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Community Projects



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CITY	<p>Manchester Carbon Innovation Fund</p> <p>Manchester City Council</p> <p>www.manchester.gov.uk/climatechange</p>	<p>The £1m MCI Fund has been committed for exploring and developing low carbon projects in the city.</p>	<p>There are no restrictions to the groups or individuals that are eligible to apply, but projects must be completed within MCC boundaries.</p>	<p>Projects have to be able to demonstrate ways that they are reducing carbon outputs and demonstrate benefits of shifting to a low carbon City.</p> <p>50% match funding encouraged.</p>	<p>On application</p>	<p>Open now until 10th December 2009</p> <p>Speak to Esther on 0161 234 4226</p>
CITY	<p>CASH Grants</p> <p>Manchester City Council</p> <p>www.manchester.gov.uk/cashgrants</p>	<p>Annual grants programme.</p>	<p>Community, residents and voluntary groups, as well as individuals.</p>	<p>For residents to make a difference to their community, in keeping with ward plans.</p>	<p>£40k per ward.</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>Contact your ward support officer. Call 0161 234 3016</p>
CITY	<p>Change Grants</p> <p>Manchester City Council</p> <p>www.manchester.gov.uk/site/scripts/documents_info.php?documentID=214</p>	<p>Council run grant scheme to help small voluntary groups.</p>	<p>For small or new community groups of Manchester residents run on a voluntary basis, wanting to provide services or activities that will benefit local communities but need a small amount of money to get off the ground.</p>	<p>Funding could be for newsletters, publicity, stationery, small items of equipment, meeting rooms, training, social events, fun days, or any other reasonable costs of developing the group.</p>	<p>From small amounts, up to £1,000.</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>Call 0161 234 3016</p>

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CITY	<p>Home Energy Loan Plan (HELP)</p> <p>Manchester City Council</p> <p>www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500017/energy_efficiency/3263/energy_efficiency_grants_and_loans/5</p>	Administered by Manchester Care and Repair Ltd.	<p>Any homeowner living in Manchester.</p> <p>For those with a household income of less than £35k or above if severe need for work can be demonstrated.</p>	An interest-free loan to pay for energy-efficiency work like a new heating system, double-glazing, draught-proofing, and loft and wall insulation.	Interest-free loan	<p>Open</p> <p>Call the Energy Group on 0161 242 5803.</p>
CITY	<p>Warm Homes Project</p> <p>Manchester City Council</p> <p>www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500017/energy_efficiency/3263/energy_efficiency_grants_and_loans/2</p>	A scheme to deliver insulation to homeowners and private landlords in the city	Free insulation measures for people aged over 60, or with children under 6 or on certain qualifying benefits.	The insulation measures include: cavity and loft insulation, cylinder insulation, reflective radiator panels, draught-proofing and low energy light bulbs.	Depending on circumstances, free funding available or discounted services available those not on benefits.	<p>Open</p> <p>Call the Energy Group on 0161 242 5803.</p>

