

Funding Advice:

A large number of our private clients have been successful with the 'Awards for All' grants, which are sponsored by the National Lottery. Go to:

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All> Click on the tab of the UK country you live in at the top of their home page.

This may be helpful:

<https://www.find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/funding-for-community-projects>

Groundwork UK has sponsored some of our clients:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

We have been made aware of <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/> and a prospective church client is using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, a site where people can help them to raise funds for the installation of a toilet simply by doing their everyday online shopping

Also, for farmers: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funding-for-farmers-in-protected-landscapes>

For Ireland there is:

<https://www.neh.gov.ie/business-supports/energy-efficiency-grant>

a compost toilet could potentially fall under the 'circular economy measures' category in this fund source

<https://kpmg.com/ie/en/home/insights/2024/10/environmental-funding-for-irish-business-tax.html>

For Scotland there is:

https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1457/tourism_and_visitor_attractions/148/tourism/4

<https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/nature-restoration-fund/nature-restoration-fund-how-apply>

If you are not-for-profit you could try:

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/community-funding>

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

For a smaller amount:

<https://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

For youth related projects:

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

For September 25 onwards:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/>

Other possibilities?

<https://www.coop.co.uk/local-causes>

<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust>

<https://goinggreen.co.uk/grants/>

<https://grantfinder.co.uk/funding-highlights/funds/environment/>

<https://www.sseenergysolutions.co.uk/business-energy/net-zero-hub/green-grants-loans>

You may have an Open Spaces, Parks or Sustainability Officer within your local council. These officers will have a budget allocation, although these days this is often under significant funding restraint. In the case of the Open Spaces Officer any funding will be for projects to enhance the facilities of the community within public open spaces. In the case of the Sustainability Officer the budget will be for 'green' projects within the community. If you can gain their interest, this will often result in funds being made available to you; often on a matched basis where you have to supply 50% from your own or other funds. Again

we have had a number of private client groups that have been successful with this approach.

To our knowledge all funders in the UK insist that the toilet must be to DDA Doc M wheelchair compliant specification.

Insurance for Allotment and Community Garden Toilets

We have recently been told by clients that the lottery funding groups now require significant capital purchases made with their grants, such as compost toilets, to be insured. Some clients have experienced difficulty in obtaining insurance. We have therefore asked clients who have been successful with lottery funding and have been able to insure their toilets without difficulty to give us some feedback. This indicates the following:-

If your allotment or garden site is owned by the council it is normally possible to get the toilet included on the council's insurance policy.

The Royal Horticultural Society offer excellent insurance cover for sheds, tools, greenhouses, toilets etc on horticultural sites. You will have to join the RHS to benefit but we are given to believe that it is well worth joining if you are not already members.

South West Counties Allotments Association swc.aa@virgin.net have also done a good deal on insurance for one of our clients.

This advice is given in good faith after talking to our existing clients. We can accept no liability for its accuracy

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