

West Sussex County Council Grants and Funding 2012-13

Fund / Grant	Target Groups and Description	Criteria	Bidding Process	WSCC Contact
Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) LEADER Fund	The West Sussex LEADER Programme aims to improve the competitiveness of farming and forestry; support a diverse and successful rural economy; and develop vibrant and thriving rural communities. There is £3.93 million available to help farmers, growers, foresters, small businesses and rural communities in Sussex and East Hampshire.	Parts of West and East Sussex and Hampshire have been designated to receive LEADER funding. This means that farmers, growers, small rural businesses and community groups located in a LEADER area may qualify to apply for grants towards projects that will help achieve the aims of the programme and the particular priorities of the LEADER area.	The Fund is due to end on 31 December 2013. The Project Selection Panels meet every 2 months. The maximum grant you can apply for is £50,000, however, the Local Action Groups expect most awards to be less than this.	Richard Chalk 01243 756606
Members' Big Society Fund	The Members' Big Society Fund has been created to help County Councillors to help local residents to achieve the things they want for their local communities; and to achieve Big Society objectives.	A proposal must be championed by, have the full support of, and be submitted in writing by the appropriate County Council Member. It must also meet the Big Society's agenda of social action, public service reform and community empowerment. Projects must also be of sustainable and lasting benefit.	To be considered for a grant an applicant needs to contact their local County Councillor. The final decision on all Big Society grants is made by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources.	Community Solutions 01243 752054

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Community Initiative Fund	Scheme intended to enhance delivery of the Council's priorities by assisting local community projects via voluntary groups, organisations, Town and Parish Councils.	To be eligible, projects must demonstrate that they will improve the quality of neighbourhoods, enhance the environment, support vulnerable people to fulfill their potential, and/or help to develop services for children and young people. Projects must also have the support or involvement of the local community.	Bidders must complete an application which is available by phone or on the WSCC website. Decisions on applications are taken by the County Local Committees (CLC's) which are held in public quarterly.	James Ironside 01243 777732
Parish / Urban Initiatives Fund	Scheme specifically supports community schemes led by, or involving, Parish, or Town Councils.	Fund seeks to enhance community capacity by supporting miscellaneous activities such as publishing Parish plans, improving the physical environment or training Parish Clerks.	Decisions are made by the CLC's, as above. Each CLC has £1,200 per year to award.	James Ironside 01243 777732
Bus Shelter Grants	Scheme for Parish/District/Borough and Town Councils. Capital grants made available through the Local Transport Plan to provide up to 50% of the cost of a new bus shelter.	The purpose of this scheme is to assist the Target Group with the provision of new bus shelters within the County. Up to 50% of the capital cost of a new non-advertising bus shelter. Replacement shelters may also be considered where budget is available. Applications for maintenance or refurbishment of existing shelters will not be considered.	Grants distributed to by the County Council's Transport Planning Team each year on application. The budget allocation for this scheme is reviewed annually.	Carol Heather 01243 756627

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Landscape Conservation Grants	Grants of up to £500 are available to landowners and managers in support of hedgerow planting and restoration and/or small tree planting schemes.	These grants are allocated to hedgerow planting and restoration, and/or small tree planting schemes (native trees) of less than 0.25 hectares. Native species appropriate for the location must be used in any new planting schemes.	Applications forms are available from WSCC's Trees and Woodlands Officer.	Julie Bolton 01243 756888
Learning Disabilities & Autistic Spectrum Disorder Small Grants 2013-14	Provides grant funding for projects for adults with learning disabilities and/or autistic spectrum disorders in West Sussex for 2013/14. The funding is available for 1 year only. Organisations can apply for either a Learning Disability Grant and/or an Autistic Spectrum Disorder Grant. No more than two applications will be permitted per organisation.	Grant funding is primarily aimed at innovative and creative initiatives. It is an opportunity to try and test out new approaches. Applications will preferably be for new initiatives /developments. Consideration will be given to bids for on-going projects where there is evidence that there have been good outcomes and future funding will be found to sustain the scheme.	Complete an application form by 4 January 2013. Funding is <u>notionally</u> apportioned to the 6 My Network Areas (Worthing & Littlehampton, Bognor, Horsham, Crawley & East Grinstead, Burgess Hill & Haywards Heath and Chichester) and some for Countywide initiatives.	Mike Smith 01903 839071 Debra Beardall 01903 839797

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Prevention and Wellbeing Grants	The Adult Services Prevention & Wellbeing Grants Programme of £190k is available for 2012/13, and welcomes applications from Voluntary and Community organisations and groups that provide innovative, community based activities for people which enable social opportunities for participants to make friends and meet people.	The award criteria reflect the provision of activities and services to support the Prevention & Wellbeing Agenda, and include: social contact and stimulation, activity and exercise, occupational/educational activities, peer support groups, maintaining or restoring independence.	Bidders must complete an application form. CLC's make the final decision as to whether to approve annually. Budget allocation is based upon population of adults in the area. Grants are awarded annually and repeat funding for the same project is not encouraged.	Sally Moir 01243 752739
Voluntary Transport Groups Grants	These grants are made available to voluntary transport groups such as Dial a Ride, Shopmobility and community mini-bus schemes etc.	Grants are distributed to any voluntary group that is addressing transport as its main activity. Grant amounts vary from a few hundred to thousands, depending on need.	Grants are co-ordinated via the Forum for Accessible Transport which meets 3-4 times a year. The grants panel meets annually to determine the outcome of bids.	Bill Leath 01243 753530 Or via the Forum for Accessible Transport