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REGION	<p>Grant for Improving Your Resource Efficiency</p> <p>North West Development Agency</p> <p>www.nwdabusinessfinance.co.uk/improving-your-resource-efficiency</p>	<p>Provide enhanced help for capital investment where the project will contribute to reducing Co2 emissions and generate wider environmental benefits in the region.</p>	<p>Open to Small and Medium Enterprises (up to 250 employees).</p>	<p>Projects should be designed to specifically support resource efficient capital investments in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water usage • Energy generation & control • Recycling • IT • Transport 	<p>Grants available up to €200,000 with minimum grant of £10,000.</p> <p>50% Match Funding required</p>	<p>Open until March 2011, but may close earlier if funds allocated.</p> <p>NWDA General enquiries - 01925 400100</p>
REGION	<p>Northwest Climate Fund (NWCF) Foundation</p> <p>Northwest Development Agency (administered by Groundwork Northwest)</p> <p>http://foundation.climatefund.org.uk/</p>	<p>The Fund will help individuals and organisations to compensate for unavoidable emissions; investing in low-carbon technologies & skills; promoting biodiversity; as well as advancing social justice by tackling social ills such as fuel poverty.</p>	<p>Applications for grants will be prioritised to community groups, charities and local authorities.</p> <p>Applications from private concerns must be able to show benefit to local community and not benefit the applicant directly.</p> <p>The Fund will support schemes that would not otherwise occur.</p>	<p>Funding may take the form of both grant and investment.</p> <p>Projects must be able to prove CO2 savings generated, monitor outputs for at least a year and demonstrate a range of other benefits such as poverty alleviation, community education, habitat creation or job creation.</p>	<p>Co-funding opportunities encouraged.</p> <p>Match funding is desirable.</p>	<p>Contact Darren O'Toole on 0161 237 3200 for more information.</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Warm Front Grants</p> <p>UK Government through the EAGA Partnership</p> <p>www.warmfront.co.uk</p> <p>0800 316 2805</p>	<p>The Warm Front grant helps people on low incomes cut their fuel bills and enjoy a warmer home.</p>	<p>Eligibility is determined by age (over 60) and a range of qualifying benefits – information is available on the Warm Front website.</p>	<p>Be a homeowner or rent it from a private landlord</p>	<p>Provides a package of insulation and heating improvements up to the value of £3,500 or £6,000 if oil central heating is recommended.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Tel 0800 316 2805</p>
NATIONAL	<p>Heating Rebate Scheme</p> <p>UK Government through the EAGA Partnership</p> <p>www.eagaheat.com/special-offers</p>	<p>A scheme to provide money towards heating systems. Aimed at those who do not qualify for Warm Homes Grants.</p>	<p>Be over 60 and own your home or rent it from a private landlord, have no central heating or a system that doesn't work.</p>	<p>Funding for central heating systems.</p>	<p>Up to £300</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Changing Spaces: Access to Nature</p> <p>Lottery funds administered by Natural England</p> <p>www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_cs_access_nature?regioncode=-uk</p>	<p>Aim is to encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors, particularly those who face social exclusion or those that currently have little or no contact with the natural environment.</p>	<p>Grants only available to not-for-profit community based organisations in England.</p> <p>This includes: community groups governed by a written constitution, registered charities and trusts, schools and colleges, companies with a charitable purpose and community focus and faith organisations.</p>	<p>Projects must meet this plus one of four other criteria (available on website):</p> <p>An increase in communities' sense of ownership of local natural places, by establishing strong partnerships between communities, voluntary organisations, local authorities and others.</p> <p>Projects need to incorporate:</p> <p>Community awareness and active participation</p> <p>Education, learning and volunteering</p> <p>Welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places</p>	<p>Grants between £50,000 - £500,000</p> <p>Match funding required of at least 10% but varies on size of project (see website for details).</p> <p>Small number of grants available over £500,000 for projects of 'national significance.</p>	<p>Outline proposals (stage 1) must be submitted by 1st February 2010.</p> <p>Full application (stage 2) must be submitted by 4th May 2010.</p> <p>Changing Space Advice Line: 0845 3 671 671</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Community Sustainable Energy Programme</p> <p>Big Lottery Funds administered through BRE</p> <p>www.communitysustainable.org.uk</p>	<p>Set to fund community-based organisations feasibility projects for energy efficiency measures and pay for such groups to install micro generation and energy saving measures.</p> <p>BRE are particularly keen from attracting applications from the North West</p>	<p>Not-for-profit community based organisations. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community groups with a governing constitution • registered charities and trusts • parish councils • schools and colleges • companies that have a charitable purpose and a community focus • mutual societies; • church based and other faith organisations. 	<p>The Programme aims to achieve the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduction in CO2 emissions • increased community awareness of climate change and how changes to our behaviour can reduce it • increased skills base of local trades • reduction in energy bills • reduction in reliance on imported energy and increased independence from commercial energy suppliers • stronger partnerships within communities with lasting social benefits • growth of local enterprise in new technologies. 	<p>£8 million is available for the installation of micro generation technologies and energy efficiency measures.</p> <p>£1million is available for project development grants.</p> <p>Min of £1k, max of £50k per applicant.</p>	<p>Open until end of 2010.</p> <p>There are funding calls every quarter (next deadline 29th Jan 2010)</p> <p>Initial enquiries tel: 0845 3 671 671</p>

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NATIONAL	Awards for All BIG Lottery Fund www.awardsforall.org.uk	The programme aims to make a difference to communities and the lives of those most in need and will focus on social and environmental projects that benefit local communities.	Available to grassroots groups in the community and voluntary sector, health bodies, schools and parish or town councils.	Must meet at least 1 of following outcomes: 1. People have better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills. 2. Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems. 3. Improved rural and urban environments that communities are better able to access and enjoy. 4. Healthier and more active people and communities.	£45m for all of England Grants of between £300 to £10,000	Open Big Advice Line: 0845 4 10 20 30

