

Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding Criteria

We fund improvements to natural habitats and our vision is for a healthy environment where native species can thrive.

When considering your application, our Trustees will want to see that your project:

Protects and enhances biodiversity and natural habitats

- Your project will increase biodiversity at the project site.
- The delivery of this project will not damage or destroy natural habitats.

Inspires the creation of a sustainable carbon neutral space

- The project will reduce the carbon footprint of the site.
- You will be working towards goals to make the project site carbon neutral.


Promotes community action and wellbeing

- You need to have consulted everyone who uses the project site (current and potential) who will benefit from this project.
- Ensure the results of the consultation are included in the project aims.
- You will, where possible, make use of volunteers to deliver the project.
- Volunteering opportunities will increase as a result of this project.

Is inclusive and accessible to everyone and anyone to use

- The project actively encourages greater use by all members of the general public, from different cultures, religions, ages, genders, backgrounds and disabilities from accessing and using the site.

 We will consider funding

 We won't consider funding

Organisation

- ✓ an application **must** be from an Environmental Body (EB) enrolled with [ENTRUST](#)
- ✓ an application from an organisation which:
 - ✓ is charitable and operated on a not-for-profit basis
 - ✓ is constituted, with a set of signed [governing documents](#)
 - ✓ has been established for a minimum of two years
 - ✓ has a minimum of two directors, trustees or committee members who are not related to each other
 - ✓ does not financially benefit directors, trustees, members
- ✓ an organisation that accepts any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost (see details below*)

- x an application from an organisation which is not an Environmental Body (EB) already enrolled with ENTRUST at the time of application

Project Site

- ✓ a project which will take place on a single site - please use our online [Postcode Checker](#)
- ✓ a project resulting in structural improvements to a single site e.g. woodland, nature reserve, waterway
- ✓ all permissions (e.g. Environment Agency) in place at the time of application
- ✓ the named applicant organisation is the landowner (we will ask for evidence of ownership or
- ✓ the named Applicant Organisation holds a Lease with the landowner, with at least **seven** years of the term remaining (we will ask for a copy of the lease at application stage)

- x a project which takes places on multiple sites
- x the purchase of land

Project Registration

- ✓ a project which is already registered under [Object DA](#) with ENTRUST, at the time of application
you will need to upload the project details you submitted to ENTRUST and approval letter to your grant application form
- x an application from an organisation which has not already received project approval from ENTRUST

Project Costs

- ✓ physical improvement works which will result in habitat improvements and/or increase in biodiversity
- ✓ staff costs which directly relate to completing the physical improvements at the project site (e.g. Volunteer management)
- ✓ equipment required for project delivery
- x EB overheads and site running costs (e.g. staff salaries, rent and maintenance fees)

Timescale

- ✓ a project that will physically start within four months of being awarded a grant
- ✓ a project that will complete within 12 months of its start date
- x a project that forms part of a larger project
- x a project that has already started or is anticipated to start before formal agreements are signed
- x no more than one application per project site will be considered in a 12 month period
 - o if you have previously received funding from us, you cannot apply until 12 months after your final payment date
 - o if you have applied previously and your application was withdrawn prior to a decision by our Trustees, please contact us to see if you are eligible to reapply

Finance

- ✓ a grant application requesting between £10,000 and £75,000
- ✓ a project with a total cost of no more than £350,000
- ✓ a project where the 10% CTP payment* has been secured, which is required to release the grant
- x a project that intends to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project site

***Contributing Third Party Payment (CTP Payment)**

If your application is successful, you will need to arrange a CTP payment of 10% of your grant amount, to the landfill operator, before your grant can be released. This payment is retained by the landfill operator to cover the 10% tax credit shortfall, it is never refunded.

Who can provide a CTP?

A company, public sector organisation, voluntary body, individual or your own organisation. This is subject to the following conditions:

- > The CTP donor must not derive a unique benefit from the project going ahead
- > The CTP donation must not be made up of LCF monies
- > There must be no connection between the CTP donor and any of the contractors carrying out the project

For further information please visit the [Guidance](#) on our website.

If you have a project that meets the above criteria, you can apply through the funding section of our [website](#).

Our criteria is reviewed quarterly, therefore it is important, you revisit our [Criteria](#) at the time you submit your application to make sure your grant request remains eligible.

If you would like to discuss your project, or require further information please contact us.

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We reserve the right not to progress any application.