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### **Googling for grants**

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The Google Grants UK beta programme supports organisations sharing their philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. They do this by providing free advertising through their Adwords programme. For more info: <http://www.google.co.uk/grants/>.

### **Communicating with funders (We all know how difficult this can be!)**

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Material on building relationships, working with or simply communicating with funders, produced by all six National Hubs of expertise, has been pulled together into one reference list.

<http://www.hubs.org.uk/page.asp?id=76>

### **V cashpoint**

V Inspired has funding available for 16-25 year olds in England who want to set up their own volunteering project in their community. V cashpoint will fund new projects that are led by young people and make a difference to the community. Your project should create at least three new opportunities for



young people to volunteer. You can apply for up to £2,500. See website for ideas of possible projects.

Deadline: 1 Feb 2008

Contact: V inspired

Telephone: 0800 089 9000

Email: [info@vinspired.com](mailto:info@vinspired.com)

Website: [www.vinspired.com/vbuzz/campaigns/171/](http://www.vinspired.com/vbuzz/campaigns/171/)

### **WREN Communities Challenge 2008 (UK)**

Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN) has announced that its annual Communities Challenge Fund is now open to applications. Through the Communities Challenge WREN will be working with Local Authorities and organisations to support the best community regeneration projects by providing £2 million of funding for capital projects which breathe new life into tired or rundown facilities or provide much needed new amenities.

Organisations and groups are invited to bid for funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 for capital projects which will make a real difference to their community. Projects could include; recreational areas such as parks, community gardens or open green spaces; community centres, village halls or youth centres; play areas, skate parks or multi-use games areas; nature reserves or community woodlands; sports centres or recreation grounds; museums and visitors centres; or a combination of facilities. To be eligible projects need to be within 10 miles of a WREN landfill site. The closing date for applications is the 30th May 2008

<http://www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply/WRG-Challenge>

**The Woodland Trust** is offering grants for community tree planting initiatives for this winter. If your community group is holding a tree planting event we can offer funding to help carry out your project. To be eligible you have to register your event with us on this website.

### **How much is available?**

Each group can apply for one grant of up to £100 for a tree planting event. If you are organising more than one event please contact us directly to discuss your project.

### **Who can apply?**

Community groups, associations and not for profit organisations, for example; a community action group, local residents group, environmental action group, scouts, brownies, etc. ( Please note this fund is not open to schools - however you may be interested in one of our free tree packs specifically for schools,



please go to the website which is [www.woodland-trust.org.uk/hedge](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/hedge) ) All groups must be based and operate within Great Britain.

### **What type of projects are applicable?**

Tree planting projects organised by the community. The project should involve the planting of primarily native broadleaf trees, and are on sites that have all the necessary consents from the landowner for the planting activity. Please note we only fund projects taking place on publicly accessible land.

### **What project costs does the grant cover?**

The grant covers costs directly related to the tree planting project. For example;

- Purchase of native trees ( preferably small transplants rather than larger specimens)
- Maximum cost per tree of £5 (or contribution towards each tree purchased)
- Purchase of other tree planting materials
- Publicity costs

### **Criteria Checklist**

Please ensure you meet the following criteria:

- You have registered your event with us
- You are a constituted community group
- You have a bank account
- You have insurance cover for your activities
- The event will involve the planting of primarily broadleaf trees (70%)
- It is publicly accessible land
- You have the landowner's consent
- It is on land suitable for tree planting
- You have a plan for the maintenance of the trees once planted

### **Timescales**

Applications will be judged monthly and decisions made soon after. Successful applicants will receive a grant cheque one month before the date of your event. The grants are offered on a first come first serve basis.

<http://www.treeforall.org.uk/GetDigging/Events+grants.htm>

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