

Greener City Fund Community grants: useful resources

This document provides a list of resources which may be helpful when planning your Community Tree Planting or Community Green Space project. It is not an exhaustive list. We will try and keep the links up to date where possible. The latest information about applying for grants as part of the Greener City Fund can be found on our website:

www.london.gov.uk/greener-city

Running community projects

Community Projects Handbook

www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/community_projects_handbook_web.pdf

Event Safety Guide www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety

Guides on insurance www.tcv.org.uk/sites/default/files/community-network-guide.pdf
www.zurich.co.uk/en/charity-insurance/my-community-starter

Recruiting volunteers

Team London – The Mayor's volunteering programme for London. To join, register as an organisation and add your volunteering opportunities. <https://volunteerteam.london.gov.uk/#s>

Sources of advice, funding and materials

Free trees for community groups and schools

The Woodland Trust provide free packs of small trees for community groups and schools: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/

TCV provide free packs of trees for community groups through their I Dig Trees scheme: www.tcv.org.uk/community/i-dig-trees

Advice on community tree planting

Trees for Cities work with local authorities, housing associations, hospitals, other landowners and community groups to deliver tree planting projects, including planting large trees, woodland, edible hedgerows, orchards and therapy and wildlife gardens. Their community-led approach engages local communities from start to finish, through consultation, community planting days and support with aftercare. If you know of a green space that could benefit from trees, you might like to look at their [past projects](#) and [contact them](#) to discuss possible future projects. You can also [volunteer](#) to help plant trees www.treesforcities.org/our-work/urban-forests/
www.treesforcities.org/contact-us/
www.treesforcities.org/get-involved/

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The Orchard Project create, restore and celebrate of community orchards. They work closely with community groups to design and create new orchards, as well as providing training. They also have a wealth of online advice on planting and looking after fruit trees and involving schools and the community in your projects.

Advice and guides www.theorchardproject.org.uk/guides-and-advice/

Contact www.theorchardproject.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/

The Woodland Trust offer advice to landowners and up to 60 per cent of the costs of trees for large scale tree planting projects over 0.5 hectares or 100 metres of hedging. They also have lots of online resources for schools, as well as general advice on planting trees.

Large scale tree planting www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale/

How to plant trees www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/advice/

TCV can provide advice to new community groups starting out on a project, provide training and also have many volunteering groups around London who may be able to help with your project.

www.tcv.org.uk/community/community-support

www.tcv.org.uk/london

London Wildlife Trust help protect the capital's wildlife and wild spaces. They carry out various wildlife surveys and their website answers some questions about looking after wildlife during projects.

www.wildlondon.org.uk/FAQs

The Tree Council promote the importance of trees. They run grant schemes to support schools and communities plant trees. Their [Orchard Windfalls application guidance](#) has lots of useful advice on choosing and looking after fruit trees.

Grant schemes www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants

Advice on community green space projects

Capital Growth, London's food growing network has information, training and support.

www.capitalgrowth.org

City Farms & Community Gardens – are a network of city farms and community gardens and have a map of London sites.

www.farmgarden.org.uk/your-area/london

Energy Gardens – a scheme to green Overground Stations. You can nominate your local station.

<http://energygarden.org.uk/about/>

Groundwork London provide an Implementation Guide for their Climate Proofing Social Housing Landscapes project

www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/urbanclimateproofing/Pages/ucp-resources

Grow Wild offer advice on growing wildflowers

www.growwilduk.com/how-grow-wild-flowers

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RHS – It's Your Neighbourhood offers advice for community groups who want to clean-up and improve spaces.

www.rhs.org.uk/communities/campaigns/it-s-your-neighbourhood

RHS – Greening Grey Britain is a campaign to transform neglected grey spaces into green ones. The RHS website includes design ideas and how to videos.

www.rhs.org.uk/communities/campaigns/greening-grey-britain

www.rhs.org.uk/communities/campaigns/greening-grey-britain/Latest-videos

Design Advice

Good Growth by Design – is an integrated programme that seeks to enhance the design of buildings and neighbourhoods for all Londoners, including design advice.

www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/advice-and-guidance/good-growth-design

SuDS in London – a guide - Transport for London have produced guidance on how Sustainable Drainage Systems can be incorporated into London's public realm to help manage surface water run-off and provide environmental benefits.

