



Frequently Asked Questions

Why aren't grants available in my Council area?

We approached all Councils to ask for their support and involvement in the Live Here Love Here programme and unfortunately your Council isn't supporting the programme for this year. We are working hard to secure as much support as possible from all Council areas for next year so there's the possibility the grants may be extended to new areas.

I work for a partnership organisation/in partnership with others but the project would take place in a non-participating Council area – can I still apply?

The grants are specifically designed for local activity by local volunteers to develop civic pride in local communities. Due to the focus on local activity, the group and work needs to take place within the participating Council areas. The listed Councils are funding the grants programme so grants will only be distributed within these areas.

Would a window basket project be suitable?

Yes, a window basket project would be eligible, provided all items are purchased and your claim is submitted by the deadline on 04th March 2016

Can the LHLH Small Grant Scheme be used for rent, insurance, running costs for volunteer groups?

No, the scheme will not cover rent, insurance or running costs for volunteer groups. The grants are specifically designed for local activity by local volunteers to develop civic pride in communities.

Can groups make a Partial Claim?

Yes, where agreed, groups can make partial claims as long as the correct information and evidence are provided on the grant claim forms.

Can it be used as a contribution for a bigger project?

No, the scheme will not act as match funding for other projects. The project must be a definitive piece of work demonstrating environmental and community benefits.

Could a group put in an application to pay for rubbish clearance?

If the group outsources the total cost of clearing rubbish then little or no volunteer involvement would be demonstrated, so the volunteer score would be low in the application and may not be approved.

Is the small grants scheme open to NGOs?

The scheme is open to NGO bodies and organisations (within supporting council areas) but the focus of the scheme is local activism/smaller projects so the criteria reflects this.

Can groups hire specialist equipment such as a digger?

Yes, the scheme can fund the hire of specialist equipment if it is part of the wider volunteer project.

Can purchases be made before the judging date?

The scheme isn't retrospective so we cannot reimburse any expenses that have already been incurred; groups would need to wait to make any purchases.

Can groups store plants during winter for use in spring?

Yes, it would be fine to store plants provided all items are purchased and your claim is submitted by the deadline on 04th March 2016.

Do I need to include estimates with the application form?

The application process will not be based on estimates; groups need to source actual quotes from suppliers and put the best quote on the form. All quotes should then be submitted along with the financial claim form.

Can the group pay for a specialist service/contractor to remove invasive species before they begin a new project?

Yes, contractors can be used to remove invasive species; however the groups need to demonstrate the sustainability of the project in the application.

Can I submit supporting documentation with my application form?

No, additional documents will NOT be considered.