

Funding Advice

Setting up and maintaining a Riverfly monitoring group involves expenses such as buying equipment, hiring a tutor, hiring a venue for training, and buying training packs. This page provides advice about how to secure funding for your Riverfly group.

Grants

- A number of water companies have provided funds to Riverfly groups, as the work done by Riverfly volunteers helps to monitor water quality in the area. To find your local water supplier, go to water.org.uk/customers/find-your-supplier.
- Funding has also been available to Riverfly groups through local Catchment Partnerships under the Catchment Based Approach (CaBA). Find your catchment at catchmentbasedapproach.org/get-involved and follow the link to find the relevant contact information.
- Some groups have also received funds from their local county/parish councils and other interested groups, e.g. local angling groups may be interested in taking part and may have a pot of money from which they could contribute financially.
- Some groups have successfully secured funding by applying to [the National Lottery's Awards for All programme](#).
- Grant-finding sites can be used to seek out grants available to environmental community groups. You could try looking at the following: [Wild Ideas](#), [Grants Online](#), [GrantFinder](#).
- The Resource Centre provides guidance on writing a funding application [here](#).
- If you require a [letter of support](#) from the Riverfly Partnership for your grant application, please drop us an e-mail at info@riverflies.org and we would be happy to help.

Fundraising platforms

Some RMI groups have used fundraising websites such as [GoFundMe](#) and [Crowdfunder](#). On these, you can set up a page with a fundraising target, and anyone can contribute towards it.

You'll need to spread the word about it. Members of your group can share it with friends and family, and you can share it via newsletters/noticeboards and on social media — local Facebook groups are a good place to do this, especially if there are any with an environmental theme. Make sure you explain how Riverfly monitoring can benefit the area, so that local people who care about their river will want to donate.

Speak to your nearest Hub Coordinator

There are Riverfly 'Hubs' throughout the country, which may coordinate their own monitors, or act as a coordination centre for multiple monitoring groups in the area. Even if you are not explicitly part of a Hub, you could contact your nearest Hub to enquire how other RMI groups in your area have been funded — they may be aware of local funding initiatives that you could apply for. There is a map of Hubs at riverflies.org/become-a-monitor.