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NATIONAL	<p>Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 1</p> <p>The programme is managed for BERR by the Energy Saving Trust.</p> <p>www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 0800 915 0990</p>	<p>LCBP was designed following a review of the UK's potential renewable energy resources in 2004, as part of the Renewables Innovation Review.</p>	<p>Private householders.</p>	<p>Householders can apply for grants towards the cost of installing a certified product by a certified installer for on site small scale energy technologies</p>	<p>Grants of up to £2,500 per property.</p>	<p>Programme extended from April 2010 until June 2011.</p> <p>Tel: 0800 915 0990</p>
NATIONAL	<p>Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2</p> <p>The programme is managed for DECC by the Energy Saving Trust.</p> <p>www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk</p> <p>Tel: 08704 23 23 13</p>	<p>LCBP was designed following a review of the UK's potential renewable energy resources in 2004, as part of the Renewables Innovation Review.</p>	<p>Community groups, public (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and non-profit sector applicants.</p>	<p>Grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar photovoltaics • Solar thermal hot water • Wind turbines • Ground source heat pumps • Automated wood pellet stoves • Wood fuelled boiler systems 	<p>Up to £200,000 per site.</p> <p>50% match funding required.</p>	<p>Programme extended from July 2009 until June 2011.</p> <p>Contact BRE Tel: 08704 23 23 13</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>The Scottish Power Energy People Trust</p> <p>Independent charity, administered by Scottish Power.</p> <p>www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/index.html</p>	<p>To help end fuel poverty by funding projects and schemes, many of which help families and young children.</p>	<p>Not-for-profit organisations and groups (such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others).</p>	<p>Projects must address fuel poverty explicitly and as the primary purpose (not just as an add on).</p> <p>There are 4 areas of funding, one being energy efficiency measures and advice.</p>	<p>Maximum of £100,000 over 3 years.</p> <p>Admin/overheads should not exceed 15% of total cost.</p>	<p>Open.</p> <p>Assessments made at 4 trustees meetings a year.</p> <p>Any questions relating to applications e-mail: enquiries@energypeopletrust.co.uk or call Angela Martin on 0141 568 3492 and ask for the ScottishPower Energy People Trust.</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>The Scottish Power Green Energy Trust</p> <p>Scottish Power</p> <p>www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk</p>	<p>For 11 years the Green Energy Trust has been awarding funds to help community based renewable energy projects get off the ground.</p> <p>To date, over £1.1 million has been awarded - helping fund over 100 projects.</p>	<p>Projects from local community groups and not for profit organisations and charities within the UK may apply.</p> <p>Feasibility studies are not funded.</p>	<p>Project needs to advance renewable energy and support your local community through education and public engagement.</p> <p>The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support.</p> <p>Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project.</p>	<p>Grants are up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology.</p> <p>There is a maximum award of £25,000 but most projects receive around £10,000.</p>	<p>Open.</p> <p>Assessments made at 3 trustees meetings a year.</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>The Secret Millionaire Fund</p> <p>BIG Lottery Funds</p> <p>www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_secret_millionaire_fund.htm</p> <p>http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/funds_info/</p>	Based on Channel 4 television show.	Voluntary or community organisation, school, parish or town council, or a health body.	<p>The project you are applying for must achieve one of the following four outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People have better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills • Stronger communities with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems • Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to enjoy. • Healthier and more active people and communities 	<p>£1m total.</p> <p>Grants between £300 and £10k</p>	<p>Open until 29/12/09</p> <p>Big Advice Line: 0844 88 80 100</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Changing Spaces: Ecominds</p> <p>Big Lottery Funds administered through Mind.</p> <p>www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_cs_ecominds?regioncode=-uk</p>	<p>This programme is for a range of groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling.</p>	<p>Mental health, environmental, and community groups</p> <p>Commercial organisations running projects on a not-for-profit basis, including Community Interest Companies (CICs) and Social Enterprise companies where project profits are reinvested solely into the Ecominds project.</p>	<p>This programme will not fund individuals.</p>	<p>Small and Medium bids currently being accepted</p> <p>Small (£0-£20k) deadline Weds 30 June 2010</p> <p>Medium (£20-£60k) deadline Fri 8 Jan 2010</p>	<p>Rolling project. Two grant periods per year. All projects to be delivered by 2012.</p>
NATIONAL	<p>Community Spaces Programme</p> <p>Big Lottery Funds run by Groundwork</p> <p>www.community-spaces.org.uk</p>	<p>This programme is for community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens.</p>	<p>Ran by a community group and be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 2 miles of a residential area • Open to the public 'most of the time' • Must meet 'Community Spaces Outcome (see website) 	<p>Only 25% of funds can be spent on car parking, CCTV and security</p> <p>All successful groups must agree to work with facilitator who is able to give specialist advice.</p>	<p>£50m in total</p> <p>Applications welcome for funds between £10,000 and £49,999</p>	<p>Grants available on a rolling basis until 2011.</p> <p>Advice Line: 0845 3 671 671</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Reaching Communities</p> <p>Big Lottery Funds</p> <p>http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?regioncode=-uk</p>	<p>Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. Projects can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of your organisation.</p>	<p>You can apply to Reaching Communities if you are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a registered charity • a voluntary or community group • a statutory body, (including schools) • a charitable or not-for-profit company • a social enterprise 	<p>People having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills</p> <p>Strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems</p> <p>Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy</p> <p>Healthier and more active people and communities</p>	<p>£10-£500k available.</p> <p>Projects funded for up to 5 years.</p>	<p>Ongoing fund.</p> <p>Enquiries Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Biffaward – Community</p> <p>Biffa</p> <p>www.biffaward.org/about/coverview</p> <p>Biffa offer a number of awards for a variety of different environmental and community based projects (funds available alter during the year so check website for details).</p>	<p>Under this scheme Biffa looks to fund projects that provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation.</p>	<p>Be within ten miles of a Biffa Operation.</p> <p>Be within ten miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).</p> <p>Have full public access for a minimum of 104 days per year.</p> <p>Be registered with ENTRUST under category D or (occasionally) E.</p> <p>Not have a total cost of more than £10,000.</p>	<p>At least 10% match funding</p>	<p>£5,000-£50,000</p>	<p>Ongoing fund</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Biffaward – Biodiversity</p> <p>Biffa</p> <p>www.biffaward.org/about/boverview</p> <p>Biffa offer a number of awards for a variety of different environmental and community based projects (funds available alter during the year so check website for details).</p>	<p>Biffaward looks to support site-based projects that protect and enhance biodiversity across the UK, particularly those concentrating on species and habitats that have been identified as a priority in Biodiversity Action Plans</p>	<p>The projects site is within 25 miles of a Biffa operation</p> <p>Be within ten miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).</p> <p>The project has specific targets in relation to Biodiversity Action Plan and will deliver a direct improvement to biodiversity</p> <p>Organisations have the support of key agencies, and has partners involved in project's delivery</p>	<p>At least 10% match funding</p>	<p>Up to £50,000</p>	<p>Ongoing fund</p>

