



# Support your community with funding up to £1,000

Veolia's EnviroGrant Scheme in Staffordshire



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# EnviroGrant Scheme

- Q1.** Does your group or society make a positive difference to your environment and/or community within Staffordshire?
- Q2.** Does your group or society make your local community and environment a better place to live and visit?
- Q3.** Would your group or society benefit from financial support in order to continue the good work you do in your local community?



If you answer 'yes' to these questions, then Veolia might be able to help with our EnviroGrant Scheme.

## **Q. What is the EnviroGrant Scheme run by Veolia in Staffordshire?**

**A.** The Staffordshire EnviroGrant Scheme has been set up by Veolia in partnership with Staffordshire County Council to help local people improve their environment and/or community with grants of up to £1,000.

The EnviroGrant is a fund for the following types of projects or Schemes:

- Those which contribute to the protection or improvement of the local environment, either via practical action or promotion and education.
- Those which improve the quality of life for the local community, by providing new facilities or improving those already in existence.

## **Q. Who can apply for EnviroGrant funding?**

**A.** The EnviroGrant is available for properly constituted, not-for-profit local organisations and includes charities, voluntary and community groups, forums, sports teams, societies and schools. Your team, group or society must be based and work within Staffordshire.

## **Q. What can the EnviroGrant fund?**

**A.** Funding can be granted for a variety of projects and activities including promotion and marketing, education and awareness raising, practical equipment and running costs.

## **Q. How much money can the EnviroGrant Scheme award?**

**A.** The fund is aimed at projects requiring up to £1,000. We have a limited amount of money available and consequently applications can only be made to the Scheme once per calendar year.

Funding is at the discretion of Veolia and Staffordshire County Council. The amount granted will be paid directly to your organisation by cheque.

## **Q. How does my group apply for EnviroGrant funding?**

**A.** The EnviroGrant application form must be fully completed. All applications must be supported by detailed quotes for any planned work, material purchases and/or detailed breakdowns of other planned expenditure. We will contact you to request scanned copies of the quotes once we process your application.

Grants will be awarded twice a year. Please apply before the end of April for grants to be awarded in June and before the end of October for grants to be awarded in December. A panel with representatives from Staffordshire County Council and Veolia will review applications and will decide the funding of projects one month after the closing date.

## **Q. Will my group be involved in publicity?**

**A.** Veolia would like to promote projects to which EnviroGrant funding is awarded, as well as the Scheme itself. If your application is successful, we will require you to complete a publicity information form, which we will send to you.

# Examples of projects which have received EnviroGrant funding in other parts of the country



## The NICE project

The NICE project in Moseley, supports people with Cerebral Palsy and their families. They have used the funds to pay for a pre-school aged child to access one term of the conductive education they run. The sessions help children with movement disabilities develop their strength and movement skills.



## Community Interest Company

The new Community Interest Company based at Highfield Hall in Hall Green, Birmingham used their funding to buy a ride on lawn mower and tools to maintain the outdoor space, which is used for yoga sessions, community events and local fairs. Robina Iqbal, Director of the Community Club said of the work:

*“The equipment will help maintain our green areas. It’s an essential grant for us, without it, we wouldn’t be able to afford to keep the outdoor areas looked after. The area is used a lot by a wide span of ages and interests.”*



## Friends of Apley Woods

The group received a £1,000 grant which gave the Forgotten Triangle project the support needed to get started on what has grown to be an inspiring project. By creating a dead hedge and building various animal shelters, the project has provided a habitat for many wild species. The project has involved many local children, volunteers, local businesses and community groups. The long-term impact of educating and involving so many local people will continue beyond the hands-on elements of the project. The project has been an inspiration to other local groups who are now working with Friends of Apley Woods to develop similar projects.

## How the grants help

### Knowle Road allotments:

“With our funding from Veolia we purchased a rotavator and promoted our allotments to members of the local community. Since the funding our allotments are now at full capacity with 25 plots rented this year. **Our funding from Veolia has also enabled us to obtain a grant from Children in Need of £10,000.**”



## Q. What are the terms and conditions?

A. The following terms and conditions apply to all funding grants. They must be accepted before a cheque can be issued.

1. Acknowledgement of Veolia and Staffordshire County Council and the funding award must be made on all promotional material associated with the project. We will provide logos electronically for this purpose.
2. A member of staff from Veolia and Staffordshire County Council must be allowed to visit the project or to see project activities as reasonably requested.
3. Projects must be located within Staffordshire.
4. Projects must require £1,000 funding or less from Veolia.
5. To receive funding, groups must be properly constituted and not-for-profit.
6. Projects will be evaluated against their benefits to the local Staffordshire environment or community.
7. Funding will only be awarded for new projects and not retrospectively.

## Interested? Get in touch!

For further information and an application form, please get in touch using the contact details below or use the contact us facility on our website.

Veolia can supply the details of this document in large print. Please contact us if required.

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