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There are grants and funds available that will fund projects within schools – either for school gardening or outdoor learning projects or for encouraging re-use and recycling. Below is a list of grants that you may want to apply for to fund your projects. You may find further funding opportunities through websites like [Grants4Schools](#) or the [GRIN](#) website. [Devon Funding News](#) also contains lots of information.

Awards for All - Big Lottery Fund	
	Awards for All offers grants of between £300-£10,000 for projects that benefit the community.
B&Q Community Re-use Scheme	
	The B&Q Community Re-use Scheme donates unsellable products and materials (slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, broken tiles etc.) for reuse by local schools.
Co-op Local Community Fund	
	Co-op's Local Community Fund allows members get 1% of everything they spend on Co-op products to give to a local cause that matters to them. Your school can apply to be one of these causes for the next round of funding, running from March to September 2017. Grants considered are up to £2,500.
Esmee Fairburn Foundation	
	Esmee Fairburn Foundation supports organisations on different themes. One of which is ' Connecting people with Nature '. Grants can range from £5,000 to £1.5m and can cover projects or core costs, including staff salaries and overheads.
Funding from Devon County Councillors	
	Each of the 62 Devon County Councillors has a locality budget fund of £10,000. They can, if they wish, make grants to support projects or activities that benefit the communities they represent - this includes schools. If you are interested in accessing this fund, then contact your County Councillor directly.

Greggs Foundation Environmental Grant	
	<p>The Environmental Grants programme aims to improve people’s lives by improving the environment. An example of one of the community initiatives they will fund is ‘a growing project in a local primary school.’ The maximum amount they will award is £2,000.</p>
Learning through Landscapes - Local School Nature Grants Programme	
	<p>The Learning through Landscapes grants provide an assortment of nature equipment up to the value of £500 and a two hour training session. The packages are customisable, enabling schools to choose from a menu of items which best suit their learners and their setting.</p>
Devon Gardens Trust	
	<p>Devon Gardens Trust offers grants of up to £2,000 each to help projects involving parks and gardens in the County. Applications may be submitted at any time using the form found online.</p>
The Devon Educational Trust	
	<p>The Devon Educational Trust are a small charity helping young people in Devon. Grants of up to £500 are available and applications are welcomed from individuals under 25 resident in Devon or voluntary organisations, in particular helping young people in care or who are emotionally disturbed, ill and neglected.</p>
The Naturesave Trust	
	<p>The Naturesave Trust are a Totnes based insurance company who give small grants to environmental projects. Previously funded schemes include beehives, pond lining, solar panels and compost bins; amounts range from £200 to £1500.</p>
The Southern Co-operative Love Your Neighbourhood Fund	
	<p>The Southern Co-operative Love Your Neighbourhood Fund offers grants from £50 to £1,000, to help projects get started or to purchase equipment.</p>

Tesco Bags of Help Grant	
	<p>The Bags of Help grant is a rolling grant scheme funded by Tesco customers through the carrier bag charge. It supports projects that deliver a physical environmental improvement or encourage use and long-term sustainability of outdoor spaces e.g. school grounds.</p>
WHSmith Trust Community Grants	
	<p>The WHSmith Trust Community Grants makes donations to hundreds of schools across the UK and funds large scale literacy projects. Any grants should therefore be used to promote literacy and a love of reading.</p>
Devon Education Fund	
	<p>Every year over £50,000 is made available by Devon County Council and Babcock LDP to fund programmes or projects that will benefit learners in Devon aged between 0 and 25 years old. Schools, organisations and educational projects are all invited to apply.</p>
School Farmers Markets	
	<p>The Soil Association have resources available to help schools run their own Farmers Markets. This gives members of the local community the opportunity to purchase local food, crafts and produce. Schools can make an estimated £300-£400 profit, while children can learn from the experience. Children can learn about food production while raising money for the school and helping the local community source local food.</p>
RGB Community Fund	
	<p>RGB Building Supplies offer up to £1000 worth of building supplies to a project local to one of its depots. With branches across Devon, from Bideford to Holsworthy, Ilfracombe to Exmouth, there is likely to be one fairly close to your school.</p>

Rotary Club	
	The Rotary Club often support local good causes with grants. Check out their website to find the nearest branch to apply to.
Lions Club	
	Lions Club International will sometimes support local environmental projects. Find your local club and write to them to ask for funding.
Round Table	
	Local Round Table groups are often very supportive of small projects in their communities. Check the website to find your nearest branch to write to ask for help.
Dartmoor Communities Fund	
	Is your school on Dartmoor? You might be able to get money from the Dartmoor National Park Communities Fund . Check out their website to see if your project qualifies.
Coastal Communities Fund	
	Coastal Recycling have over £300,000 every year to award to local community projects, close to their facilities. Check out the website to see if you qualify and find out how to apply.
The Ernest Cook Trust	
	The Ernest Cook Trust is an educational charity and our vision is for an environmentally engaged society. All grants awarded from 2019 will be for environmental education projects, outdoor learning and 'learning from the land'.
The CAF Tourle Foundation Fund	
	The Tourle Foundation Fund has a £4.5 million budget available for distribution to local charitable organisations delivering services for local people across the UK over the next 10 years.

