



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

# Llŷn AONB Sustainable Development Fund Guidelines

## What is the Sustainable Development Fund?

The Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Sustainable Development Fund provides financial grants to projects that contribute to conserving and enhancing the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). More information is available on the Llŷn AONB website.

Funding for the scheme is provided by the Welsh Government.

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## Objectives of the Fund

- Explore innovative ways of contributing to the opportunities and challenges identified in the current Welsh Government agenda for the environment and sustainability, including, in particular, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.
  - Help address the Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change Emergencies. To prioritise these emergencies, 60% of the programme's funding has been allocated to projects whose primary aim is to tackle and mitigate biodiversity loss and climate change.
  - Build capacity within local communities and develop and support community projects that promote sustainable development objectives.
  - Raise greater awareness and understanding of sustainability among residents and visitors, and facilitate positive behavioural change through communication and promotion of the projects and the fund.
  - Deliver and promote the purposes of the AONB and the objectives set out in the Llŷn AONB Management Plan.
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## Who is Eligible to Apply?

The Fund is open to:

- Community organisations
- Local authorities
- Charities and voluntary organisations
- The private sector
- Individuals

Individuals and private sector applicants will need to demonstrate that their projects provide a broader public benefit.

Projects must:

- Contribute to the objectives of the Fund.
  - Be located within the AONB or provide a direct benefit to the AONB.
  - Comply with any relevant statutory requirements, including:
    - Planning permission
    - Building regulations
    - Other relevant licences or consents
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## Examples of Eligible Projects

The Fund may support projects such as:

- School projects, including:
    - Managing school grounds for wildlife
    - Reducing energy use, waste, and travel impacts
  - Sustainable transport projects that:
    - Reduce car usage
    - Improve health and well-being by encouraging physical activity
  - Improvements to open spaces within villages for community use and wildlife.
  - Restoration of important historic features.
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## Grants and Grant Rates

The scheme may provide:

- Project grants
- Management grants towards staffing costs
- Development grants to support new activities or partnerships

## Grant Level

- Grants of up to 75% of eligible total project costs may be awarded, or a higher percentage in exceptional circumstances.

## Applicant Contribution

Applicants are expected to contribute at least 25% of the total project costs through one or more of the following:

- Private sector funding
- Contributions in kind (goods or services)
- Other grants
- National Lottery funding
- Other organisational or community funding

Volunteer time will be valued in accordance with current rates. Please contact the AONB Unit for the latest information.

Grants are normally paid after project completion or in instalments.

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## How and When to Apply

Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their ideas with the contact person in the AONB Unit before submitting a formal application.

Following this, applicants should:

1. Complete the application form as fully as possible.
2. Attach any relevant supporting information, such as letters of support.
3. Submit the application by email or post.

Your local contact can provide information on:

- The application process
- Submission deadlines
- When applications will be considered

It is very important not to begin any work before the application has been assessed and approved.


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## Contact

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