

SUEZ Communities Trust Landfill Communities Fund - Primary Fund (England)

Grants are available to non-profit making organisations in qualifying areas of England for improvements to local community facilities, historic buildings and structures, sport and recreation facilities.

Fund Information

Funding body:SUEZ Communities Trust

Maximum value:£ 50,000

Application deadline:None specified

Background

This report details a funding programme which is available through the Landfill Communities Fund, an initiative which allows landfill operators to release tax credits to environmental and community groups. The scheme broadly aims to benefit local communities in the vicinity of a landfill site.

SITA Communities Trust, established in 1997, allocates funding to community and environmental improvement projects across England each year. The Trust changed its name to the SUEZ Communities Trust in July 2016.

The Trust distributes the majority of SUEZ's Landfill Tax Credits and is an independent and not-for-profit organisation.

Funding is provided under the following programmes:

- **Primary Fund** - funding for community improvement projects (categories D & E of the Landfill Tax Regulations).
- **Smaller Projects Fund** - funding for community improvement projects (categories D & E of the Landfill Tax Regulations) .

Objectives of Fund

The LCF Primary Fund Programme supports community improvement projects that make physical improvements to community facilities such as village halls, public parks and sports facilities; to projects that restore or repair buildings of religious worship or buildings of architectural or historic interest; and to projects which conserve biodiversity.

Value Notes

Grants of between £1 and £50,000 are available. If a Primary Fund application is for part-funding of a bigger project, the Trust will only accept an application if the bigger project has a gross value of £250,000 or less.

Contributing Third Party Payment (CTP)

Before the Trust can release funding for a project, they need to receive a payment called the Contributing Third Party Payment. This payment is needed to release the funds from SUEZ UK and is necessary because, under the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund, SUEZ UK only receives as a tax credit 90% of the funds it releases to the Trust. The scheme regulator also requires a fee and each successful application incurs other minor costs. To make up the shortfall, SUEZ UK requires that 11.5% of the money provided is recovered from third parties.

SUEZ Communities Trust provides an online calculator to work out the CTP that will need to be paid.

Eligible third party contributors include the following:

- Applicant's organisation (providing it is not a registered Environmental Body).
- Donations from the community.
- Donation from an individual.
- Award from County Councils, Borough Councils, Parish Councils 'Friends of' or other supporters of a project.
- Local businesses.
- Grants and other awards.

The CTP must not be received from a person or organisation that has exclusive benefit from the project being funded (such as a contractor working on a project who receives payment through the project).

Applicants that can demonstrate successful efforts to raise contributory funds in support of the project (over and above the CTP) will be considered favourably, although those that don't will still be considered.

Who Can Apply

Non-profit making organisations such as voluntary organisations, charities, parish councils, local authorities, community groups and environmental organisations can apply.

Projects can be supported in any of 80 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ UK. The Trust provides a [post code checker](#) so that potential applicants can check the eligibility of the project's location. Applicants do not need to be registered Environmental Bodies nor do they need to register a project with ENTRUST before applying for funding. SUEZ CommunitiesTrust will register the project with ENTRUST (the scheme regulator) once funding has been approved.

The Trust would normally expect to act as the Environmental Body registering and overseeing the project, unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means the Trust can work more closely with projects and are in a better position to ensure that value for money is being achieved on each project supported.

For those applicants whose project area is governed by either Lancashire County Council or Cornwall Council, an application should be made to the regional funding body which distributes Landfill Tax collected by SUEZ UK in that area.

Location

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Terms and Conditions

Applicants should also be aware of the following criteria which will strengthen their application:

- The project should benefit a wide range of users of all ages and abilities.
- The project should make a significant improvement to a facility, which should enhance existing activities or enable new ones to take place.

- The application should be endorsed by a third party organisation such as a local council, Governing Body or User Group.
- The project should improve community life for a significant number of people, ideally from more than one sector of the community.
- Applicants must be prepared to work with SUEZ Communities Trust to prepare a solid communications plan for the project.
- There is clear evidence of the need for the project, ie no comparable facility exists nearby.
- SUEZ Communities Trust prefers applications to be part-funded, or offer resources in-kind from within the community, or from other sources, demonstrating wider support for the project..
- There is a clear budget demonstrating good value for money.
- Projects should be self-sustaining once the initial project funding has been invested. This will include ensuring that the project can be managed and maintained and that funding is available to cover these costs.
- If the project is to take place in a building/site that is not owned by the applicant, a lease that has at least 10 years to run *must* be in place with the owner at the time of application.