Tap Water Awards	
	<p>Tap Water Awards is a grants programme that aims to help schools provide access to mains drinking water on campus while reducing the use of plastic bottled waters. Grants are available for between £300 and £3,000. Schools, colleges and universities can apply. If you are interested in applying please read through the Tapwater guidelines. If your project meets our criteria contact tapwater to see if there is a grant available.</p>
Wilko Helping Hands Programme	
	<p>Every Wilko store has a budget to give a little helping hand to local groups and community projects. You could get Wilko gift cards, products or volunteers to help with whatever you're doing for your community – whether it's a raffle prize to help with fund raising or tins of paint and extra helpers to do up a community centre – they'd love to help you! Apply by filling in a form which you can pick up from the store or download online. Applications are reviewed at the end of every month.</p>
Garfield Weston Foundation	
	<p>Founded by a famous Canadian philanthropist, MP, biscuit producer and owner of Fortnum & Mason, the Garfield Weston Foundation donated its billionth pound in 2019. A consistent theme of the Foundation since its inception in 1958 has been the importance placed on the support for education, from small local projects such as reading schemes and after school clubs, to major institutions such as universities.</p>



Fundraising Ideas

Below are some great ways to reduce waste whilst fundraising for the school. There is potential to link these events to the curriculum by getting the kids involved in planning and organising them.

Table Top Sales

You can promote Table top sales as a fantastic opportunity to clear out the house!

- Encourage parents to donate their bric-a-brac and outgrown clothes.
- Allow time for volunteers to sort donations into categories ready for the sale day.
- On the day make sure all items can be seen clearly with price tags on show.

Clothes Swishing

Similar to table top or bring and buy sales, but without the price tags. Not everyone has to give in order to take! See <http://www.recycledevon.org/clothes-swaps> for more details.

- Organise for the donations "Drop-off" to start before the event officially opens and to end 1 hour before the event finishes.
- Consider asking for entry or donations on the door.
- 2 hours is usually long enough for the "taking" part of the event.
- Ask some of your volunteers to run a coffee and cake stand alongside to increase the amount raised.
- Up the ante and make it an evening event, with a free glass of wine or prosecco included in the entry price, maybe with some extra pampering stalls – haircuts, nails, etc.

Uniform Swap

School uniform is often quickly outgrown, this can lead to uniform that is in good condition being thrown away.

Perhaps running a Give and Take especially for uniforms could help reduce the amount of uniform going to waste! Or emphasise its presence at your Give and Take day by having a clothing rail dedicated to just uniform!

Textile Recycling

Did you know there are multiple companies set up that will pay for your unwanted textiles?

Textiles can include clothes, curtains, bedding, shoes, bags, and soft toys.

Companies will pay a set price per kilogram of textiles collected, however, it is often worth shopping around to find the best price. Perhaps if you have some clothes lying around after your Table top sale/Give and Take/Uniform Swap, you could organise to get them recycled and earn those extra £££'s.

Here are some companies you could arrange to do your textile recycling with:

Bag 2 School

Rags to Riches Schools

Ecokids



The Salvation Army

Each company will work in a slightly different way, but as an example if you were to choose Bag 2 School, here is how it works:

- You promote your collection through posters and letters home.
- Bag 2 School provides clothing bags for children to take home.
- You arrange a collection day with Bag 2 School and get all clothes bags to be brought in on that day to avoid storage problems.
- The driver will weigh and load the bags.
- You will receive your payment within the week!

Other easy ways to raise funds

Ink Cartridge and Mobile Phone Recycling.

Instead of throwing away used ink cartridges, why not sign up to have them recycled? Companies such as [Empties Please](#) have school recycling schemes already set up!

With new phones coming out every year there is an increasing need for phone recycling. [Forgotten Mobile](#) is a company that works alongside schools providing phone recycling, they also recycle CDs/DVDs, jewellery and foreign currency! Every phone/CD and DVD has a value, so get collecting now!

Promoting

Don't forget to promote your event, this will make a massive difference to the amount you raise.

Parents need plenty of time to plan clearing out the house and organise getting the stuff they have found into school.

Send letters home, use posters around the school, get the kids excited and talking about it!

Perhaps encourage the children by awarding the class who bring in the most donations a non-school uniform day.