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FUNDING A GREENER GREATER MANCHESTER

Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund



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Introduction to the Green Spaces Fund



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Tackling the climate and biodiversity emergencies in Greater Manchester



The Mayor's manifesto commitments



“We will improve our green spaces and open them up to more people.

In support of this...we will create a new ‘Green Spaces Fund’ to give small grants to communities to clean up and improve pocket parks and local green spaces or create new ones where they are needed.

[We will] increase the amount and quality of accessible nature-rich green space, particularly for our poorest residents.”

Translating this into the aims of the Green Spaces Fund

Aim 1 – Benefit communities in greatest need of quality green space

- Target communities where there is poor access to quality green spaces
- Benefit communities experiencing inequalities

Aim 2 – Tackling our climate and biodiversity emergency:

- Enhance biodiversity in Greater Manchester's green spaces and create new green spaces
- Adapt the city region to climate change

Aim 3 – Encourage and empower communities to get involved in nature

- Connect communities with nature



Greater Manchester
Environment Fund

Realising Greater
Manchester's Ambition for
Improving the Natural
Environment

Practicalities – Eligibility

Organisations

Applications are open to:

- Community Groups, associated or unincorporated community associations
- Registered charities, including Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs)
- Social Enterprises or Community Benefit Societies
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Tenant and or Resident Associations
- Schools and academy trusts

Accountable bodies - The following organisations can act as accountable bodies to support an application from a community group or organisation listed above:

- Registered housing providers
- Local authorities
- Local parish councils

By acting as an accountable body, these organisations will take on the legal responsibility for the project and would be financially accountable for any grant that is distributed to their partner organisation.

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Green Spaces Fund Advisers



- A critical friend to help you community groups
- From refining ideas to sustainability of a successful project
- Targeted engagement: working together with LAs and others, to ensure those who will benefit the most can access the fund
- Specialisms from a rich partnership
- Local Authority lead relationships
- Shared 'case' management



03 Round 1

Timeline:

- Launched: June 2022
- Closed: August 2022
- Awards: October 2022

Proposals:

- Over 70 projects proposed from across Greater Manchester.
- A range of small (<£10k) and large (<£40k) proposals submitted.
- A range of organisations and project types.

Assessment:

- Scored by a panel comprising GMCA, GMET, GM Integrated Care P'ship and Natural England.
- Panel meeting and moderation to take account of differences in average scored.
- Scores adapted to reflect weighting applied to different criteria.

Criteria against which projects have been assessed in Round 1

Aim	Sub objective	How it is demonstrated in the application form	Scoring/ Weight %	
Benefit communities in need of quality green space	Target communities where there is poor access to quality green spaces	Evidence of need demonstrated in the application form and GIS assessment of available green space	20	45
	Benefit communities experiencing inequalities	Evidence of need in the application form and Index of Multiple Deprivation Decile	25	
Tackling our climate and biodiversity emergency	Enhance biodiversity in Greater Manchester’s green spaces and create new spaces	How the proposal will improve the site for nature or create new spaces for nature and people	15	20
	Adapt the city region to climate change	How the proposal will adapt an area to the impacts of climate change	5	
Encourage and empower communities to get involved in nature	Connecting communities with nature	How people will be involved or engaged and use the green space once complete.	10	20
		What volunteer opportunities will be offered, and any training/skills development for volunteers	10	
Encourage sustainable, deliverable and realistic projects	Encouraging deliverable and sustainable projects, which are good value for money	How the proposal demonstrates a feasible and deliverable project plan.	5	15
		How the proposal demonstrates plans for continuation after the grant is used	5	
		How the proposal demonstrates good value for money of public funding	5	
Total			100	%

04 Round 2

Launch	31st Oct 2022
Closing Date	27th Jan 2023
First sift for suitability	30th Jan - 10th Feb
Panel assessment	February
GMEF Board approval	Early March

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Next steps

Support the launch of Round 2 and promotion of outcome of Round 1.

Provide views on how you can support us in generating match funding for projects or the fund.