**Current Grants for Ponds in Wales**

**Introduction:** This list is aimed as a guide to possible sources of funding for pond creation. It is non-exhaustive and it is also advised that you check the funder’s website for up-to-date information on criteria and application deadlines.

**ALL Wales**

1. **Biffa Award**

Pond creation may be funded directly from Biffa Award under its different grants shown below, but it is advised to contact them before making an application to clarify whether they will consider pond creation projects. This is money from the landfill tax credit scheme. The project must be within 10 miles of a Biffa operation for community projects or with 25 miles of a Biffa operation for biodiversity projects and also within 10 miles of a landfill site (any company). Please see the website for a site locator where you can enter your project’s post code. Also please check the website to see who can apply for the funding and rules about a 3rd party release fee/match funding for the main grant scheme.

To receive funding the organisation must be enrolled as an Environmental Body with ENTRUST. A very wide range of organisations may register as EBs and receive LCF money. In addition, many organisations benefit from LCF funding without enrolling as EBs, choosing instead to work with Distributive Environmental Bodies (DEBs). But the organisation must comply with the following:

1) **Not-for-Profit.** You don’t have to be a charity, but any surplus you make must be used to further your organisation’s objects. Surplus must not be used to pay dividends or other rewards.

2) **Your organisation must not be controlled - directly or indirectly - by a Local Authority or be an LO registered for landfill tax.**

**Main Grants – community: £5,000 - £50,000**

For projects that provide and improve community facilities.

http://www.biffaward.org/index.php/about/coverview

**Main Grants – biodiversity £5,000 – 50,000**

For projects that conserve wildlife species and habitats.

**Small Grants – £250 - £5,000 – currently closed to applicants**

For projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and conserve wildlife.

http://www.biffaward.org/index.php/about/soverview
2. **WREN**

This is also money from the landfill tax credit scheme. The project must be situated within 10 miles of any landfill site. Please see the website for area eligibility: http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/area-eligibility. Also please check the website to see who can apply for the funding and rules about a 3rd party release fee/ match funding for the main grant scheme.

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**Main Grant Scheme - £15,001 - £50,000**

Including funding for the delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species or habitats.

http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes/main-grant-scheme

**Biodiversity Action Fund – £75,000 and £250,000**

WREN's Biodiversity Action Fund (BAF) is an annual programme of funding designed to deliver projects under Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding biodiversity enhancements by supporting the expansion, recovery and conservation of habitats that achieve Habitat Action Plan/Species Action Plan targets through specific improvements.

http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes/biodiversity-action-fund

**Small Grant Scheme - £2,000 - £15,000**

The Small Grant Scheme is designed to assist applicants looking for funding on small projects that can make a real difference to their local communities.

http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes/small-grant-scheme
3. Lottery

* Awards for All Wales - £500 - £5,000.

Grants for people to take part in heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Open to applications from not-for-profit groups (including social enterprises), or community or town council, school or health body.

http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/wales/index.html

5. B & Q Waste Donation Scheme:

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/waste_donation.jsp

6. Co-operative Community Fund

£100 - £2,000

Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet their criteria. Open to applications from local groups, clubs, community groups, self-help organisations and charities.


7. Environment and Countryside funding – Welsh Government

Payments are provided payments to farmers under the EU Common Agricultural Policy, such as the Single Payment Scheme and Glastir. Glastir is designed to deliver measurable outcomes at both a farm and landscape level in a cost effective way. It pays for the delivery of specific environmental goods and services aimed at:

- combating climate change
- improving water management
- maintaining and enhancing biodiversity

http://wales.gov.uk/funding/fundgrantareas/envirocountrysidefund/?lang=en
8. Environment Wales

**Maximum £6,000**

Environment Wales has 5 grant streams, designed to aid projects in each step of their development.

Two of these streams are available pre-registration i.e. for projects which may not yet be well-enough established to complete the registration process. These are:

**Start-up Grants:** These help to cover the costs involved with establishing new voluntary or community groups such as hiring venues, publicity or printing, training, insurance, affiliation etc. The maximum grant is £1,000.

**Pre-Project Grants:** These help cover the costs of any studies or surveys that need to be undertaken before a project can begin; for example feasibility studies, business plans, ecological surveys or community appraisals. The studies must be undertaken by a third party. The maximum grant is £6,000.

http://www.environment-wales.org/grants/130

9. Countryside Council for Wales

CCW offers grants to a diverse range of partners - local authorities, environmental organisations and voluntary bodies. *Grants are offered to deliver projects that benefit both people and wildlife. In 2013-14 they are putting £4.7m into our overall grants budget.*


10. Millennium Stadium Trust

**Maximum amount for local project: £2,500**

The Trust encourages applications relating to recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. Projects that improve the quality of Wales’ environment, protect and create a vibrant countryside and develop and promote sustainable land-use planning will be a priority for support.

The Trust aims to fund programmes that protect and enhance Wales’ natural heritage and promote its sustainable use and enjoyment in a way, which, contributes to local economic prosperity and social inclusion.

http://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk/english/funding-programmes/the-environment/
11. Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has the aim of addressing the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales the fund is used to address the following issues: the legacy of old minerals permissions; promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates; reducing the impact of aggregate extraction; environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregates extraction; conserving sites of special interest; and educational projects. For further details please contact Welsh Government, Planning Policy Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ Tel: 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492

Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Carmarthenshire ONLY:

1. The CWM Community and Environmental Fund

The CWM Community and Environmental Fund provides grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 to fund community and environmental projects located within Carmarthenshire.

Grants are available for community and environmental projects, particularly those which can demonstrate the enhancement of biodiversity. Projects must be located in Carmarthenshire and be within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site. Funding for community and environmental organisations. Will NOT fund profit making organisations, schools or individuals.

http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grantshome/applyforagrant/CWM1.htm

2. Brecon Beacons National Park ONLY:

Brecon Beacons Trust

The Brecon Beacons Trust is pleased to accept exciting and imaginative applications from voluntary and community groups, for projects that conserve and enhance their local environment and that of the Brecon Beacons National Park. As of February 2012 the Trust had committed some £500,000 in support of such groups.

http://www.breconbeaconstrust.org/grants-and-programs

3. Snowdonia National Park

CAE is a Sustainable Development Fund of £200,000 per annum which is administered by Snowdonia National Park Authority on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. The fund’s purpose is to support projects which will improve the quality of life in the National Park.

4. Pembrokeshire National Park ONLY:

**Pembrokeshire National Park Sustainable Development Fund**

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority receives money (currently £200,000 per annum) from the Welsh Government to provide financial and practical support to projects within the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park.

http://www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk/default.asp?PID=167

5. List of additional Welsh funders: