

**BELIEVING IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY:
WILDLIFE AND GREEN SPACES**

A pilot grant programme funded jointly by GrantScape and the Church Urban Fund to support faith-based community groups delivering nature conservation and green space projects with a community benefit in London (please see over for project examples).

ELIGIBLE GROUPS:

- Social action groups and small voluntary organisations linked with a faith or belief and/or a church or place of worship
- Based in a deprived community in London
- With annual income of less than £150,000

PROJECTS SHOULD SEEK TO DEMONSTRATE:

- Community and social cohesion benefits and tackling local deprivation by improving people's access to nature and green spaces where there is a present deficiency
- Promoting awareness of and delivering benefit for the local natural environment
- Community involvement, engaging with volunteers and ensuring long-term sustainability
- Potential to be used by a wide range of local people and groups (e.g. schools and community groups)

GRANT DETAILS:

- grants up to £10,000
- funding will be available to projects completing by 31 December 2009
- applications **to be received by 17 March 2009**

THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

[A] PROVIDE:

1. **Details of the project on no more than 2 sides of A4 paper** (to include project location, objectives, benefits, work to be undertaken, arrangements for public access and future maintenance, and budget)
2. **A copy of your organisation's current financial records/accounts**

[B] HOW:

- By post or email to **ONE** of the contacts below
- You are welcome to contact us to discuss your proposal before you send it in, or for more information about the programme

[C] SEND TO:

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[D] NEXT:

- A shortlist of applicants will be drawn up and these groups will be invited to present their proposals in late April-early May 2009, after which a final decision will be made
- Successful applicants will be expected to be actively involved in the monitoring and evaluation of this pilot grants programme

SOME PROJECT EXAMPLES:

Below are just three examples of potential projects that we could fund, but there are many more that would qualify, including wildlife projects that create green space for open play, group games and community activities.

Also, the list of items for each is meant to be illustrative rather than exhaustive, and proposals will be considered in conjunction with the information overleaf.

If you are in any doubt whether your project would be eligible, please feel free to call us.

1. Existing Community Pond

Funding could be sought for:

- Pond clearance and re-profiling
- Pruning overhanging trees
- Clearing scrub to open-up the pond sides
- Planting wetland trees and shrubs
- Erecting bird boxes
- Creating a pathway around the pond
- Erecting a small pond dipping platform for use as a nature study area by local schools

...or a new pond could be created.

2. Churchyard/Cemetery

Funding could be sought for:

- Management of existing trees, and planting new native varieties
- Planting native shrubs, plants and bulbs
- Planting a new hedge using native trees
- Clearing scrub and creating a wildflower meadow area
- Erecting bird and bat boxes
- Creating designated wild areas, log piles etc
- Adding benches

3. Community Garden

Funding could be sought for:

- Ground clearance
- Creating various garden areas (e.g. for fruit trees, vegetables, etc)
- Planting native shrubs and flowers for insects and butterflies
- Creating a sensory garden area
- Laying paving to improve access for people with disabilities
- Making log piles and erecting bug boxes
- Providing for composting
- Erecting bird boxes and feeding stations