



Funding Guides



FUNDING GUIDE 13 : The Landfill Communities Fund

Landfill Communities Fund

The Landfill Communities Fund, formerly the Landfill Tax Community Scheme (LTCS), was created in 1997. It followed the introduction of Landfill Tax, where landfill operators (LO) have to pay a fee for every tonne of waste that goes into a landfill site. LOs receive a credit for a proportion of the tax they send to the Government. This can then be donated to organisations.

Third Party Contribution

Landfill operators reclaim 90% tax credit against their donations. They may choose to bear the remaining 10% themselves or a third party can make up the difference to the landfill operator.

ENTRUST (Environmental Trust Scheme Regulatory Body)

ENTRUST are the government appointed regulator of the fund and oversee the administration. All funding decisions are regulated by the organisation on behalf of HM Revenue and Customs.

What will be Funded

Applications are welcome for projects that meet the following fund objectives:

Object D "Projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site".

Object E "Projects to restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site". These must be Grade II* listed or above.

Do we qualify?

You must be situated within 5 or 10 miles of a landfill site, depending on the specific Landfill Operators criteria. To check this go to www.environment-agency.gov.uk (See also attached Flow Chart 'HOW TO')

How do I apply for funding? (See the flowchart on page 3)

There are two methods of receiving money through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). These could be either:

- i) From an organisation that distributes the monies on a Landfill Operator's behalf known as **Distributive Environmental Bodies (DEBs)**
- ii) Directly from a **Landfill Operator (LO)**

Distributive Environmental Body (DEB) Funders

The most common way to receive funding is to approach a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB). These bodies distribute funds on behalf of the Landfill Operator or for more than one LO and help others to access Landfill Communities Fund monies.

Most DEBs will require your organisation to meet certain conditions about the way you will spend the Landfill Tax money they may give you. Some may fund only one geographical area and some will fund across the country and each has their own policies and application forms. A list of all the DEBs, their funding policies and contact details can be found at www.entrust.org.uk

If you seek to obtain money via DEBs you may be required to enrol with ENTRUST. You will need to check with the DEBs first whether they are willing to fund your proposed work before contacting ENTRUST at www.entrust.org.uk

Landfill Operators (LOs) as direct funders

You might be able to find LOs who will give Landfill Communities money directly to your organisation. While many Landfill Operators take part in the LCF, not all do. Not all LOs are potential sources of funding for your work. The only way to find out is to contact them and ask.

In England or Wales you can find LOs in your area by looking at the Environment Agency website at www.environment-agency.gov.uk.

A list of all LOs can be obtained from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) from their website at www.hmrc.gov.uk. To locate the list use the search terms "List of registered Landfill Site Operators" (including the speech marks in the search box). LOs have to be registered with HMRC to take part in the scheme. If you plan to receive money directly from LOs, you will need to enrol your organisation as an Environmental Body (EB) with ENTRUST or your Diocese may be registered as an EB – check with your Diocese.

You should start by telephoning your nearest few Landfill Operators to discuss your ideas informally and see whether they would be willing to support you.

Can we only apply to one operator?

You may not be successful when applying to your nearest landfill operator but you can approach any of the 1,900 or so landfill sites in Britain, a number of which are owned nationally by companies such as ICI, UK Waste, WREN, Veolia, Biffa, SITA and many more.

Registering your project with Entrust

Check with each company you are applying to, as some register the projects for you but if you are required to register your project the application forms can be downloaded from the ENTRUST website. Once you have completed the forms send them either to the Diocese for verification and onward transmission to ENTRUST, or direct to ENTRUST (ask your archdeacon what your best strategy would be).

What happens when a grant has been promised?

If the LO agrees to support you financially, send a copy of the confirmation letter to the Diocese. They will want to check that no onerous conditions are being applied to the church (and help you negotiate for alternative conditions in that event).

The landfill operator will process the tax refund (your grant) and will forward the calculated amount. If the Diocese is acting as your Environmental Body you will need to get the LO to send the cheque to the Diocese.

Frequently Asked Questions by potential funders :

Q. Are you a registered charity?

A. All PCCs are recognised charities under law. However, PCCs are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument No 180 of the Charities Act, 1993. From 2008, some larger PCCs will register with the Charity Commission, but this doesn't alter the status of smaller PCCs.

Q. Do you have an environmental policy?

A. Yes (a copy of a suggested environmental policy is likely to be available from your Diocese)

Useful Websites:

- ☞ Landfill Tax Community Scheme www.ltcs.org.uk
- ☞ ENTRUST www.entrust.org.uk
- ☞ The Environment Agency www.environment-agency.gov.uk

HOW TO APPLY FOR LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Note: Repair to churches must be 3 miles of landfill site
Re-ordering for community facility 10 miles of landfill site

Check if there is a site within 10 miles:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

From Homepage – on right click ‘WHAT’S IN YOUR BACKYARD’

Click on ‘SEARCH FOR A MAP TOPIC’

Click on ‘WASTE’ – Landfill Sites

Enter your post code in the box on right

To find Distributive Environmental Bodies (DEBs):

www.entrust.org.uk

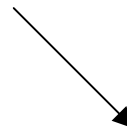
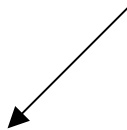
Click on ‘LCF’ at top left

Click on ‘FUNDERS’ DIRECTORY’ on left

Note: You can approach any number of DEBs for funding

Contact DEBs by telephone to seek an expression of interest.

They will inform you if your project needs to be registered with ENTRUST



If your project must be registered complete Form 2 and Project Specific Form (D or E). (Download from website.)

Forward to Diocese to complete back page and supply evidence of Diocese as an Environmental Body, then onward transmission.

If your project doesn't need to be registered with ENTRUST, complete the application form from relevant funder only.

Note: SitaTrust will register on behalf of a project. The project doesn't need to register.

ENTRUST approve and issue a Project Registration Number specific to the project.

This is used to access Landfill Communities Funding from Landfill Operators.

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