

# Improving school outdoor spaces

A summary of funding opportunities and resources for developing school grounds in Dorset

## Within school funding

<b>Schools PTFA</b>	From individual school	Usually only small amounts of funding available or volunteer help with projects.
<b>School Farmers Markets</b>	See <a href="http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/schools/what-can-you-do/school-farmers-markets">www.foodforlife.org.uk/schools/what-can-you-do/school-farmers-markets</a>	A great way to engage with the community and raise funding for gardening projects.
<b>Enterprise projects and direct sales</b>		Direct sales of plants, baking, via enterprise projects, can raise funding for ongoing expenses.

## Smaller Local Funds

<b>Town councillors or the mayor</b>	Find your local councillor at <a href="http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/councillors">www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/councillors</a>	Each one has a pot of money for local projects.
<b>Local companies.</b>	Businesses may sponsor a project. Garden centres & DIY stores might support a project with materials if not cash.	Look into local companies. Try B&Q Community Re-Use <a href="http://www.diy.com/corporate/community/waste-donation/">www.diy.com/corporate/community/waste-donation/</a>
<b>Rotary Club</b>	Search for your local branch <a href="http://www.rotary.org/en">www.rotary.org/en</a>	Some branches will support local projects.
<b>Lions Club</b>	Search for your local branch <a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a>	Some branches will support local projects.
<b>Round Table</b>	Search for your local branch <a href="http://www.roundtable.co.uk">www.roundtable.co.uk</a>	Some branches will support local projects.
<b>Dorset Gardens Trust</b>	<a href="http://www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk/index.php/schools-programme">www.dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk/index.php/schools-programme</a>	Grants of up to £400 for new school gardening projects.

## Corporate Funds and Charities

<b>Supermarkets often have charitable funds for local projects.</b>	<a href="http://www.co-operative.coop/communityfund">www.co-operative.coop/communityfund</a>	See their website for criteria
<b>Naturesave Trust</b>	<a href="http://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/funding-guidelines/">www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/funding-guidelines/</a>	Insurance company who give small grants to environmental projects. Amounts from £200 to £1500.
<b>Greggs Foundation Environmental Grant</b>	<a href="http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant">www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grant</a>	More likely to fund applications near Greggs stores. Fund projects that improve people's lives by improving the environment. Max £2,000.

<b>Tesco Bags of Help</b>	<a href="http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2">www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2</a>	A rolling grant scheme using the 5p bag charge. Supports physical environmental improvements & or encourage use and long term sustainability of outdoor spaces.
<b>Wessex Watermark Award</b>	<a href="http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/watermark/">www.wessexwater.co.uk/watermark/</a>	Grants of up to £1500 for environmental projects in the Wessex Water region.
<b>Larger grants</b>		
<b>Awards for all</b>	<a href="http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All</a>	Up to £10,000. They do fund schools for projects that reach beyond their statutory obligations eg. After-school clubs, community links.
<b>Esmee Fairburn Foundation</b>	<a href="http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/environment/">http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/environment/</a>	'Connecting people with Nature' grants range from £5,000 and can cover projects or core costs, including staff salaries and overheads. The foundation does not provide grants for building or equipment costs.

Search for more trusts and foundations at [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

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