

## Grow Nature Seed Fund

### What's eligible?

The Grow Nature Seed Fund aims to support small-scale projects that help create more space for nature within local communities. Please refer to our [Grow Nature toolkit](#) for some examples of the activities we are hoping to support, including those listed below:

- Conversion or restoration of community greenspace to wildlife habitat: community orchards, ponds, wildflower meadows/verges, native hedges, street trees or woodlands
- Environmental improvements to a community centre or village hall grounds: installation of bee bricks, bug hotels, swift boxes, nest boxes, tree planting
- Coastal and marine projects: no anchor zones, initiatives to reduce single use plastics
- Local wildlife training and monitoring schemes
- Schemes to reduce invasive species, litter, noise or light pollution in the environment, including coastal areas and on the water
- Environmental aspects of a heritage restoration scheme
- Initiatives to help local people to connect with their environment.
- Activities which encourage people to grow nature and increase the public understanding and enjoyment of wildlife and heritage

Priority will be given to schemes which result in tangible examples of environmental growth, for example new habitats or an increase in the health of native wildlife.

### What's not eligible?

- Retrospective funding to fill funding gaps not identified before project starts
- Salary or routine administration costs
- Improvements to land which is not publically accessible
- Political activities, lobbying or campaigning
- Exclusively religious activities (although faith groups may receive funding for community development or self-help activities. In this case the application must show that the project will bring wider community benefit and that the primary purpose of the activity is not religious)
- Projects which in the assessment of Cornwall Council show actual or potential unlawful discrimination within the terms of the Equality Act 2010
- Statutory activities/requirements
- Hospitality (catering and refreshment costs)
- Contributions in kind through volunteer time
- Applications from individual private/commercial sector organisations (applications from not for profit groups that would benefit private/commercial sector organisations on a collective basis AND the wider community may be eligible depending on the specific details of the project; an example might be a community event in a town centre)
- Clothing/Uniform for the sole use of an individual
- Funding for national or regional projects (except those delivering specific benefits within the councillor's electoral division)

## **What type of groups are eligible?**

Any locally constituted and recognised 'not for profit' organisation which seeks to serve the people or wildlife of Cornwall will qualify. For example:

- Parish or Town Councils
- Local action groups – young people, environmental, community associations, development trusts
- Scout, Guide, boys and girls brigade or similar local organisations
- Religious groups where the project will bring wider community benefit
- Local disability or other minority groups or organisations
- Village or community hall associations
- Old Cornwall Societies
- Community archaeology or local heritage groups
- Royal British Legion and Services' benevolent societies
- Parent Teacher Associations (formally constituted)
- Organisations promoting the locality
- Nursery education groups
- Sports and recreation groups
- Other constituted/recognised 'not for profit' groups.
- Cornwall-wide, regional and national organisations are eligible, but only for projects delivering a clear and demonstrable benefit to the environment of Cornwall.