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Changing Spaces



Changing Spaces (England) programme

The Big Lottery Fund gives out half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes. Funding projects to improve the environment is one of the major ways in which we are trying to make life better for people and their communities.

Our Changing Spaces programme will invest around £200 million in environmental projects in England, including schemes to improve green spaces, grow local food and help community groups to reduce the amount of energy they use.

We are working with five organisations that have the skills and experience to run an effective environmental programme on our behalf. Each organisation is running an England wide, open grants programme.

If you have a project that you think fits under one of the programmes, please visit the relevant organisation's website (the addresses are in this leaflet), or call the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671 (textphone 0845 6 02 16 59).

Voluntary and community sector organisations can apply to all of these programmes, but other types of organisation can apply to only some of them. Please check your organisation is eligible before you apply.



To find out more about Cha

Community Sustainable Energy programme (run by Building Research Establishment)

This programme will pay for community-based organisations to install renewable energy sources (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation).

Development grants of up to £5,000 and capital grants of up to £50,000 are available.

For more information visit www.communitysustainable.org.uk

Community Spaces programme (run by Groundwork UK)

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.

Grants range from £10,000 to £49,999. A small number of larger grants of up to £450,000 are also available.

For more information visit www.community-spaces.org.uk



Ecominds programme (run by Mind)

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.

Small grants of up to £20,000 and larger grants of up to £250,000 are available.

For more information visit www.ecominds.org.uk

Improving Spaces, call our Advice

Access to Nature programme (run by Natural England)

This programme is for a range of organisations who want to encourage people from all backgrounds to learn more about and enjoy the natural environment. It funds projects in urban, rural and coastal communities and aims to reach people who currently have little or no contact with nature.

Grants range from £50,000 to £500,000. A small number of larger grants will be available to projects that have a national significance.

For more information visit www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature

Local Food programme (run by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts)

This programme funds a range of organisations who want to deliver a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities.

Grants range from £2,000 to £300,000. A small number of larger grants of up to £500,000 are also available.

For more information visit www.localfoodgrants.org



Line on 0845 3 671 671

Portfolios

We have also given grants to five organisations to manage a portfolio of environmental projects. The grants were awarded in August 2007, so you cannot apply for funding from these organisations. Visit their websites to find out more about the projects they are running.

Crime Concern Trust – awarded £8.3 million for projects that involve young people at risk of offending in environmental activities in their areas. For more information visit www.crimeconcern.org.uk

Field Studies Council – awarded £2 million to inspire young people, following a short residential trip, to take a more active role in environmental projects in their areas. For more information visit www.field-studies-council.org

Imperial College – awarded £11.7 million for the Open Air Laboratories Network (OPAL), which will encourage communities to work with leading scientists to study natural habitats in their local area. For more information visit www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/british-natural-history/opal



Places for People – awarded £15.8 million to provide high quality, accessible green spaces for communities living in social housing. For more information visit www.placesforpeople.co.uk

Plunkett Foundation – awarded £10 million to increase people's opportunities to grow and buy good quality, healthy, local food. For more information visit www.makinglocalfoodwork.co.uk

You can find out more about our other programmes by visiting www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or you can phone the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30 (textphone 0845 6 02 16 59).

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Accessibility

Please contact us to discuss any specific communication needs you may have.

Our equality principles, mission and values

We are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. To find out more about our equality principles, mission and values, visit our website.

We care about the environment

The Big Lottery Fund seeks to minimise its negative environmental impact and only uses proper sustainable resources.

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