

## 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. If your pond creation scheme fits the million pond project criteria ( see: <http://www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds/reporting/>) you can contact the MPP Wales Officer, who can provide not only technical advice but also letters of support for your project from Pond conservation to help you achieve your funding bid.

### ALL WALES:

#### Pond Conservation - Biffaward Partnership Project:

##### **Pond digging fund for Priority Species – up to £650 per pond (applications should ideally be for 3 or more ponds)**

In association with Biffaward, Pond Conservation has developed a fund to support pond creation for plants and animals listed as Priority Species under the UK BAP. This fund is only available for projects in England and Wales. Grants will be available to support the cost of digging ponds for BAP species from autumn 2009 to 2012.

**Year 1 submission (2009-2010):** closed

**Year 2 submission (2010-2011):** open from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

To qualify for funding through this source:

- At least one pond-associated BAP species must be either (i) on site or (ii) within dispersal range of the proposed site. Translocation may be considered depending on the species.
- Creation schemes should ideally include three or more ponds. Single ponds may be considered depending on the target species.
- The landowner/manager should be eligible to receive Biffaward funding.

Priority will be given to less widespread BAP species, pond complexes and clean water pond creation schemes. If you think your pond creation project meets these criteria please look at [Factsheet 2](#) of the Pond Creation Toolkit for full details about the grant requirements and please note that applications for funding will open again in autumn 2009.

#### Biffaward

Pond creation may also be able to be funded directly from Biffaward under its different grants shown below, but it is advised to contact them before making an application to clarify whether they will consider more pond creation projects outside of the partnership project outlined above. 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 projects post code. Also please check the website to see who can apply for the funding and rules about a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 organization 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.

<http://www.biffaward.org/index.php/about/boverview>

**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>

**WREN**

This is also money from the landfill tax credit scheme. The project must be situated within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill site. Please see the website for area edibility: <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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

**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>

**Action Earth**

**£50 - £250 – currently closed for 2009 – new round in 2010**

Volunteering campaign to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, local communities and future generations. Volunteering activity takes place between January and June annually and small grants are available to not-for-profit groups for volunteer expenses and to purchase equipment.

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

**B & Q You can do it Award Scheme:**

**Up to £10,000 – currently closed for 2009**

Tools and equipment up to £10,000 for community and environmental organisations or groups.

[www.diy.com/awards](http://www.diy.com/awards)

**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.

<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund>

**The Communities First Trust Fund**

**Up to £5,000**

Grant aim to support any type of activity that involves local people, through small community organisations, that benefits their community. There are over 180 areas across Wales eligible for support from the fund.

[http://www.wcva.org.uk/grants/dsp\\_grant\\_scheme.cfm?display\\_sitetextid=64&grantid=14](http://www.wcva.org.uk/grants/dsp_grant_scheme.cfm?display_sitetextid=64&grantid=14)

[www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds/](http://www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds/)

### **Environment Wales**

**£400 - £12,000**

All project applications must have volunteer input and be able to clearly demonstrate how they meet with 1 or more of the 4 key Environment Wales goals. See website for more information. Funding for voluntary, community groups and charities.

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

### **Countryside Council for Wales**

Can provide organisations with up to 50% funding under its Wildlife, Geology and Landscape Grants. The overall objective for these grants is to promote and stimulate positive action for wildlife, geology and landscape.

<http://www.ccw.gov.uk/about-ccw/grants/what-we-fund.aspx>

### **Millennium Stadium Trust**

**Up to £2,000, £10,000 or £20,000 (local, regional, national projects)**

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. Funds community and environmental organisations no funding for local authorities.

<http://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.co.uk/en/fe/page.asp?n1=3&n2=18>

### **Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales**

The Aggregates Levy Fund is a unique and innovative opportunity for many sectors in Wales such as the voluntary sector, local authorities and other non-profit making groups to deliver significant improvements in our record on the recycling of aggregates. The Fund will support habitat creation and species recovery directed at species/areas harmed by aggregates extraction including slate and which have been agreed under the Local Biodiversity Action Plans.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/voluntary/aggregateslevy/?lang=en>

### **Welsh Assembly Government – Agri Environment Schemes**

For more information on past, present and future grants to benefit biodiversity on farmland see:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/ruraldevelopment/axis2/?lang=en>

### **Carmarthenshire ONLY:**

#### **The CWM Community and Environmental Fund**

**£5,000 and £50,000 – next funding round open 31/08/09 closed 01/03/10**

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/grants-available/CWM1.htm>

[www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds/](http://www.pondconservation.org.uk/millionponds/)

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**Brecon Beacons National Park ONLY:**

**Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainable Development Fund**

The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority receives £250,000 from the Welsh Assembly Government each year to provide financial & practical support for projects in the Brecon Beacons National Park. For organisations and constituted community groups. See website for more information.

<http://www.breconbeacons.org/communities/sustainability/subsustainable-development-fund>

**Gwynedd, (Including Snowdonia National Park) ONLY:**

Take a look at:

<http://www.eryri->

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**Pembrokeshire National Park ONLY:**

**Pembrokeshire National Park Sustainable Development Fund**

The Fund supports proposals that focus on environmental, social, cultural and economic aspects of life. For organisations and constituted community groups. See website for more information.

<http://www.pcnpa.org.uk/website/default.asp?SID=327&SkinID=5>