

## LANDFILL COMMUNITIES FUNDING

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) allows registered Landfill Operators (LOs), such as North Ayrshire Council, to contribute up to 5.5% of their Landfill Tax towards environmental improvement projects.

Landfill Funding must be spent in compliance with the Entrust Regulations, which set the following objectives:

- a) Projects that involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity.
- b) Projects that reduce or prevent pollution on land.
- c) Projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within ten miles of a landfill site.
- d) Delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats.
- e) Projects to restore or repair building for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within ten miles of a landfill site.
- f) Projects fund the cost of administrative, financial or other similar services, supplied to other enrolled environmental bodies.

In order for a group to receive Landfill Funding they will require to register with Entrust (the Regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund) as an Environmental Body and subsequently register the proposed project. Both registrations can be done via the Entrust website [www.entrust.gov.uk](http://www.entrust.gov.uk) and to register as an Environmental Body costs £100. Please note that Entrust registration can be made after Council approval of funding has been confirmed. Alternatively a group can use a registered Environmental Body to arrange the project works for them. Registered Environmental Bodies have experience which can be valuable when using Landfill Funding for the first time.

A full description of the Landfill Communities Fund is available on [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk). This provides information about what projects have been approved previously and how to register a group as an Environmental Body. It will also help you to familiarise yourself with the various regulations which exist within the LCF.

The Council are responsible for assessing the various bids for Landfill Funding. Not all submissions are successful because of the limited funds available. Approximately £120,000 to £160,000 is available per year and must be distributed as fairly as possible throughout North Ayrshire.

## HOW TO APPLY

If you wish to apply for LCF funding the following information must be sent to Planning Services at the address below:

- A description of the project with appropriate plans/maps/drawings/photographs.
- An estimate of the total costs as well as the amount requested (if different).
- A list of other funders involved/ approached.
- What groups have been involved with suggesting the project and or who will benefit from its completion.

## PROJECT EVALUATION

An evaluation of each project is carried out using the following set of criteria:

#### 1. Job Creation

The project will lead to creation of new jobs directly or indirectly or provide training opportunities directly or indirectly.

#### 2. Partnership Value

The project is being financially supported by one or more other organisations and the Council's contribution would form part of a total package.

#### 3. Environmental Impact

The project includes or comprises environmental works which will benefit the community within which it is located.

#### 4. Education and Research

The project will provide educational or research benefits to the local community.

#### 5. Council Support

The project has been proposed by a Council department, and is on Council-owned land, or has been put forward by a local Councillor.

#### 6. Policy Support

The project is promoted in a document which defines Council policy, eg a Local Plan, Housing Plan, Local Transport Strategy etc.

Projects will score best if the following priority categories of job creation, partnership value, environmental impact and Council support are covered within any proposal.

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