

# Veolia Environmental Trust

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations with environmental and community projects that restore derelict land, prevent pollution, provide public amenities or encourage biodiversity and are located within five miles of a qualifying **Veolia** site in England or Wales.

The application phases are:

Between 1 September 2017 and 30 November 2017 for projects taking place between 26 March 2018 and 25 June 2018.

Between 1 December 2017 and 1 March 2018 for projects taking place between 26 June 2018 and 23 September 2018.

## Fund Information

Funding body: Veolia Environmental Trust

Maximum value: £ 75,000

Application deadline: 01/03/2018

## Background

This report details a funding programme which is available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), 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. Interested parties are advised to refer to the introductory report [Landfill Communities Fund - Overview](#) where in-depth information concerning Landfill Tax Regulations can be found.

The Trust, originally known as the Onyx Environmental Trust, was set up in 1997 under the Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) and awards monies derived from landfill tax to support a wide range of environmentally focused projects in England and Wales.

The Trust is a charity and an Environmental Body registered under the Landfill Tax Regulations established to protect, preserve and improve the environment for the benefit of the public.

## Objectives of Fund

The Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects that are located within five miles of a qualifying **Veolia** site. These could include projects aiming to install or enhance play areas and skate parks, restore footpaths and green spaces, protect natural habitats or improve community halls.

## Value Notes

Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available.

Projects costing over £40,000 will be required to have a contributing third party payment of 10%.

The maximum project cost is £250,000.

## Match Funding Restrictions

Match funding of at least 20% is required for projects before the full application is submitted.

Grants of £40,000 or more require a Third Party Contribution.

## Who Can Apply

Not-for-profit organisations with environmental or community-based projects can apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be constituted.
- Have a bank account.
- Hold annual elections.

Projects must be located within five miles of a **Veolia** Environmental Services facility. This could be a landfill site or a civic amenity site, or a transfer station or depot - as long as it is operated by **Veolia**.

Applicants must use the [Postcode Checker](#) to check that their project is located within the proximity of a qualifying **Veolia** site.

## Location

England and Wales. Applicants must use the [Postcode Checker](#) to check that their project is located within the proximity of a qualifying **Veolia** site.

## Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Projects in Scotland or Northern Ireland.
- Regulatory bodies (eg Environment Agency)
- Zoos, museums, libraries, theatres or arts organisations.
- Schools or other educational establishments.
- Restoration of buildings.
- Organisations where members receive a financial benefit.
- Shops or projects established to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project.
- Projects that involve the purchase of land or buildings.
- Exhibitions, sculptures, statues or memorials.
- Allotments, graveyards or crematoria areas.
- CCTV.
- Street scene improvements – street trees, hanging baskets, aesthetic improvements, village or highway signs.
- Renewable energy projects to access feed-in tariffs eg solar panels.
- Projects where the public amenity is subject to a lease of less than six years remaining duration.
- Projects where there is accommodation on site.
- Staff costs that do not relate to the physical project.
- Projects that have already started.

## Eligible Expenditure

Funding is available for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates.

Projects should fall under one of the following categories:

- **Community buildings and rooms**, including community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, and Scout or Girlguiding buildings.
- **Outdoor Spaces**, including public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways and cycle-paths.
- **Play and recreation**, including play areas, skateparks, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs), sports grounds, pavilions and changing rooms.

## How To Apply

There is no deadline for starting the process of applying for a grant however each funding application phase for both Stage 1 and Stage 2 is made available quarterly following the end of the previous phase. The application phases are:

- Between 1 September 2017 and 30 November 2017 for projects taking place between 26 March 2018 and 25 June 2018.
- Between 1 December 2017 and 1 March 2018 for projects taking place between 26 June 2018 and 23 September 2018.

The application form must be submitted before 12 noon on the last day of the relevant application phase.

There is a three stage application process:

- **Know:** This information will help groups check if their project meets the criteria and if the funding timetable is right for them. Applicants should be aware that only projects in the proximity of a qualifying **Veolia** site will be considered and they should use the [Postcode Checker](#) to confirm this.
- **Prepare:** This information will help applicants develop the best possible project.
- **Apply:** Once applicants are certain that their project meets the criteria, they can start applying for funding by completing the 'Eligibility Checker'. They will need to confirm that their project meets the key criteria. If it does, they will be able to progress to the Stage 1 of the application form.

At the Trust's last board meeting only 21% of fully compliant projects received funding. Applicants are advised to submit an application which does full justice to their project and highlights how it will make a real difference to people's lives or the environment.

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## Useful documents & links

### Useful Links

<http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

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## Addresses and contacts

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