

Enovert Community Trust

The Post-Covid Church

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham and
the Anglican Dioceses of Hereford, Worcester,
Birmingham, Coventry & Lichfield

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Landfill Tax & the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF)

- Landfill Tax became effective 1 Oct 1996
- Objectives – minimisation of waste, reduce landfill disposal, encourage sustainable waste management
- Currently £86.10 per tonne for household waste, and £2.70 per tonne for inert waste; started at £7
- Designed to help mitigate the effects of landfill on local communities and to encourage partnerships between Landfill Operators, their local communities and the voluntary and public sectors
- LCF – allows landfill operators to contribute up to 5.3% of tax liability to Environmental Bodies
- 10% of total contribution comes from Landfill Operator or 3rd party

Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) and Environmental Bodies

- Environmental Bodies (EBs) can be established to receive and distribute landfill tax credits (Distributive EBs) or an individual organisation (eg a church) can become an EB if its constitution fits within the remit of the LCF
- EB must be registered with regulatory body ENTRUST before it can receive tax credits from Landfill Operators
- Projects funded must comply with the Objects of the Landfill Tax Regulations
- Projects must be located within 10 miles of a landfill site
- Each individual project funded through the scheme must also be approved, registered and audited by ENTRUST, the scheme's regulator

Project Categories

- A Remediation of Contaminated Land
- B Prevention of Pollution
- D Community Infrastructure Improvement Schemes
- DA... Biodiversity Conservation
- E Restoration of the Built Environment, Historic or Religious Buildings

NB: Categories C and CC, which related to Research & Development, Education towards Sustainable Waste Management & Recycling, and the Development of Products from Waste and Markets for Recycled Material were removed from the scheme in 2003

Category D, DA and E

- Disabled facilities in village hall or church (D)
- Re-ordering of a church to make it more useful to the community (D)
- Restoration work on a church (E)
- New central heating system (D or E)
- Conversion of a vestry or unused entrance into a galley kitchen (D)
- Provision of a community garden in church grounds (D)
- Management of a graveyard to enhance its biodiversity(DA)



Landfill Communities Fund - IMPACT

- Since 1996 £1.7bn has been spent on more than 68,000 projects
- In the last five years, over 40,000 projects looking to improve community amenities such as village halls, play grounds, footpaths and parks, or create new ones, were awarded a total of over £958m
- Enovert/Cory Environmental has contributed over £70 million through the scheme since its inception

About Enover Community Trust - ECT

- Originally called Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB)
- Formed in 2003
- Currently four but soon to be seven Trustees
- Constitution enables ECT to fund registered projects throughout the UK
- Funds projects within 10 miles of Enover's operations in Himley (Dudley), Walsall, Colchester, Bristol, Sevenoaks, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Weston-super-Mare and Cirencester

ECT in the Midlands...

- Since 2005 CETB/ECT has funded around 40 church-related projects within ten miles of Himley and Highfields Landfill Sites
- Total value of projects in the area is just over £1m to date
- Projects have included extensions to church centres, upgrades to heating systems, restoration of roof and church fabric, re-modelling of entrances and toilet refurbishment.

Examples of local projects...

Roof Repairs and Fire Safety Improvements at Kingsway Church, Wombourne



Local examples...

Community Hall Improvement Programme, St Joseph's RC Church, Wolverhampton



Local examples

St Martin's Community Church Hall Refurbishment, St Martin's Church, Wolverhampton



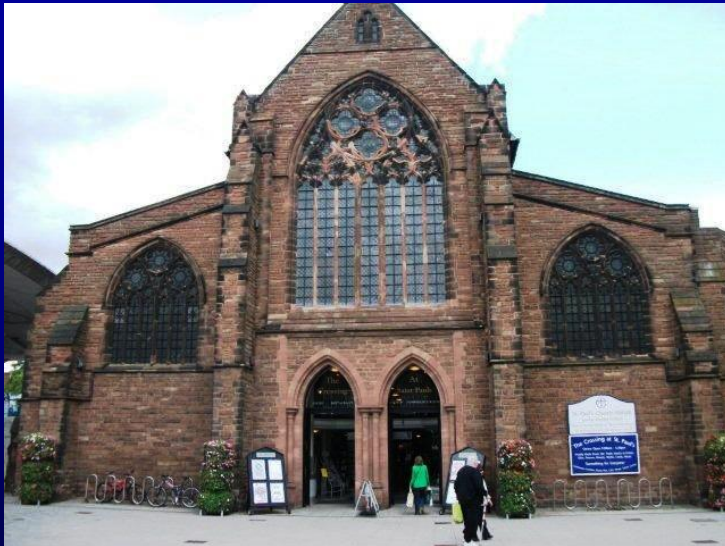
Local examples...

The Lighthouse Centre, Dudley Community Church



Local examples...

**St Paul's at The Crossing
Roof Repairs, St Paul's
Church of England PCC,
Walsall/Church Links
Walsall**



Making an application to ECT

- Start with a phone call to check that your project is eligible for funding and that you are requesting a sensible grant size
- Make sure that your project is sufficiently advanced before submission (eg planning permission/Faculty in place, fundraising well advanced for large projects)
- Demonstrate a strong need case eg letters of support, public consultation, user numbers
- Consider what supporting documents will help illustrate your application

Making an application to ECT

- If project is large, identify an element of the project with which ECT can be identified
- Maximum grant size is in region of £50k
- Project must be in a position to deliver within six months of grant award
- Photos are an effective way of bringing your project to life
- Don't provide too much information and make sure what you do provide is relevant

Application Process

- Applicant submits application to ECT
- Project papers assessed at Trust meeting held every four months
- If supported by Trustees, project is registered with ENTRUST, if applicant not an EB
- Legal agreements drafted and signed between ECT and applicant/landowner
- Funding tranches agreed
- PR programme to support project agreed

Project Progress

- Collection of 10% 3rd party contribution
- Project starts, sometimes with opening ceremony
- Applicant keeps ECT informed of project progress, at least quarterly
- ECT or EB keeps ENTRUST informed of progress
- Tranche payments can be made on submission of report, including invoices and photos
- Project completion – PR activity as appropriate

Common mistakes...

- Grant request too large (max £50k)
- Overall project large with no discernable element with which ECT can be associated
- Fundraising yet to commence
- Works already undertaken – ECT cannot fund retrospectively
- Organisation not eligible
- Permissions, such as Faculty/planning, not in place
- Outside of area
- Insufficient general public access (minimum of four evenings or two days/week totalling 104 days per year)
- Timescale for delivery too long (must commence within six months and have delivered within two years)

Ongoing relationship...

- ECT is required to keep an 'Asset Register' which lists all items funded by Landfill Tax Credits
- Length of time on register depends on the value of the asset that has been funded
- ECT will contact or visit project once a year until asset is removed from register to ensure compliance with Agreement
- Multiple applications for funds are considered, however, ECT is very oversubscribed so this is taken into account with subsequent applications

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