



## Funding Advice

**WREN is a not for profit business that awards grants to community and environmental projects across the UK. Funds are donated to WREN by Waste Recycling Group (WRG) as part of a Government scheme called the Landfill Communities Fund. Since 1998, WREN has granted over £141m to more than 5,300 projects which benefit people living within 10 miles of a WRG landfill site.**

### Community Funding Programmes

WREN's community funding programmes award grants to capital projects which deliver lasting community benefits. Projects must not be operated for profit and must provide or improve community spaces and places for outdoor recreation that the general public can use.

All projects must be located within 10 miles of a WRG landfill site. Examples of projects funded include:

- New heating at a community hall
- Footpath and access improvements to a local nature reserve
- Landscaping and seating in a community garden
- Multi use games area in a public park

The type of facility, its size and location will vary but we look for the same things when reviewing applications:

- Why is the project needed and how has this need been identified?
- Who else supports the project from within the local community and surrounding area?
- How will the project improve and compliment existing facilities?
- Who will benefit from the project and is it clear what difference the project will make to the local community?
- How will the facility be managed and maintained when the project is complete. Will there be a lasting legacy?
- Who else is providing funding? How much funding have you raised yourself?
- Does the project offer good value for money? Do the benefits gained justify the level of funding invested?
- Have you considered what additional value the project may deliver; such as training and volunteering opportunities or the use of recycled materials and green technologies?

## Bedford - Priory Country Park Labyrinth

WREN's two community funding programmes are:

### Small Grant Scheme

#### £ Funding

**Maximum** total project cost - £50,000.

**Minimum** application - £2,000.

**Maximum** application amount - £15,000.

#### ✓ Permissions

All permissions must be in place at the point of application.

#### 🕒 Time Scale

Projects to be **completed** within 12 months of funding.

### Main Grant Scheme

#### £ Funding

**Maximum** total project cost - £250,000.

**Minimum** application - £15,001  
or no less than 20% of the total project cost.

**Maximum** application amount - £50,000  
or no more than 85% of the total project cost.

#### ✓ Permissions

Projects must be well formed and considered but formal planning does not need to be in place prior to application.

#### 🕒 Time Scale

Projects to **start** within 12 months of funding.

**No project can start until the applicant has signed and returned the WREN Contract**

All applications are reviewed by local volunteer Advisory Panels who know the needs and requirements of the areas in which we operate and have regional knowledge and expertise to assess projects and make recommendations to our Board.

WREN's locally based Grant Managers together with our WREN House based Grant Administrators manage all the applications and are there to provide applicants with help and guidance.

WREN has additional advice sheets available depending on your type of project. For more detailed information please see our Community Buildings or Play and Leisure advice sheets.

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