<https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/streets-toolkit#on-this-page-1>

Sources of funding

There are several sources of funding which can support green space and tree planting projects. This list is not exhaustive but gives you some ideas of other ways you might to help fund your project. It also includes some sources of funding for grants under £5,000.

The Good Growth Fund is a £70m fund managed by City Hall's Regeneration team. It can support greening and public space improvement projects.

www.london.gov.uk/good-growth-fund

Liveable Neighbourhoods is a new TfL programme to work with boroughs to implement Healthy Streets interventions in areas of London where the street environment does not currently make walking, cycling and public transport the obvious choice for getting around.

www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/funding-to-transform-local-neighbourhoods

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/boroughs/liveable-neighbourhoods>

Team London Small Grants - each year Team London are offer small grants to Third Sector organisations that support volunteering within a particular theme. They are planning to begin a new round in November 2017, with applications open in October.

www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/volunteering/effective-community-engagement/team-london-small-grants

Awards For All - small grants lottery funding for community projects between £3,000 - £10,000

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england

Biffaward – can support biodiversity and community building projects in certain postcode locations

www.biffa-award.org/postcode-checker

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City Bridge Trust - through their Improving London's Environment strand the Trust supports projects including environmental education, river and canal initiatives, maintaining and enhancing biodiversity, tree-planting and/or community tree warden schemes.
www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-making/what-we-fund/improving-londons-environment/

Esmee Fairbairn - fund environmental projects around a number of environmental themes linked to engaging people to take action to tackle the environmental challenges we face today.
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/environment

Forestry Commission – provide grant funding for woodland management and stewardship. There is also a £19m Woodland Carbon Fund currently available, for which the minimum application threshold has been reduced to 10 hectares as of 31 July 2017.
www.forestry.gov.uk/england-grants
www.forestry.gov.uk/england-wcf

Growing a Greener Britain – small grants fund for community greening projects up to £1,000.
www.growingagreenerbritain.org/small-grant-programme/

Tesco Bags of Help - Bags of Help funds local projects that improve the environment. Grants of up to £4,000 are available.
www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme

Waitrose & John Lewis Community Matters Scheme - local community groups can apply to be nominated for funding from local stores.
www.waitrose.com/content/waitrose/en/home/inspiration/community_matters.html
www.johnlewis.com/our-shops/helping-the-community

Western Riverside Environmental Fund - available to projects in Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth and Wandsworth.
www.wref.org.uk

Funding Directories

Project Dirt – Funding Page www.projectdirt.com/project/8729/

Neighbourhoods Green

Neighbourhoods Green have put together a wide range of resources providing useful guidance and tips for making the most of green space on social housing estates. Including a list of funding sources that will help get projects started, organisations that can provide support and information, and tool kits to download.
www.neighbourhoodsgreen.org.uk/resources/funding

Funding Central www.fundingcentral.org.uk
Big Lottery Fund www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/funding-finder

Materials

There are several ways you may be able to get or borrow materials and equipment for your project.

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Tool shed - free recycled tools for community groups

www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/project.php?id=3

Paint schemes – want to paint a mural or fence, investigate what's available, for example

www.communityrepaint.org.uk/need-paint

Compost – check with your local council. What's available may depend where your project is based. www.londonwaste.co.uk/community/compost

Refreshments – vouchers may be donated by local supermarkets.

Free bulbs – may be available from the metropolitan parks and gardens association

www.mpga.org.uk/bulbsforlondon.php