

Sustainable Development Fund



Frequently asked questions

What is the East Devon AONB Sustainable Development Fund?

The Sustainable Development Fund provides discretionary financial support to local initiatives and projects that can demonstrate a commitment to enhancing our local area.

What kinds of projects does the fund support?

Projects must demonstrate support and involvement of communities, business or environmental interests within the AONB.

The fund has enabled a wide range of projects to be delivered including wildlife initiatives, school projects, restoring village features and supporting local festivals.

Do projects have to be based within the East Devon AONB?

Applicants do not have to be located within the East Devon AONB, but must be able to demonstrate a tangible benefit to the AONB and deliver AONB management strategy objectives.

Is there a maximum amount that can be applied for?

The maximum level of grant that can be applied for is £4,000

Will the SDF fund projects in full?

For all projects applying to the SDF fund a 'percentage contribution' is required. The percentage level differs depending on who 'owns' the project.

- For charities or community groups, 75% of the project total is available as funding - meaning you will have to show a 25% cash or 'in kind' value to put towards the total amount for your application
- For all other applicants, 50% contribution is available - meaning you will have to show a 50% cash value or 'in kind' contribution to match your application amount.

When can we apply?

You can apply at any time, but the project must be financially complete before 1 March 2018.