

Here is a (not exhaustive) list of funds to try for those considering energy efficient refurbishment or rebuild of their community buildings.

Local Funders

CAFS Sustainable Community Buildings Programme

Advice and information for energy efficiency and renewable measures in Cumbrian community buildings. Free energy advisory reports and management committee training (subject to funding available). This project works in partnership with CWMET.
Tel. 01768 210276 Email. office@cafs.org.uk

Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust

Capital funding for making community buildings more sustainable. Funding is subject to an energy audit of your building to ensure that energy efficiency is maximised. Projects must be within 10 miles of a landfill site (this is most of Cumbria so don't worry). 50% match up to £10,000.
For more details contact: Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust
Tel. 01768 242140 Email. enquiries@cwmet.org.uk

Copeland Community Fund

Grants for projects within Copeland Borough Council area, or that have significant benefit to the Copeland residents. Six themes including: Environment & Sustainability, Young people and Community and Improvements to Built Environment.

www.copelandcommunityfund.co.uk

40% funding. Grants between £5,000 and £50,000.

Tel. 01946 598352

Cumbria Community Foundation

Many small local grants that have environmental or community aims. Check out the Robin Rigg Fund, Environmental Fund, Bridging the Gap Coalfields Community Chest and local community pots.

See the website for details

www.cumbriafoundation.org

Tel 01900 825760

WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental)

Projects must be within ten miles of the landfill sites at Lillyhall, Workington and Bennet Bank, Barrow in Furness. Small Grants – Projects must be applying for capital funding of between £2,000 and £15,000, with a total project cost of less than £50,000. Village Hall/Church Hall/Community Centre all eligible to apply.

Main Grant Fund - Projects must fulfil object D of the Landfill Communities Fund.

Object D – "The primary intent of the project must be to facilitate an improvement for the general public's benefit for leisure or recreational activity. The amenity site must be open and accessible for the general public. It should be somewhere where the general public can go, join or use without any limit or restrictions of use (or with reasonable access costs) being in place. Work must be targeted on a specific amenity at a single location."

www.wren.org.uk

Upto 85% funding. Grants between £15,000 and £50,000

Cumbria Community Foundation will also help/advise on applications

Hadfield Trust

The Hadfield Trust is a charitable trust which gives cash grants to charitable organisations in Cumbria. The Trust works particularly to provide help for charitable projects working in the fields of social needs, youth and employment, help for older people, the arts and the environment.

Contact: Michael Hope. Tel. 01704 834887 admin@hadfieldtrust.org.uk

or Mrs Val Hewitt. Tel. 0151 652 1714; val.hewitt1@ntlworld.com

www.hadfieldtrust.org.uk

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LDNPA Sustainable Development Fund

The fund still exists but monies for improving energy efficiency of Community buildings 2010/11 have been administered by CAFS through the Sustainable Community Buildings Programme (above).

For applications to the Sustainable Development Fund, contact Clive Wickham, Partnership and Community Coordinator.

Tel. 01539 792661

Email. clive.wickham@lakedistrict.gov.uk

YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund

For those of you that just tuck into the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The Sustainable Development Fund is managed by the Yorkshire dales Millennium Trust and provides grants to individuals, businesses, local authorities and community groups to fund sustainable new business ideas and community projects which will further the two National Park purposes of:

- Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales
- Promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Yorkshire Dales' special qualities by the public.

www.ydmt.org/sdf.html

Email. isobel.hall@ydmt.org

Solway Coast AONB Sustainable Development Fund

Supports projects that bring social, environmental and economic benefits to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It aims to develop and test new methods of achieving a more sustainable way of life in this area of great beauty and diversity.

The fund will provide grants to organisations, businesses, community groups and individuals who wish to explore and develop practical projects and enhance, conserve and develop the environment, economy and way of life.

Tel. 016973 33055

www.solwaycoastaonb.org.uk/susfund.php

Cumbria CVS

www.cumbriacvs.org.uk

Support organisation offering funding advice and many other things including Grant Net and organise local Funding Fairs.

