-known fundraising platforms used by charities are Just Giving and Virgin Money Giving. See the links below for more details:

<https://www.justgiving.com/for-charities/a-new-free-way-to-join-justgiving>

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/charities/>

Dulux Community Re-Paint scheme

www.communityrepaint.org.uk

Community buildings can apply for paint for their halls from their local scheme.

B & Q

preview.tinyurl.com/2wccga5 or contact your local branch

B & Q stores can donate items like slightly damaged tins of paint and end-of-range materials, and they give grants of up to £250 for projects that save energy, conserve nature, help people grow their own produce or support local culture and heritage.

Community Payback

<https://www.gov.uk/nominate-community-payback-project>

Formerly known as Community Service. Organisations put themselves forward to get support from offenders, with decorating a community centre being one of the suggested projects.

Further help and tools for finding grants

Online funding search tool

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

Funding Central is a national grants and funding database managed by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO). The site also has advice to help you apply for grants, loans and contracts. It is free for organisations with an income below £100,000 per year.

Your local Council for Voluntary Service

<https://www.hampshirecvs.org.uk/> to find your local CVS

Make sure you are a member of the CVS in your area as they will know about local funding sources and other useful information.

Your Local Authority

It is also well worth keeping in touch with every level of Local Authority that covers your area – e.g. for rural Hampshire this means Hampshire County Council, your district / borough council, and your parish / town council.

Get to know the elected members (councillors) for your local area, and find out who the key officers are for issues like planning, licensing, funding, and community development.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/> - Hampshire County Council home page

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1> – County Councillors list

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hampshire_County_Council - details of districts / boroughs

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/Maps/HampshireParishes-A3.pdf> - civil parishes map