

## Sources of funding for LBAPs

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It can be a challenge to find out about potential funders. Commercial websites such as [funderfinder](http://funderfinder.org.uk) or [grantfinder](http://grantfinder.co.uk) can help – ask around to find out if your partners already have access to these services.

[www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk) [www.grantfinder.co.uk](http://www.grantfinder.co.uk).

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English Nature's Tommorrow's Heathland Heritage Programme had to compromise with respect to the mandatory access component specified by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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Very few funders will pay for processes (e.g. an LBAP Officer). They tend to favour projects actually delivering outcomes as opposed to 'process' centred projects.

Funders will look more favourably on a proposal which seems to be led demand from below, e.g. from clients or a local community, rather than by corporate policy.

The preference of many funders for a proposal based on finite projects with a clear goal or end-point fits well with many BAP targets.

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Funders will look for proposals which have a value to them.  
Beware of fixed views and think creatively – e.g. funders will not pay for feasibility studies, but they may fund development planning.

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Many funds are under-subscribed.  
Many are strictly limited in what they can support by the rules of their fund.  
Tips – proposals based on benefits to human communities have a better chance of success, e.g. 'reconnecting people and nature'; it is often advantageous to apply to a fund in its early stages.

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Very few funds will meet 100% of a project's costs; the landfill tax is a rare exception.

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