Restrictions

Grants are not available for:

- Amenities which are only accessible to specific user groups defined by age, sex, disability, race etc.
- Applications to construct new buildings or extensions to existing buildings including construction, connection of services, fixtures and fittings.
- Amenities required by statutory notice, order or agreement under the terms of a planning permission or consent.
- Libraries.
- Allotments
- Car parks.
- Minibuses.
- Food banks.
- Charity shops.
- Public toilets.
- Residential facilities.
- Photovoltaic cells.
- The purchase of land or buildings or projects which are primarily for the purpose of energy or cost saving.
- Projects on school or pre-school sites where the facilities provided will primarily benefit the school.
- Biodiversity projects which are focussed on research or survey work.
- Staff posts/salaries.
- Retrospective costs.

Applicants must read the Application Guide available on the Funder's website for further restrictions that may apply.

Eligible Expenditure

To be eligible, projects must meet the following criteria:

- Projects in England must be located within three miles of a qualifying SUEZ UK waste treatment site and within three miles of a licensed landfill site (this can be any landfill site, not just those owned by SUEZ UK).
- All projects must have unrestricted public access for a minimum of 104 days per year; that is no less than four evenings, two days each week, or 12 full weeks each year. Applicants will be asked to provide details of public access in their application.
- Applicants can only apply for funds for the same site or project through one of the main SUEZ Communities Trust funding programmes in any three-year period.
- A requirement of the Landfill Communities Fund is that a registered Environmental Body oversees the transfer of funds and monitors progress of the project. SUEZ Communities Trust will act as the 'Environmental Body' and will register the projects it supports with ENTRUST, the Landfill Communities Fund regulator. This means that applicants do not need to apply for Environmental Body status.
- All applications need to clearly demonstrate that all costs applied for are directly attributable to the physical delivery of a project. Therefore, the inclusion of items such as "project management" or "overhead" costs will not be accepted, unless they can be clearly and directly attributable to the physical delivery of the project.

The Trust will consider the following types of project (also known as objects) for funding:

- **Public Amities (Object D)** - To provide, maintain or improve an amenity that is used primarily for leisure and recreation. The Trust will consider funding projects at the following types of site:
 - Community Amenities including:
 - Community Centres / Halls
 - Community Cafes
 - Museums / Galleries
 - Theatres
 - Arts Centres
 - Youth Centres (if also used by other sections of the community)
 - Sport and Recreation Amenities including:
 - Public parks / Community Gardens / Village
 - Greens
 - Sports fields and amenities (eg pavilions)
 - Activity Centres
 - Cycle Paths / Tracks / Parks
 - Sports clubs (bowls, tennis, rugby etc)
 - Public playgrounds and MUGAs

- Public rights of way & footpaths
 - Bridle Ways
 - Country Parks
 - Skate Parks
 - Water Sport Amenities
- **Biodiversity (Object DA)** - The conservation of biodiversity through the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat. The Trust will consider funding projects at the following types of site:
 - Nature Reserves
 - Forests / Woodlands
 - Wetlands
 - Rivers and Streams
 - River Parks
 - Orchards
 - Commons and Heaths
 - Meadows
 - Lakes & Ponds
- **Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites (Object E)** - The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of archaeological interest which is a place of religious worship, or a site of historic or architectural or archaeological interest and is open to the public. The Trust will consider funding projects at the following types of site:
 - Places of worship (Grade I)
 - Scheduled Ancient Monuments
 - Listed historic structures
 - Listed community buildings (any grade)

How To Apply

Initial applications can be submitted at anytime.

The application process is now operated through a two-stage process via an online application system. Stage One applications will include a short eligibility check and brief questions about the project.

Successful applicants will be invited to submit a Stage Two application within 12 weeks.

Applications will be thoroughly assessed and applicants will be visited (normally at the project site) by a SUEZ Communities Trust project manager.

Useful documents & links

Useful Links

-  [SUEZ Trust](#)
 -  [SUEZ Trust - Landfill Communities Fund](#)
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Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

1. **Enquiries**

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