



Landfill Disposals Tax Community Scheme (LDTCS)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Landfill Disposals Tax Community Scheme?

The Scheme will support projects that benefit the communities in areas affected by being near (5mile radius) to a designated landfill or waste transfer/treatment station.

Applications must demonstrate strong community benefit and impact under one of the following three categories:

- Biodiversity
- Waste Minimisation and diversion of waste to landfill
- Wider environmental enhancement

2. How do I find out whether my project is within the eligible radius of a designated landfill site?

All applicants are strongly advised to thoroughly read through the information provided on WCVAs LDTCS web pages. One of the webpages has an [interactive map](#) which potential applicants can use to check if their location is within an eligible area.

Before development of the interactive map, a static map was included into the guidance. Applicants must use the online map, on the WCVA webpage, to check eligibility as this maps the sites using the most up to date data. It is possible that the eligible areas will change from year to year if their status changes.

3. My area is on the static map but not the online map, why is this?

The static map was produced during the consultation process, prior to the launch of the scheme. It used the most up to date information at the time. As landfill sites close or waste transfer stations reduce their tonnage to landfill per year, this will result in the area surrounding no longer being an eligible one under LDTCS. All applicants must check their eligibility using the [online map](#), from here you will get a site reference number for the site which your project is nearest to, you will need this to select in the eTenderWales application from.

4. There is a waste transfer/treatment station or a landfill site in my area but it is not on the map, why is this?

Only sites which send 2,000 tonnes of waste to landfill per annum are included in the scheme. There may be a facility near to you that operates below this level and therefore will not be included as an eligible area. If a site has recently become non-operational then it is likely that it will not be included in the scheme.

5. Why is the Landfill Disposals Tax Community Scheme in Wales only open to projects within a 5mile radius of a landfill site or waste transfer/treatment site?

Geographical coverage was discussed at consultation workshops held by Welsh Government, some attendees of the workshops felt living 10 miles away from a landfill site had little impact on those communities. This was also discussed at length in the Assembly during the Bill process. Welsh Government sought a compromise in reducing the radius to 5 miles, but expanded the areas to include transfer stations, which had previously been excluded from the scheme. Welsh Government also agreed to develop a pragmatic approach for biodiversity projects, so those strong project applications slightly outside the 5mile radius would not automatically be rejected; this is based on the recognition that conservation or enhancement of biodiversity has transboundary impact.

6. Can I apply if my project is on school or college grounds?

If you are within an eligible area, you may still be able to apply. Applicants must demonstrate that their project will benefit the wider community. If your project will improve facilities or make contributions to biodiversity and the environment in areas with open access to the wider community, then you may apply to the fund.

7. Is match funding required?

LDTCS can fund up to 100% of project costs, although we welcome applications for funding as part of a bigger project. At application stage, applicants stating that they have secured match funding will need to provide evidence of this and show their project costs as part of the wider project, within their project profile. Applications will be accepted where match funding confirmation is pending, with the expectation that the funding confirmation will be provided before the first grant payment is made.

8. Can Local Authorities apply?

The scheme is open to all sectors, so yes. However, applications from public bodies for activities that fall within their statutory responsibilities under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 or the Waste (Wales) Measure 2010 will not be considered.

9. Can I still apply if not all of the activity will be within an eligible area?

This is possible, and applications will be considered on a case by case basis. Applicants will need to demonstrate the entire impact of their project and detail the proportion of activity within the eligible area. Partial funding may be awarded to these projects. Specifically, for projects which applying under the biodiversity theme, projects will again be considered on a case by case. LDTCS may award full funding if it is demonstrated that the project will benefit an eligible area as it is recognised that biodiversity conservation and enhancement is transboundary in impact.

If none of your project's activity falls within an eligible area, unfortunately it will not be eligible for funding.

10. My project's activity will be slightly out of the eligible area; can I still apply?

If your project's activity takes place outside the eligible area, but some or all of the effects will directly benefit the area, your project would be eligible for consideration. For example, if, under the 'wider environmental enhancement' theme you applied for funding to improve community facilities that were based outside of the eligible area but were the only ones available for use by people living in that eligible area. In this example, we would expect you to tell us the whole cost of the improvements but to only apply for funding to cover the proportion of the total that was the equivalent of the people living in the eligible area against the total number of people that would benefit.

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