

Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund

This fund has been created to support locally based community groups, businesses, education establishments and organisations across Hampshire to deliver projects, products and services which prevent or reduce household waste.

What is waste prevention?

Waste prevention is defined as measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste.

For the purposes of this fund, 'waste prevention' is taken to encompass any actions which prevent or reduce the amount of household waste entering the local authority waste management system. This includes: reuse, repair and home composting.

Household waste covers items that you would put in your waste bin at home or take to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. See a more formal definition of household waste: [GOV.UK's Local authority collected waste definition of terms](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/342222/Local_authority_collected_waste_definition_of_terms.pdf).

In addition to the environmental benefits of reducing household waste, waste prevention projects can also result in financial savings for residents, community benefits (such as volunteering opportunities) and health benefits (such as household management, healthy eating).

When to apply

Applications for funding will open on 1 March 2019 and will remain open until further notice. Funding for successful applications will be awarded a maximum of three months after the initial application is received.

Grant criteria and eligibility

The maximum amount awarded to each project will be £5,000. There is no minimum amount. Applications will be ranked and scored in line with waste prevention impacts, including the predicted amount of waste prevented, as well as the innovation demonstrated by the project, sustainability/legacy and wider community benefits. Experience in successfully delivering previous projects will also be assessed.

Funding will be awarded to the highest scoring applications subject to grant funds being available.

Who can apply?

- Community, neighbourhood or voluntary groups
- Registered charities
- Schools, colleges and universities
- Not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises)
- Businesses with fewer than 250 employees such as small and medium sized enterprises
- Faith groups delivering community work
- Parish Councils

Who can't apply?

- Businesses with over 250 employees
- Organisations that aim to deliver products and/or services outside of Hampshire County Council's administrative area
- Individuals

What is funded?

Projects must demonstrate:

- that they will have an impact on the population within the Hampshire County Council administrative area
- how they fit within the Waste Hierarchy. Projects at the top of the waste hierarchy, such as Waste Prevention, will be scored higher than those further down, such as Reuse/repair
- measurable reductions in the amount of household waste, for example through furniture reused, or food diverted from waste
- social benefits (jobs/volunteer posts created, number of residents trained)
- who the project is likely to directly engage
- how the project is innovative (to the local area)
- the methods used to effect behaviour change
- sustainability/and or a degree of 'legacy' in terms of waste prevention outcomes. The fund will only support new, or expansion of existing products and services. It will not pay for existing activities

Example projects could include (but are not limited to):

- sharing, hiring and rental services, such as for baby products or homewares and equipment
- educational activities on home management, such as cooking, food preparation and storage, sewing
- community engagement activities to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of preventing waste, for example events, films and social clubs
- digital projects that make preventing waste easier or more convenient, such as the development of an app or an online hub
- repair and upcycling of furniture and other household items
- redistribution of surplus household food, for example via community fridges

- introduction of local services that enable waste prevention and reuse, such as community composting and tool libraries

Projects from the first round of grant funding included:

- a children's book about waste prevention called The Rubbish Monster Thing
- setting up of a Repair Café in Bordon
- producing beeswax satchels for food storage
- cookery classes for school children
- a community fridge
- setting up a second-hand garden centre
- composting courses advertised through GP surgeries
- community projects on reducing the use of single use plastics

Take a look at these short films to find out more:

- Mrs B's Bees - waste grant
- The Rubbish Monster Thing - waste grant
- Furniture Helpline - waste grant

Projects for schools

Although the fund only supports projects which prevent household, rather than school waste, projects which educate children on waste prevention, reuse or repair will be eligible to apply. Example project for schools include but are not limited to:

- cookery, food preparation and budgeting classes
- household food distribution projects such as Community fridges which can be used by parents and staff
- classes on repairing or upcycling textiles
- community composting projects
- events to enable the sharing of items such as toys, clothing
- the production and delivery of educational tools around waste prevention

The impacts of these projects on household waste can be measured by home food waste diaries, questionnaires as well as by recording the number of items repaired, upcycled or swapped.

What isn't funded?

