
WREN FUNDING POLICY – SMALL GRANT SCHEME

The Small Grant Scheme is targeted at those projects where designs/choices are already made, costings and permissions have been obtained and the applying organisation is in a position to move forward quickly with the delivery of their project. It is WREN's expectation that these projects should complete within 12 months of being given a Contract.

The Landfill Tax Act itself restricts the type of project WREN can fund. WREN will only provide funding through the Small Grant Scheme to projects falling under the following category:

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Where it is for the protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site.

Examples: Village halls, children's play equipment, village greens, museums, country parks, community gardens, woodland improvements, cycle paths, towpaths and nature reserves.

MINIMUM & MAXIMUM GRANT LEVELS

Small Grant Scheme – maximum total project cost £50,000

- Minimum Grant level of £2,000
- Maximum Grant level of £15,000

ELIGIBLE COSTS

WREN is only able to fund costs which are specific and wholly attributable to a project site. Work could include physical improvements to a site, i.e., new windows, access improvements, refurbishment work or landscaping. Physical improvements covers a wide range of work, if you are unsure about your project please call for advice.

Whatever type of project you are applying to WREN for it is important that we are able to assess specific and measurable project outcomes to show how your project will make a difference. Day to day management and running costs, together with routine maintenance costs will not be funded.

WHAT WREN IS UNABLE TO FUND

Due to the Landfill Communities Fund regulations and certain implications these bring for environmental bodies it is WREN policy not to fund the following:

- Purchase of land
- Purchase or lease of vehicles
- Projects located on allotments
- Projects located in Libraries
- Any work relating to Car Parks
- Community Cafes
- Community Art and/or Sculptures
- Projects located at leisure centres, swimming pools or sports facilities that are owned and managed by a Local Authority
- Projects located at leisure centres, swimming pools or sports facilities that are of a maintenance focus
- Projects located within schools or on school grounds
- Projects located at single sports facilities
- Scout Halls and other uniformed group HQs where there is no evidence of wider community use

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- Any works to public highways, roads (either on or off project site, adopted or unadopted) pavements beside highways, roundabouts. This does not include recreational footpaths, bridle paths or cycle ways
- Litter bins, dog bins and lampposts.
- Village or town centre enhancements such as walkways, street works or signage
- Projects involving Membership-only organisations where the general public (i.e. non-members) are unable to use their facilities
- Administration Posts
- Projects in hospital grounds, hospices, day care centres, residential homes or sheltered accommodation
- Offices of charities, citizen advice bureaus, offices of statutory service providers and any other charity building where the primary purpose is other than the provision of community facilities
- Projects to provide or enhance overnight accommodation or residential areas of any amenity
- War Memorials that do not have full public access or are not located within a public park
- Construction costs of new community buildings or extensions (see below for guidance)

Community building/extension projects:

WREN is unable to accept applications for funding towards the "fabric" of any new build and/or extension projects. This list includes:

- foundations,
- drainage,
- bricks and mortar,
- roofing,
- the provision of any mains supplies, (water, gas, electricity, oil), to the building.

WREN will consider applications for funding for the internals of a new building or extension, but you should demonstrate that you have the fabric costs secured. The list of internal finishes includes:

- kitchens,
- toilets,
- flooring,
- decorating,
- lighting,
- heating systems etc.
- windows and doors
- renewable energy technology e.g. ground source heat pump, photovoltaic panels

WREN is still able to award funding towards the refurbishment of an existing community building.

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SECOND & SUBSEQUENT APPLICATIONS

Applicants that have been awarded funding from either the Main Grant Scheme or the Small Grant Scheme must wait at least 12 months from submission of the Completion Report before we can accept a further application for a project on the same site.

Declined applications may have one further opportunity to re-present their case for funding by means of a new application. This should not be seen or implied as a confirmation or guarantee that funding will be awarded on a second attempt to secure WREN funding.

AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS

WREN is unable to accept amendments to applications under the Small Grant Scheme.