

We fund improvements to community buildings and outside spaces and our vision is for a healthy environment where communities can thrive.

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

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.

Inspires the creation of a sustainable carbon neutral community space

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

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.

We will consider funding

We won't consider funding

Project Site

- ✓ a project which will take place on a single site - please use our online [Postcode Checker](#)
 - ✓ physical improvement works to a building or outdoor space which has public access: e.g. community centre or space, public park, play area, skate park, MUGA, sports ground, woodland, nature reserve, community garden, public right of way, inland waterway
 - ✓ all permissions (e.g. planning/religious etc) have been approved (we will ask for a copy at application stage)
 - ✓ the named **Applicant Organisation** is the landowner (we will ask for evidence of ownership) or
 - ✓ the named **Applicant Organisation** holds a valid 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 we will not consider projects that will take place in a car park, school, pre-school, nursery, college, university, office, medical centre, hospital, hospice, zoo, shop, café, allotment, graveyard, road or public highway, crematoria area, or where there is on-site accommodation
 - x historic building restoration, statues, monuments or memorials
 - x the purchase of land or a building

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 Environmental Body (you don't need to be an Environmental Body, but if you are, you must register the project with ENTRUST as Object D)
 - ✓ an application from a Local Authority
 - ✓ an organisation that accepts any grant awarded will incur an additional CTP cost (see details below**)
- x an application from a hospital, care home, educational organisation including a pre-school, school, university or organisation with an affiliation to a school, including PTA

Access	
✓	a project to improve an outside space or community building available for everyone and anyone to use on a daily basis (minimum of 16 hours per week)
x	a project site with restricted access e.g. prevents use by any person or user group defined by age, gender, disability, race, religion or belief
x	a project where the amenity will only be used by a single user group (e.g. a building that is only used for religious worship, a scout hut that is not available to other community groups, a building used exclusively for a nursery or pre-school)
Expenditure	
✓	Construction/installation and/or improvement of buildings, or outdoor spaces
✓	fixed items (e.g. kitchen cupboards and worksurfaces, ground/air source heat pumps and radiators, solar panels, windows and doors, toilets, fencing)
x	costs which have already been incurred (e.g. design fees, planning application fees)
x	furniture and/or equipment (e.g. tables and chairs, kitchen and electrical appliances, sports equipment, lawnmowers, computers, audio and visual equipment, CCTV and Wifi)
x	running costs (e.g. staff salaries, rent and maintenance fees)
x	projects for the purpose of income generation
x	art, murals, statues, sculptures or musical installations
x	Car Parks, Roads or Public Highways
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
Project Costs	
✓	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

*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 contact 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 can I apply?

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

This criteria is reviewed quarterly, therefore it is important, you revisit when you are ready to submit your application to make sure your grant request remains eligible.

We reserve the right not to progress any application.

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

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