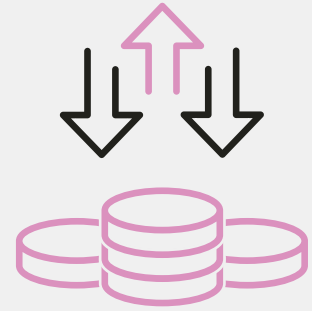




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No direct financial support is currently available from Wiltshire Council, but we will organise and pay for the independent examination of the draft neighbourhood plan and the referendum.

The cost of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan varies greatly, and will depend on the aspirations, level of consultation, evidence gathering and the scope and complexity of the proposed plan.

## Government funding and support

Once you have successfully designated your Neighbourhood Plan Area, you can access grants and technical support packages through Locality. They provide support to neighbourhood planning groups on behalf of the government.

The types of grant funding available, are:

- Basic grant funding (up to £10,000)
- Additional grant funding (up to £8,000)

All groups undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan are allowed to apply for the basic grant.

An additional grant is available to groups who qualify by meeting eligibility criteria (e.g. allocating sites for housing or proposing to include design codes in their Neighbourhood Plan).

Technical Support can be applied for in the same application. This is available for groups facing more complex issues in developing their Neighbourhood Plan. It is awarded as a technical work package and is in addition to the grant funding. This includes professional support and advice on technical or process issues, such as Strategic Environmental Assessment. It is delivered free of charge to groups who qualify by meeting the eligibility criteria (e.g. allocating sites for housing).

Further information on the type of funding, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and how to apply is available on Locality's website:

[www.neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/](http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org/about/grant-funding/)

The Locality website also provides lots of information, advice and peer support to help with the process of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. You can use this in addition to our own suite of Neighbourhood Planning guidance documents and toolkits.

## Big lottery funding

The National Lottery Awards for All England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for community projects. Applications can be submitted at any time. More information is available here:

[www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/)



## Parish precept

The parish precept (the parish council's share of the council tax) is an option for parish and town councils as it can be increased to do a particular piece of work, such as a Neighbourhood Plan.

## Sponsorship

A local business or developer may be willing to fund specific elements. For example, a local shop might pay for the photocopying of materials in exchange for acknowledgement on the printed materials.

## Non-financial support

Support does not necessarily have to be financial. Local businesses and organisations may be able to offer the free use of meeting rooms or provide voluntary or reduced fee technical advice. Just be careful that this is not offered on the basis that it will influence the content of your Neighbourhood Plan.



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