



## How to access funding from the Landfill Communities Fund

There are two methods of receiving funding through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF):

- from an organisation that distributes the monies on a Landfill Operator's behalf (a funding (or distributive) [Environmental Body](#)); or
- directly from a [Landfill Operator](#) (LO) based in England or Northern Ireland.

ENTRUST is the regulator of the LCF and we do not provide funding but can provide advice. You can contact us by telephone on 01926 488 300 or by email on [helpline@entrust.org.uk](mailto:helpline@entrust.org.uk). For more information about enrolling as an EB, if required, see the [Environmental Bodies](#) page of our website for an introduction. For more detailed information see the [Guidance](#) and [Training Resources](#), also on our website.

### Environmental Bodies

Environmental Bodies (EBs) are organisations that have registered with us in order to receive LCF money. Some of these act as funders, distributing money to other organisations on behalf of one or more Landfill Operators (LOs). These bodies help others to access LCF monies; applying to an EB for funds is the most common way to access funding. Each funder has its own policies, application processes and forms.

Funding EBs will require your organisation to meet certain conditions about the way you will spend the LCF money they give you. This is because they must make sure your expenditure complies with the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996 (Regulations) and our guidance. However, their criteria for accepting applications may be more restrictive than the Regulations. This may be because there is a high level of demand for the monies or that they have specific project types or geographical areas that they wish to prioritise.

We require that your project location is within the vicinity (usually 10 miles) of any licensed landfill site. A funder may require the location to be closer or to be in the vicinity of a site operated by a LO they are distributing funds for. All projects must take place in England, Northern Ireland or Wales. The LCF is no longer available to fund projects in Scotland. For enquiries about the new Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF) or more information on the SLCF please contact the [Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#).

If you seek to obtain money via a distributive EB you may need to enrol with us as an EB. Some funding EBs register projects on behalf of the project organisation therefore a separate enrolment with ENTRUST is not required. Others do not register projects therefore you will need to enrol as an EB and register your project(s) with us. Enrolling as an EB will require your time and resource and there are on-going statutory obligations of enrolment which must be complied with for as long as you remain enrolled. There is also a non-refundable application fee of £100. We strongly recommend that

you check whether the EB is willing to fund your proposed project and whether your organisation will be required to enrol as an EB before initiating this process.

## Finding a distributive EB

You can find a list of EBs who may fund in your area using the [Funder Search](#) on our website. This list contains information for all EBs that distribute funding; use the drop-down menus to select your country and county (see below). A list of potential funders will appear once you have chosen the search criteria from the drop-down menus. The list will show the Objects that they support. These are the areas of work that qualify for funding under the LCF – your project must fit into one of these 5 Objects. For more information on the Objects please see the [LCF objects](#) page and the [introductory videos](#) on our website. Press 'reset' to restart your search at any time.



The screenshot shows a search interface with two dropdown menus labeled 'Select Country' and 'Select County', a 'Filter' button, and a row of letters from 0-9 to A-Z with a '[Reset]' link. Below this is a table header with two columns: 'Funder Name' and 'Objects Supported'.

Click on the names of each funder to see more details including website addresses. The funders' websites will provide more information on their funding policies and procedures; or you can contact them using the contact details listed.

## Landfill Operators (LOs)

You might be able to find LOs who will give LCF monies directly to project organisations. While many LOs take part in the LCF, not all do and not all LOs are potential sources of funding for your project - the only way to find out is to contact them and ask. If a LO agrees to fund your project directly, you will need to enrol as an EB before receiving any funds.

## Finding a LO

A list of all LOs can be obtained from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on the Gov.UK website at [Landfill Tax: site operators - Publications - GOV.UK](#). LOs have to be registered with HMRC to take part in the scheme although not all LOs take part. Even if they do participate in the scheme they may not be a potential source of funding for your project. The only way to find out is to contact them directly. We require that your project location is within the vicinity (usually 10 miles) of any licensed landfill site but a LO may require your project location to be closer or to be in the vicinity of a site they operate. For more information on identifying landfill sites near you please see our guide to [Locating Landfill Sites](#).