- Projects which predominantly affect residents outside of the Hampshire County Council administrative area
- Projects seeking funding for recycling and waste disposal projects
- Projects requesting over £5,000
- Bids from businesses or enterprises with over 250 employees

- Day to day running or existing staffing costs for projects
- Projects which are already financially supported by other financial bodies or schemes
- Activities that start or happen before the funding is formally confirmed
- Activities that are the responsibility of a Local Authority dealing with waste materials, for example recycling collections, disposal
- Activities dealing with commercial and industrial waste, such as business, trade or school
- Projects that mainly financially benefit an individual
- Activities with political affiliation and aims
- The VAT element of a project which can be recovered
- Research and development activities

Period and amount

Funding must be spent within 1 year of award of contract.

Payments will commence from a maximum of three months after the initial application is received. A payment schedule will be agreed with successful applicants as part of the formal grant offer.

If the project is successful, it is expected that you will have a plan to continue the activity after the end of the funding period.

Measuring the impacts

There are a number of ways in which you can measure the environmental and social impact of your project. These include but are not limited to:

- number of items repaired, reused, upcycled or swapped
- questionnaires or food waste diaries for workshop participants or pupils to complete
- number of people composting at home as a result of your project
- number of items sold
- number of people attending events or cookery classes etc
- hits on websites or likes/shares on social media

Read application notes and apply

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Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme is turning lives around

More than 4,500 families in Hampshire have been helped during phase two of the county's Supporting Families Programme, with over 700 experiencing significant improvement in their circumstances. In addition, an independent evaluation by Solent University shows that between 2015-19, the support given to families to get back on their feet successfully, translated into savings or costs avoided of £27million to the public purse.

Councillor Patricia Stallard, Hampshire County Council's Executive Member lead for the Supporting Families Programme, said: "Our programme which brings together a wide range of Hampshire agencies including county and district councils, the Police, voluntary sector, Health and the Probation Service has transformed the way services are delivered to families across the county. This has resulted in hundreds of families who might otherwise have faced a lifetime of disadvantage, now having a brighter future."

"The concerted efforts of all the agencies involved, and the way in which we are now working together, is reaching the families most in need, promoting trust from the families with whom we work who say they value the support being provided."

"Although there is always more to do, there is clear evidence that our programme is working, helping families to live more productive lives while reducing demand for high cost interventions from the county's public services."

Hampshire's Supporting Families Programme began in 2012, as part of a national initiative to support families facing multiple issues such as persistent unemployment, poor education, poor health, crime and antisocial behaviour, domestic violence and young people failing to thrive.

The programme takes a 'whole family' approach involving everyone in the family including grandparents, parents, young people and children. It allows families to build on their strengths while helping them to overcome some of the concerns, difficulties, challenges or obstacles they may have in their lives.

Close collaboration with town and parish councils key to Hampshire's quality of place

Hampshire County Council welcomed over 80 representatives from town and parish councils across the county at an event this week (Wednesday 13 March) to find out more about how highways and waste services are delivered to Hampshire's 1.3 million residents.

County Council Leader, Councillor Roy Perry said: "These are challenging times for local government and it's more important than ever that we work closely with our colleagues in the town and parish councils. These are the people who have a vital role in representing the concerns of local communities."

Having heard how Hampshire Highways teams repair around 15,000 potholes a year, delegates had an opportunity to see one of Hampshire's new, dedicated dragon-patchers, which can repair a defect five times faster than traditional methods and is effective in all weathers.

The evening also saw the launch of the Hampshire Highways Charter – a commitment to 'going the extra mile' by those working across Hampshire's roads.

Matthew Riches, Skanska's Business Director for Hampshire Highways explained: "We are 18 months into this contract and, following a successful mobilisation and first year, we are now focussed on improving how we communicate with the communities we work in to mitigate and minimise the disruption of our work. It was a great opportunity on Wednesday evening to meet so many representatives of the Parish Councils and outline our new Charter, *Going The Extra Mile*. Being close to the communities we serve is paramount to Skanska's vision of building for a better society, so we are launching the Hampshire Highways Charter to improve the way we work."

Cllr Roger Huxstep

Member for Meon Valley Division

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