

The following criteria are guidelines only and we reserve the right not to progress any application. We recommend you also read the guidance documents available on the ['Prepare'](#) section of our website before making a Stage 1 Application.

Where do we fund?

Use our online [postcode checker](#) to confirm your project is in an area we cover.

What do we fund?

- Applications from constituted, not-for-profit groups
- Capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates in one of the following categories:
 - Community buildings and rooms: e.g. community centres; village halls; community spaces within religious buildings, Scout or Girlguiding buildings
 - Outdoor spaces: e.g. public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways or cycle-paths
 - Play and recreation: e.g. play areas, skate-parks, MUGAs, sports grounds, pavilions or changing rooms
 - Biodiversity projects - Applications from registered Environmental Bodies with projects that meet ENTRUST requirements
- Projects that are open to the wider general public for at least 104 days a year without any limit or unreasonable restrictions of use
- Projects with a total cost of under £250,000 (including VAT and professional costs)
- Projects that have already secured at least 10% of the total cost
- Projects that have secured all permissions (e.g. planning)
- Maximum award of £75,000*
- Minimum award of £10,000
- Projects that will be completed within 12 months (18 months for biodiversity projects)

What don't we fund?

- Regulatory bodies (e.g. Environment Agency)
- Zoos, museums, libraries, theatres, schools or hospitals
- Educational or arts organisations
- Organisations where members receive a financial benefit
- Projects where the public amenity is subject to a lease of less than 6 years remaining duration
- Shops, or projects established to generate an income for use other than for the upkeep of the project
- Projects where there is accommodation on site
- Projects that involve the purchase of land or buildings
- Exhibitions, sculptures, statues or memorials
- Restoration of buildings
- Allotments, graveyards or crematoria areas
- CCTV and portable equipment, incl. sports and fitness kit, lawnmowers, furniture and white goods
- Street scene improvements incl. streetside planting/lighting, car parks, roads or routes with vehicular access
- Renewable energy projects that access feed-in tariffs
- Staff costs that do not directly relate to the physical project
- Projects that have already started

When can you apply?

There are four funding rounds each year (see [here](#) for details).

Third party contributions

For all awards, an independent third party contributor will need to reimburse the landfill operator the 10% shortfall to release the grant. This contribution can be made by another funder, a local council or an individual.

To assist your application

When considering proposals, we look for projects that will:

Benefit a diverse range of users, including excluded, often overlooked, deprived and hard-to-reach groups

Meet a need that has been evidenced through community consultation

Involve volunteers

Use environmentally friendly solutions

Achieve value for money

Demonstrate innovation, imagination and excellence

How to contact the Trust

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

*On rare occasions we are able to consider applications requesting higher value grants of approximately £250,000. If you are interested in making a higher value grant application please call The Trust to determine if funding is available, and whether your project meets the associated criteria, prior to starting an application.

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