

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 or will potentially benefit from the project site, and 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

- (For sites with public access) Actively encourage greater use of the site 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 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 application from a local authority
- ✓ an organisation that accepts any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost (see details below*)

Project Site

- ✓ a project which will take place on a single site - located within 10miles of an eligible landfill site
- ✓ a project resulting in structural improvements to a single site e.g. woodland, nature reserve, waterway or purchase of land for nature conservation
- ✓ 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 will be in the case of land purchases
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)
or
- ✓ The named Applicant Organisation is working in partnership with the landowner who is a Local Authority (see details below*)

x a project which takes places on multiple sites

Project Costs

- ✓ funding requests between £10,000 and £75,000
- ✓ funding requests of over £75,000 will be considered from registered charities or local authorities
- ✓ 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

Project Elements

- ✓ 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
 - ✓ cost of land purchase and associated legal fees (excluding preliminary surveys)
- x organisation overheads and site running costs (e.g. staff salaries, rent and fees) not directly related to the project
 - x costs which have already been incurred (e.g. design fees, planning application fees)
 - x projects for the purpose of income generation

Timescale

- ✓ a project that will physically start within four months of being awarded a grant - we encourage preliminary applications to be submitted at earliest opportunity
 - ✓ 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 the project site has previously received funding from us, an application cannot be made until 12 months after the final payment date
 - o if an application was withdrawn prior to a decision by our Trustees, please contact us to see if you are eligible to reapply

*Partnership Applications

We are currently trialling accepting applications from eligible organisations (see above) looking to see the improvement of Local Authority owned land.

What are the additional requirements?

- The landowner must be a Local Authority.
- The Local Authority will need to be a partner to the project and confirmation of their support will need to be submitted within your application.
- The Local Authority will need to confirm how the partnership will work, including the responsibilities each organisation will have throughout the application process.
- The Local Authority will need to sign a Funding Agreement for any project awarded funding by The Veolia Environmental Trust. Your organisation may also be required to jointly sign the agreement.

For further information please call us.

**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.

For further information please read this [Guidance](#).

How do I submit an initial proposal?

Email the following information to UK.Trust@Veolia.com:

- your name and contact details
- organisation name - if not a registered charity or local authority attach your governing documents
- a brief description of the overall project (approx 250 words) or equivalent documentation
- estimated project cost and amount of funding requested (any specific project elements you intend to request funding for)
- estimated project timescales

We reserve the right not to progress any application.

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

Email: UK.Trust@veolia.com Telephone: 0203 567 6820