If you require further more detailed funding support or information, please contact your local Cumbria CVS Development Officer:

- Eden: 01768 800350
- Barrow: 01229 823144
- Carlisle: 01228 512513
- West: 01900 819191
- South Lakes: 01539 742627

Also try local Neighbourhood Forums and Local Community Funds

These monies come and go so ask your Local Area Partnership Officers/ Neighbourhood Development Officers/Community Development Officers at your local Council/Cumbria County Council.

National Funders

EDF Green Energy Fund

Funding is provided to cover the costs of purchase, installation and project management of providing a low carbon energy source for their building. A wide range of technologies and it is open to non profit or charitable organisations and/or organisations involved in education and/or work at the community level.

50% match up to £30,000

Tel. 0800 051 1905

greenenergy@edfenergy.com

www.edfenergy.com

The EON Sustainable Energy Fund

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Grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings - from energy efficiency through to micro-generation. Can support applications from religious or political organisations if the community building that the technology or measures are to be installed into is available for the whole community to use regardless of religious or political beliefs. Benefits to the whole community must be clearly demonstrated in your application.
Upto 90% funding to £20,000
www.eon-uk.com

Scottish Power Green Energy Trust

The Scottish Power Green Energy Trust is an independent charity which helps community-based renewable energy projects get off the ground. All kinds of projects are considered, from solar panels for sheltered housing to wind turbines for schools, but all must have a strong community benefit as well as a wider educational element. The trust will award up to 50% of the renewable energy element of the project, subject to a maximum award of £25,000, with most successful applications receiving around £10,000.
Tel. 0141 5683492
www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk

Community Builders

Communitybuilders is a £70m investment fund which takes forward a commitment within the Communities in Control: real people, real power White Paper to build more cohesive, empowered and active communities. Communitybuilders invests in the sustainability of multi-purpose, inclusive, community-led organisations (sometimes known as Community Anchors). These organisations can be the platform to support empowered communities by:

- providing a place for community activities to take place
- providing and running local services
- stimulating community involvement and enterprise
- generating independent sources of income

Tel. 0191 2692278

Email: info@communitybuildersfund.org.uk

www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk

Church and Community Fund

Amongst other objectives, the Fund makes grants to projects engaging with social issues and involving the welcoming and encouraging of children and young people. They support both capital and revenue projects, such as the adaptation of church buildings for wider community use or employing a youth worker. Projects must be connected to the Church of England.

Maximum grant is £15,000, but most grants are around £5,000.

Tel 020 7898 1767

Email ccf@c-of-e.org.uk

www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people in Britain's coalfield communities. This includes some Wards in both Allerdale and Copeland. They aim to fund projects that are seeking to tackle geographical isolation, exclusion from services in areas such as finance and health provision, projects which aim to encourage learning and personal development, formal and informal and for all ages, and projects that are supporting people into the world of work. Projects which build on active citizenship and local participation or dealing with debt and poverty are also welcomed. There are also six regional offices for England which have specific additional funding streams.

Tel 0800 064 8560

Email info@coalfields-regen.org.uk

www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund 'Heritage Grants' Scheme

The 'Heritage Grants' programme offers grants of more than £50,000 for projects which conserve and enhance our diverse heritage, or encourage more people to be involved in their heritage, or both. To be eligible, your project must also make sure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage; that your project is linked to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK and how you will protect its significance.

Tel 020 7591 6042

www.hlf.org.uk

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English Heritage 'Repair Grants for Places of Worship'

Grants are available for urgent repairs to listed buildings that are in regular use as public places of worship. Any faith group, Christian or non-Christian, is welcome to apply so long as it is a formally constituted religious organisation. Closing dates: 30th June - places of worship listed Grade I, II*, A, B or C; 30th September - places of worship listed Grade II.

Tel 0161 242 1400

www.english-heritage.org.uk

BIG Lottery 'Awards For All' Scheme

The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. To achieve our aim we want to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Stronger communities – with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- Improved rural and urban environments – which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

Small grants £300 - £10,000 to local groups in England.

Tel 0845 600 20 40

Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk

www.awardsforall.org.uk

BIG Lottery – Reaching Communities – Community Buildings Strand

Fund projects that will replace or improve buildings where a wide range of community activities take place. Want to fund buildings that are well used by their community and have an impact long after the building work is completed. Funding targeting at buildings or sites based in the most deprived 'Lower Super Output Areas' in England, while also taking into account rural needs. See the online eligibility checker.

Funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Tel 0845 410 20 30

BIG Lottery – Village SOS

The Big Lottery Fund is inviting rural organisations across the UK to bid for a share of £5m of funding for projects which support "the brightest ideas for new community enterprises that will make a lasting difference in rural communities with a population of less than 3,000". This includes renewables schemes and possible community buildings. Village SOS is an exciting initiative by Big Lottery Fund and the BBC to launch a rural revival and inspire people to start community businesses that will breathe new life into their areas and create jobs. Tools, support and expert guidance are on offer to help communities take a step towards starting their own businesses and guide them through the journey from their initial idea to transforming the area.

Grants worth between £10,000 and £30,000 for rural projects

www.villagesos.org.uk

Clothworkers Foundation

The Clothworkers' Foundation aims through its funding to improve quality of life, particularly for people and communities facing disadvantage. Fund one-off grants for capital costs for UK registered charities with an annual turnover of under £10m.

Capital costs include:

- Building purchase and renovation
- Equipment (including IT hardware)
- Vehicles

Have a small grants programme (upto £10k) and a main grants programme £10k+

www.clothworkers.co.uk

Moto in the Community Trust

The aims of the Trust are quite simple. We want to make a positive difference to the communities that we form part of. This means that we only consider grants for projects that benefit communities where Moto is present, or that we have a significant staff catchment. As a rule our catchment area is 25 miles radius of a Moto site. In Cumbria these are at J35/36 Burton in Kendal and J41/42 Southwaite.

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Cumbria Action for Sustainability

Charity No. 1123155 Company No. 6492907 Registered Office: The Office, Mardale Rd, Penrith, CA11 9EH
Tel. 01768 210276 Email. office@cafs.org.uk www.cafs.org.uk www.cumbriagreenbuild.org.uk

UK Carbon Reporting Framework

Provides funding Local Authorities, Housing Associations and constituted community groups for carbon reduction projects. Monies come from project sponsors and you have to be able to prove your carbon reduction using their methodologies. Interested in building and school refurbishment, and renewable installations. Non gov't monies so should still be eligible for FITs/RHIs.

www.ukcarbonreporting.org

Community Sustainable Energy Programme

CSEP is an open grants programme run by BRE as an award partner of the **BIG Lottery Fund** (BIG). BRE carries out research, consultancy, training and testing to help create better buildings and communities. Due to the success of the previous 11 rounds CSEP has opened for one more capital funding round. Applications will be accepted for heat generating technologies and energy efficiency measures only. Deadline for the receipt of completed applications will be 5pm Friday 29 February 2012.

<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/>

Other

Feed in Tariffs

Individuals, local authorities, community groups and other organisations who install low carbon electricity generating technologies up to 5MW are eligible to receive Feed-in-Tariffs. The introduction of Feed-in-Tariffs aims to incentivise the installation of small scale, low carbon electricity generating technologies. Each installation will qualify for a payment for each kW they produce and a further payment for each kW exported to the grid.

Small-scale low-carbon electricity technologies eligible for FITs are:

- Wind;
- Solar photovoltaics (PV);
- Hydro;
- Anaerobic digestion; and
- Domestic scale microCHP (with a capacity of 2kW or less)

For more information please see the Department for Energy and Climate Change website or talk to your local installer. www.decc.gov.uk

Renewable Heat Incentive

The Renewable Heat Incentive is a Government scheme that provides financial support to non-domestic renewable heat generators and producers of biomethane. Eligible equipment installed after 15 July 2009 will be supported under the RHI.

Technologies included in the scheme are:

- Biomass boilers (Including CHP biomass boilers.
- Solar Thermal
- Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Water Source Heat Pumps
- On-Site Biogas combustion
- Deep Geothermal
- Energy from Municipal Solid Waste
- Injection of biomethane into the grid

For more information please see the Department for Energy and Climate Change website or talk to your local installer. www.decc.gov.uk

Please note that there are issues around claiming FITs and RHIs if you have received grants for your installation. Check which will make the most sense for your project.



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