

GREEN LEEDS LIMITED

Green Leeds Limited was established in September 1997 for the purpose of receiving and administering landfill tax credits within the Leeds Metropolitan District. It is a Distributive Environmental Body which offers grants for environmental projects to groups across Leeds. The funding comes primarily through the Biffaward scheme.

Objectives

Landfill tax funding can only be spent on projects fulfilling one of the following objectives:

- (A) **Reclamation**
Reclamation, remediation, restoration or other operation intended to facilitate use, where the use of land has been restricted or prevented because of a now ceased activity

- (B) **Pollution**
Any prevention, reduction or the mitigation of the effects of pollution on land because of a now ceased activity

- (D) **Environmental Improvement**
Where for the environmental protection, the provision, improvement or maintenance of a public park or other public amenity in a landfill site vicinity

- (DA) **Biodiversity Projects**
Delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats

- (E) **Environmental Protection**
Where for environmental protection, maintenance, repair, restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of religious worship or of historical or architectural interest, open to the public and situated in the vicinity of a landfill site

Funding

Green Leeds grants are available from two sources - the Small Grant Fund and the Main Grant Fund.

The Small Grant Fund

- offers grants up to a maximum of £5,000 for schemes where the total cost of the project is no more than £10,000 and the scheme can be completed within one year
- applications are only accepted from community and voluntary organisations, not from Leeds City Council

The Main Grant Fund

- offers grants from between £5,000 and £45,450
(There is no limit on the total scheme cost for this fund)
- Green Leeds will only consider funding a maximum of 75% of the project costs (limited at £45,450) with the remaining 25% to be matched from other funding sources

Funding is available across Leeds.

Criteria

The following criteria applies to both the Small Grant and Main Grant Funds:

Grants are available for single site based projects that improve a public amenity and have full public access. A public amenity is any space, facility or building that can be enjoyed by the general public for leisure, recreation or entertainment and examples are:

Museums	Activity centres	Village halls
Village greens	Church yards	Public playgrounds
Sports fields & facilities	Libraries	Public rights of way/footpaths
Nature reserves	Public parks	Bridleways
Community centres	Cycle paths	Country parks
Scout or Guide huts	Sports clubs *	Skate parks

* Projects involving sports clubs are allowed if the club is operated on a not-for-profit basis and allows the general public to join. Golf courses are not considered to be general public amenities unless they are municipal or operate on the principle that anyone can pay and play at any time.

Clubs will be required to provide a copy of their constitution and information about membership fees.

Applicants will be asked to provide evidence of their public access arrangements including:

- a public access policy and/or lettings statement
- advertising arrangements
- charges for use
- any restrictions on use of the facility.

Grants from Green Leeds Limited are only available for external works.

(External repairs/restoration works to places of religious worship are also eligible BUT only from the Small Grants Fund).

Projects that are ineligible for funding are:

- Core costs of an organisation
- Retrospective funding - for work that has already taken place before any grant has been awarded
- Applications to meet the Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- School projects (internal or external) or works to Citizens Advice Bureau's or other community sites not open to booking by the general public
- Projects to improve car parks
- Works to residential streets
- Works to public highways, roads, pavements to the side of a road and roundabouts
- Works to the grounds of a hospital
- Visual enhancement (ie - a view)
- Improvements to offices or services
- One-off events
- Allotment related projects.

Meetings

Applications for a Small Grant are considered by the Small Grants Panel which meets every eight weeks. Applications for a Main Grant take longer. They are first considered by the Green Leeds Board and, if supported, are then submitted to the Biffaward Board for final approval. Both these Boards meet quarterly and it can take between 5 and 6 months before a decision is made.

Application forms must be returned at least four weeks before the Green Leeds Board/Panel meetings.

(See Deadlines and Meeting Dates Sheet for details).

Green Leeds Ltd Board

Regular Board meetings are held to consider projects and priorities and the Board Members currently are:

Councillor Barry Anderson
Councillor Sue Bentley
Councillor David Blackburn (Chair)
Councillor Adam Ogilvie
Mr Adrian Curtis (Groundwork Leeds)
Mr Stephen Ward (Caird Bardon Ltd)
Mr John Preston (BTCV)
Mr David Smith (Leeds VOICE)

Application Forms

For further information and/or an application form and guidance notes, please contact Sue Lumby on (0113) 2478185 at Green Leeds Ltd, Resources Team, Environment & Neighbourhoods, 6th Floor, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8BB.