

**Editor's notes:**

**Valencia Communities Fund** seeks applications from not-for-profit groups and organisations and community groups. Applications can be made for projects that fall into one of six categories (below), provided that the project is located within 10 miles of an active landfill site or transfer station in Scotland. The categories include:

- Provision or improvement of a public amenity;
- The conservation or promotion of biological diversity through:
  - the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat, or
  - the maintenance or recovery of a species or its habitat on land or water
- Maintenance, repair or restoration of a building, other structure or a site of architectural interest provided it offers public access.

Valencia Communities Fund is looking for further projects to fund located within 10 miles of active landfill sites and transfer stations.

Applicants can visit [www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk](http://www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk), call 01823 476476, or email [enquiries@valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk).

Valencia Communities Fund is an Approved Body in Scotland and an independent charity.

**Landfill Tax and the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund**

Every tonne of waste that is collected by landfill operators is subject to Landfill Tax. This tax came into effect in 1996 as a way to encourage local authorities and landfill operators to reuse, reprocess or recycle as much waste as possible before it reaches landfill. The collection of this tax was devolved to Scotland in 2015.

Included in the Landfill Tax Act was the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund, a scheme that allows LOs to donate a percentage of their Landfill Tax liability to an enrolled Approved Body. The Approved Body uses this funding to support a wide range of community, heritage and environmental projects in the vicinity of landfill sites through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

The Scottish Landfill Communities Fund is regulated by SEPA on behalf of Revenue Scotland.

For further information, please visit [www.SEPA.org.uk](http://www.SEPA.org.uk) or see Revenue Scotland's general guide to Landfill Tax