

Amey Community Fund

Amey offers a comprehensive and innovative waste service to businesses, local authorities and the general public from their 200 hectare (500 acre) site in Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire.

As main waste contractor for Cambridgeshire County Council, Amey provide a landfill and waste processing facility for 200,000 tonnes of the county's waste each year and in addition operate a state-of-the-art composting system.

By helping to dispose of waste carefully and developing innovative recycling processes, Amey is playing a part in improving the local environment. In addition, the Amey Community Fund offers grants for the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity; the conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs OR the repair, maintenance or restoration of a Place of Worship or a Place of Architectural Importance.

The Amey Community Fund, managed by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, receives landfill tax credits from Amey and uses the money to make grants under set criteria.

Map

[Click here](#) to see map showing some of the community, environmental and heritage projects run by non-profit organisations based in Cambridgeshire, within 10 miles of a landfill site, that have been helped by the Amey Community Fund

Eligibility

Before considering making an application, please review your organisational capacity. Your organisation must have the resources to competently deal with the application process. Whilst past experience of making a funding request is not necessarily needed, familiarity with budgets, cash flow, VAT, procurement and Policy documentation (for Equality, Safeguarding etc) is advantageous.

Overall, the process is detailed and will require someone's committed attention. CCF is not able to 'hand hold' applicants through every step correcting errors or repeatedly chasing missing information. If we sense a lack of capacity during the application process, we will be concerned about the project delivery and ongoing project management, and a grant is unlikely. Having said that many groups are successful and consider the Fund a useful source of support.

Having considered organisational capacity, to be eligible to apply, a project must:

- Be in accordance with ENTRUST's Objects D, DA and E as listed below. ENTRUST is the organisation that regulates the use of landfill tax credit. You can find out more information about

the Landfill Communities' Fund by visiting www.entrust.org.uk;

- Be in Cambridgeshire (the Fund does not cover Peterborough);
- Be within 10 miles (as crow flies) of any licensed landfill site – see the Environment Agency website to find your local landfill sites [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/landfill site](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/landfill-site);
- Be able to contribute 11% of the value of the grant you are seeking. If you are offered a grant, this 11% sum must be paid to Amey and, upon receipt of the 11%, you will be issued with your full 100% grant;
- **Be ready to start (i.e. have secured the majority of your funding, have planning permission, have identified builders etc) within 3 months from when you submit your expression of interest.**

Your organisation must be not for profit and have a Constitution, Equal Opportunity Policy, Safeguarding Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Access Statement, an independent management committee and two independent signatures on bank account. We do fund projects run by Parish Councils but we do not invite applications from District, City or County Councils.

OBJECT D – The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity. Projects which do not relate to a park must relate to another amenity. According to the 2010 guidance, "An amenity is something that makes the environment more pleasant or comfortable and/or improves the aesthetic qualities of an area for the general public".

OBJECT DA – The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs.

OBJECT E – The repair, maintenance or restoration of a building or structure which is a Place of Religious Worship or a Place of Historical or Architectural Importance, which is open to the general public (and the public should benefit from the project going ahead), and is situated in the vicinity of a landfill site. This objective does not allow works to private residences.

CAR PARKS - As from October 2014, support is not being offered to build or improve car parking facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL BODIES - From May 2015, we will no longer offer a grant to another Environmental Body.

Guidance Notes

For full details of the eligibility criteria and the Amey Community Fund Application Process, download the [Amey Community Fund Guidance Notes](#)

Grant Size

Grants will be offered in range of £10,000 to £40,000 (with the exception of requests under Object DA where the minimum threshold is £5,000).

Applications that have sourced some of their project costs (over and above the required 11% contribution)

from other sources will be considered more favourably than those requesting the full amount from the Amey Community Fund.

Groups applying should be aware for their cash flow planning that grants will be paid in a maximum of two instalments when evidence of expenditure has been provided.