

Afield Nature Communities fund

Application Form

All fields marked with * are required and must be filled.

- Before you start, please read the [Open call and application guidelines](#)
- You can download a Word version of this form to help you prepare your answers
- You can write answers as bullet points rather than paragraphs if you prefer: we are interested in the content of your proposal rather than your writing style
- You can save your answers by clicking 'Save' at the bottom of the form

Eligibility (Section 1 of 5)

Do you meet all the eligibility criteria for this fund? *

- ☐ Yes, I confirm I meet all eligibility criteria listed in the Open call and application guidelines
- ☐ No

Does your proposal relate to an existing or future space that is or will be publicly accessible, free of charge? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Help text: The space must be accessible to the public, free of charge. Ideally this should be without restriction, although we may accept somewhere that is, for example, closed at night for security reasons, as is the case for many parks.

To help prioritise areas of London for this call, we commissioned a [map](#) (link opens in a new tab) based on public data on access to green space, access to nature, indices of deprivation, and brownfield sites. This helped us identify eight priority London boroughs.

To be eligible, your project must be in one of the fund's priority boroughs. Please select the borough where your project will take place: *

- ☐ Barking & Dagenham
- ☐ Brent
- ☐ Islington
- ☐ Hackney
- ☐ Lambeth
- ☐ Lewisham
- ☐ Newham
- ☐ Waltham Forest

Enter the postal district or districts (eg. E17) where your project will be primarily located *

Help text: You can add multiple districts separated by a comma. If you do not know where your project or idea will take place, enter the postal district of the area you believe it is most likely to take place

To be eligible, your idea or project should also take place in one of the priority areas highlighted in orange on our map. However, we will accept applications for ideas or projects that are not in a priority area if you can convincingly explain why we should make an exception. For example, if you're proposing to make an existing green space accessible to a global majority community or a community-led restoration of an existing green or blue space.

You can check whether your location is in an a priority area (highlighted in orange) by:

1. Going to the [map](#) (link opens in a new tab)
2. Clicking on the magnifying glass icon at the top right of the map
3. Entering your postcode and clicking the second magnifying glass icon to search

Is your proposed location in an orange area on the map? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If not, please explain why you are choosing to work in this area

(Shown only if the answer above is "No")

Your details (Section 2 of 5)

Full name *

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email address *

Help text: (format example shown: example@example.com)

How did you hear about the Nature Communities fund?

- ☐ Word of mouth
☐ Instagram
☐ Afield's website
☐ LinkedIn
☐ Newsletter
☐ Other

Application questions (Section 3 of 5)

1) Please briefly describe your project or idea: what do you want to do, where is it (if a specific site, do you have permissions in place), and who is it for? How will it create joy for people involved? (200 words) *

Help text: This fund is about developing ideas and projects. We do not expect you to have a full description for every aspect of your proposal. Tell us as much as you can. It does not necessarily need to be a new project or idea, but if you are seeking funding for an existing project, we would like to understand how you intend to develop it further. If you do not yet know where it will take place, provide your thoughts on how you will arrive at a suitable location that is accessible to the public, free of charge.

2) Thinking about the community (or communities) you will work with: how have their priorities shaped your idea or project, and how will you actively and inclusively work with them during the funding? (200 words) *

Help text: We are not expecting you to have done any formal consultation but we want to understand how rooted your project is within a local community and how you will include people experiencing environmental injustice. If you are involved with an organisation or community group that may be helpful to your project, please let us know.

3) How will the community (or communities) you are planning to involve, and others more broadly, benefit from your project or idea? (150 words) *

Help text: Please describe how the priorities you have outlined in your answer to question 2 will be addressed through your idea or project.

4) One of our goals is to reach communities who are facing environmental injustice. Do you have lived experience of environmental injustice? If so, how has it informed your proposal? (150 words)

(Not a required field – no asterisk)

5) What makes you the right person to lead this project or idea? What experience or skills do you have that will help make it a success? (200 words) *

6) What you might gain from working alongside other grantees, and what skills or experience you will bring to the group?(150 words) *

Grant amount (Section 4 of 5)

You can apply for a total of up to £60,000 for the two-year funded period.

- The funding is intended to enable you to dedicate meaningful time to your proposed project over two years.
- You must be able to dedicate, on average, at least two days per week to your project. This will include half a day per month for cohort sessions.
- You can apply for funding for other costs such as events, materials, equipment, and services.

7) How many days per week, on average, do you intend to dedicate to your project? *

- ☐ 2 days per week
- ☐ 3 days per week
- ☐ 4 days per week
- ☐ 5 days per week

8a) How much are you applying for to cover your time? *

Help text: This should be the total amount over the two-year funded period.

8b) How much are you applying for to cover other costs? *

Help text: This should be the total amount over the two-year funded period.

This is the total amount you are applying for. It must not exceed £60,000.

9) If you are applying for costs other than your time, please let us know what those are. (150 words) *

Help text: Tell us about any events, materials, equipment, tools, plants, seeds, compost, small capital costs, or services you anticipate spending money on.

Diversity data (Section 5 of 5)

We ask for this information in order to comply with our [equity, inclusivity and diversity policy](#). We will use it to: 1) take positive action; 2) optimise future open calls to increase diversity of applicants; 3) monitor and report on the diversity of our applicants and grantees. We will manage your data according to our [privacy policy](#).

What is your gender?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Which of the following best describes your ethnic background?

- ☐ Asian or Asian British
- ☐ Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African
- ☐ Mixed or multiple ethnic groups
- ☐ White
- ☐ Any other ethnic group
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you consider yourself to have a disability or long-term health condition?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

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