

Making it local

Small Grants Funds

Making it Local is a five year, locally managed grants scheme in the **Blackdown Hills and East Devon** area. It runs from summer 2009 to the end of 2013. The Making it Local Small Grants Fund will fund for projects between £1,000 and £10,000.



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Small Business Creation and Growth Grants

What it's for: the development of new businesses or further development of existing businesses.

eligible beneficiaries: sole-traders, micro-businesses/social enterprise (up to 10 employees) and new starts (with a business plan/have attended a Business Link workshop).

how much: up to half of the project costs; maximum £10,000.

examples of what we'll fund: new marketing; testing out new product / service ideas; installing new technology or equipment; improving energy efficiency or reducing waste / consumption; purchase of new equipment; bespoke training and mentoring; helping tourism providers improve sustainability.

more likely to be funded if: leads to improvements in sustainability, lowers carbon footprint or lessens environmental impact; involves food and drink business, the creative sector, or renewable energy; re-uses or recycles resources; makes sensitive use of local resources; connects businesses in the area, especially the rural areas with towns.

Will not fund: Statutory costs; vehicles; replacement or upgraded ICT; replacement of existing equipment; not 'normal' education programmes or land-based training.

Strengthening Local Communities Grants

What it's for: To help communities become more resilient in the face of change; for small local projects which directly benefit a community(ies) in the area and to encourage sharing and connection between communities.

eligible beneficiaries: Formally constituted groups, charities, social enterprises with community benefit, parish and town councils. The applicant must be based in the area.

how much: up to seventy percent of the project costs; maximum £10,000.

examples of what we'll fund: Updating community facilities; providing new or extending existing services; installing new technology or equipment; improving energy efficiency or reducing waste / consumption; developing use of local food and drink or other local products; cultural events; developing or marketing of services; testing out new ideas that will benefit communities.

more likely to be funded if: Helps facilities become more viable in the long-term; it leads to improvements in sustainability, lowers carbon footprint or lessens environmental impact; re-uses or recycles resources; makes use of local resources; there is sharing of knowledge & resources with others in the area; increases or widens use of facilities; benefits a diverse range of people.

Will not fund: statutory costs (e.g. compliance with DDA); on-going revenue costs (e.g. continuation of staffing costs).

Connecting People And The Landscape Grants

What it's for: Encouraging people to make the most of their local resources and deepen their connection with the landscape.

eligible beneficiaries: Local businesses, formally constituted groups, charities, social enterprises, parish and town councils.

how much: up to seventy percent of the project costs (up to fifty percent for business); maximum £10,000.

examples of what we'll fund: Improving access like local footpaths; interpretation of an area through maps, boards or other media; new cultural or leisure events; green tourism activity; marketing development which use the landscape as a source; support for volunteers in environmental activities; developing local craft activities.

more likely to be funded if: It leads to improvements in sustainability, lowers carbon footprint or lessens environmental impact; improves bio-diversity; re-uses or recycles resources; makes use of local resources; there is sharing of knowledge & resources with others in the area; increases or widens use of facilities; benefits a diverse range of people; can show an economic impact on the area.

Will not fund: statutory costs (e.g. health and safety) on-going revenue costs (e.g. continuation of existing projects or long-term staffing costs).

Application Deadlines 2010

18th January
15th March
17th May
19th July
20th September

Decisions will be made within 4-6 weeks of these deadlines

For more detailed information, an application form or guidance please give us a call or look at our website

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