FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply?

Green Capital grants are open to public and third-sector organisations. This includes London boroughs, sub-regional partnerships, community groups, social enterprises and environmental charities within London. We welcome proposals from partnerships which build on the strengths of different organisations to deliver a holistic project, including collaboration with private sector partners but a clear lead organisation must be identified that is able to take overall responsibility for the delivery and management of the project.

I'm an individual with a great idea, can I apply?

Individuals cannot apply as a lead applicant. The lead organisation for your project must be legally constituted and able to enter into a contract.

Are these grants only for projects on publicly-owned land?

No, the land doesn't have to be publicly owned, but it should be publicly accessible, provide demonstrable public benefit and have evidence of local support.

Can I apply for a project that is already underway or does the project have to be completely new?

An application can be for a project that is already in delivery, or part of a larger project, but you will need to be able to identify a distinct element that can be funded by our grant and completed by the deadline of December 2019.

Can we include design and project management fees?

We will review this on a case by case basis. Generally, we will allow up to 10 per cent of the grant to be spent on design works that are necessary to support direct project delivery. The grant cannot fund feasibility studies or other development work.

Can I apply for maintenance costs?

We recognise that maintenance is a challenge. We do not provide budget for maintenance beyond the end of our grant funded activity, but we do encourage your project to build skill and capacity amongst the community to help ensure the project is a long-term success. Demonstrating a commitment and ability to provide long term maintenance is essential in your application.

Should project costs be inclusive or exclusive of VAT?

The grant application should only include costs projects are expecting to incur. If your organisation can recover VAT, then you cannot claim VAT as part of the grant. If your organisation cannot recover VAT, then it can be included as part of the cost for the relevant items in the grant application.

How much match funding do you require?

A minimum of half of the total project value (that is for every £1 of City Hall funding at least an additional £1 is brought in as match-funding) is required for each project. This match funding must already be secured, or identified and secured during the project's lifetime.

Can I apply for a grant of less than £250,000?

We are unable to accept applications for smaller grants as this grant scheme is for large scale strategic projects. Smaller grants of up to £50,000 are available from our Community Green Space and Tree Planting Grant schemes. See the [Greener City Fund](#) webpage for updates on when round two of these grants will open.

What are the timescales for spending the money?

The GLA funded elements of the project should be completed by December 2019. Match funded elements of the project can be delivered after the December 2019 deadline if needed, but they will need to have a clear project timeline for delivery agreed with the GLA as part of the funding agreement and ideally would be completed no later than end of March 2020. We understand that projects may have several phases of work taking place over a longer time period.