



## Habitat and Biodiversity Grant Funding Criteria

Use our online [Postcode Checker](#) and the guidance in the table below to help you decide if we are the right funder for you. We reserve the right not to progress any application.

 We will consider funding

 We won't consider funding

Organisation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ an application from an organisation which:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ is charitable and operated on a not-for-profit basis</li> <li>✓ is constituted, with a set of signed <a href="#">governing documents</a></li> <li>✓ has been established for a minimum of two years</li> <li>✓ has a minimum of two directors, trustees or committee members who are not related to each other</li> <li>✓ does not financially benefit directors, trustees, members</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ an application from an Environmental Body (EB) enrolled with ENTRUST</li> <li>✓ an organisation that accepts any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost (see details below*)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x an application from an organisation which is not an Environmental Body (EB) already enrolled with ENTRUST at the time of application</li> </ul>
Project Site
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ a project resulting in structural improvements to a single site e.g. woodland, nature reserve, waterway</li> <li>✓ a project with all permissions (e.g. Environment Agency) in place at the time of application</li> <li>✓ a project where the applicant is the landowner or has a formal agreement (e.g. a lease) with the landowner, with at least six years of the term remaining</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x a project which takes places on multiple sites</li> <li>x the purchase of land</li> </ul>
Project Registration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ a project which is already registered under <a href="#">Object DA</a> with ENTRUST, at the time of application <i>you will need to upload the project details you submitted to ENTRUST and approval letter to your grant application form</i></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x an application from an organisation which has not already received project approval from ENTRUST</li> </ul>
Project Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ physical improvement works which will result in habitat improvements and/or increase in biodiversity</li> <li>✓ staff costs which directly relate to completing the physical improvements at the project site (e.g. Volunteer management)</li> <li>✓ equipment required for project delivery</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x EB overheads and site running costs (e.g. staff salaries, rent and maintenance fees)</li> </ul>
Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ a project that will physically start within four months of being awarded a grant</li> <li>✓ a project that will complete within 12 months of its start date</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x a project that forms part of a larger project</li> <li>x a project that has already started or is anticipated to start before formal agreements are signed</li> </ul>
Finance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ a project with a total cost of no more than £250,000</li> <li>✓ a grant application requesting between £10,000 and £75,000</li> <li>✓ a project where the 10% CTP payment* has been secured, which is required to release the grant</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x a project that intends to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project site</li> </ul>

# What you need to know before applying for a grant

## When can you apply?

There are four funding rounds each year, see the next closing date on our [website](#). Only one application per project site will be considered in a 12 month period.

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.

## To assist you in your application

When considering your application, we look at how your project will:

- provide, conserve, restore or enhance threatened habitats
- protect and increase biodiversity
- have the widest impact on the natural environment
- monitor, assess and promote the impact

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

In 1996, Landfill Tax was introduced by the government to help reduce the amount of waste being taken to landfill sites and promote a shift to more environmentally friendly sustainable methods of waste management. Alongside the introduction of Landfill Tax, the government launched the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), which enables landfill operators to contribute money to community and environmental projects. The LCF is regulated by ENTRUST, a body appointed by HMRC ([www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk))

Landfill operators can contribute a defined percentage of their annual landfill tax liability into the LCF. Against this, they can reclaim 90% of their contributions as tax credits. Each LCF grant recipient is therefore asked to arrange a payment to the landfill operator, who has provided the grant, to cover this 10% shortfall.

**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

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

**If you require further information please contact us.**

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