Funding Ideas

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Funding Background

- BEACON formed 2010
- Funding from DEFRA in 2012 – for three years
- Funding from UU, EA and Ernest Cook Trust
- Funding ceased in 2016
- Joined Mersey Rivers Trust 2017
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Grant Funds

NCVO newsletter and funding updates
www.fundingcentral.org.uk/

Local Voluntary Service funding updates

Open grant funds such as Postcode Lottery, The Fore Trust, Ernest Cook Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Landfill tax, concrete/construction tax

Plastic bag funds in supermarkets
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Environment Agency Funds

WEIF Fund
FIP Fund – around September time for submission but can submit projects throughout the year

WEG Fund – has now passed but may be other similar schemes in the future

Can put projects onto medium term plans – must fill out a mandate and will be scored against other projects. Talk to your Catchment Co-Ordinator
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Environment Agency Funds
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Local Government Funds

Section 106 Funding
Under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, contributions can be sought from developers towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure, the need for which has arisen as a result of a new development taking place.

Community Infrastructure Levy Funding
The Community Infrastructure Levy is a tool for local authorities in England and Wales to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of the area. Can tag INNS projects onto this were need treating in areas infrastructure will be developed.

Make enquiries through local authority. Project would have to be in area being impacted by development.
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**Partnership Working**

Can provide funding when working in partnership e.g National Trust Riverlands or EA funding kit and training

Join local Catchment Partnership:
https://catchmentbasedapproach.org/get-involved/

Share projects and costs with local partners/Steering Group Members
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Fundraising!!

Set up Go Fund Me or Indiegogo page

Have small fundraising events

Charge nominal fee for members, entry to or participation in activities e.g tea tent or art activities
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Fundraising!!!

Save the Bollin

The Bollin is a wonderful little river that runs through rural Cheshire. It’s becoming blighted by huge invasive weeds. We’re trying to save it’s ecosystem.

Richard Blears
East Cheshire, United Kingdom
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£760 GBP raised
15% of £5,000 flexible goal

FUNDING

£760 GBP raised
15%

ENVIROMENT

Ended
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Landowners

Work with landowners to get them to cover the costs of work done on their land. Set up a donation scheme.
INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PROGRAMME 2018

2018 was the first year that staff and volunteers from BEACON and our partner organisations had the capacity to be able to control Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed in Lymm and Dunham. This is just a brief round-up to let you know how we got on and our plans for next year.

VOLUNTEERS...
In March 2018, eleven volunteers were trained to undertake their spraying qualifications, PA1, PA6 and PASA/W. This training was funded by the Environment Agency, who were also able to provide our newly trained recruits with protective clothing, visors and sprayers. As our volunteers were trained at the end of March, it meant that we were unable to start work until May. A little late in the season but we soon caught up.

SPRAYING...
From May to July 200 hours were spent on spraying Giant Hogweed. Groups of sprayers were sent out to tackle different sections of the Bollin. This work, coupled with work other landowners were doing, meant for the first time ever, we had complete coverage of the Bollin from Lymm to Styal where the first Giant Hogweed plants are found. This is important as Giant Hogweed seeds are dispersed downstream and it is important to tackle these plants along the whole watercourse.

INJECTING...
From September to November, what felt like acres of Japanese Knotweed were then tackled. Volunteers spent 150 hours cutting and injecting individual stems. Working in this way also means that the plants take the chemicals straight down into the roots as it begins to overwinter, and no other plants are affected by the herbicide. Again, we were able to tackle huge stands that had not previously been touched.

250 FULL KNAPSACKS SPRAYED
6 Km OF RIVER SPRAYED/INJECTED
98 LITRES OF CHEMICAL USED
350 HOURS SPENT CONTROLLING INVASIVES IN THIS AREA

THANK YOU...
Every landowner involved in the Control Work Programme this year donated towards the cost of having this work done. Many said that it was good value and cheaper than employing contractors or undertaking the work themselves. It has enabled us to buy chemicals, some replacement kit, and do far more work than we could have done otherwise. So thank you all!

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Thank You

Website: www.merseyriverstrust.org