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NATIONAL	<p>Green Community Bursary Award – Community Chest Grants</p> <p>Energy Saving Trust</p> <p>http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe/Green-Communities/Funding-Advice/Community-bursary</p>	<p>Community Chest Grants are provided by the Energy Saving Trust as part of their Community Action for Energy (CAfE) initiative.</p>	<p>For groups that:</p> <p>That have an annual income of less than £75,000.</p> <p>Where no other sources of funding are available.</p>	<p>Grants can be used for the following:</p> <p>Travel - to help attend a CAfE training course or to visit another CAfE member project.</p> <p>Equipment – purchasing equipment, such as banner stands or basic IT equipment, as part of a larger energy saving project.</p> <p>Events and resources - a contribution to help stage an energy saving event. Grants can help to cover the costs of refreshments, materials, and room hire.</p>	Up to £200	Ongoing

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NATIONAL	<p>The Mark Leonard Trust</p> <p>The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trust (SFCT)</p> <p>http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html</p>	<p>SFCT manage a number of funds on behalf of different charities.</p>	<p>The trusts only fund registered charities or activities with clearly defined charitable purposes.</p>	<p>Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity</p> <p>Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.</p>	<p>No limits set, but previous grants around £10k.</p>	<p>Only posted applications accepted, with a description (strictly no more than two pages) of the proposed project.</p> <p>See website for key criteria and postal details.</p>