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# COMMUNITY NATURE FUND

## Eligibility Criteria

Before you get stuck into applying, please read our checklist below to make sure your group is eligible.

### Who can apply?

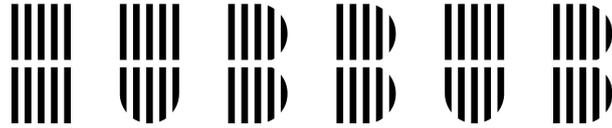
- Non profit organisations such as voluntary, youth or community groups, resident's groups, community associations, and more.
- Applicants need to be legally registered bodies.
- Projects must be publicly accessible.

### Sorry, we can't fund:

- Party political organisations
- Sole traders or individuals
- Projects where funds will be used for commercial benefit.

### Your group needs to have:

- Two members of staff or volunteers who can liaise with Hubbub:
  - A project lead contact. This is the person who will be responsible for delivery of the project and main point of contact for Hubbub.
  - A secondary contact. Ideally this person should be someone in a senior position, e.g a trustee or director.



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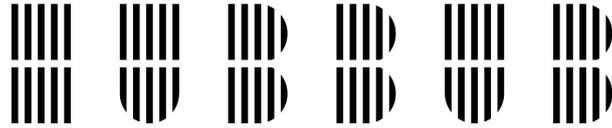
- An up-to-date constitution, or equivalent governance document, that sets out your purpose and aims and objectives. This should be agreed and signed by your group's board.
- Its own bank account. The bank account needs to be in the name of your group. We'll need to see evidence of this before we pay your grant.
- The relevant policies and procedures in place, to ensure you can complete your project safely and responsibly. Here's a list of what we require:
  - Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults policy
  - Public liability insurance suitable for the proposed project
  - Volunteering guidelines – if important to the project
  - Relevant authorisations to use the space.

### **Successful applicants will be asked to:**

- Keep sufficient evidence of grant expenditure, which they may be asked to submit to Hubbub.
- Measure their impact using an agreed evaluation framework - we'll keep this light and proportionate to the grant amount.
- Be open to sharing impact and learnings (good and bad) widely and openly with other groups.
- Sharing their story on Hubbub's website and social media channels, and potentially as a case study for media.
- Shape and join our upcoming Community Nature Network - launching this summer!

If you have questions about the grant process please contact

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## FAQs

### **What are the timelines for the grant?**

The closing date for applications is Thursday 14th March 23:59.

Announcement of successful applications will be made by end of March.

### **Does the fund cover a specific region?**

The fund is open to projects in the UK.

### **What do you mean by 'registered organisation'?**

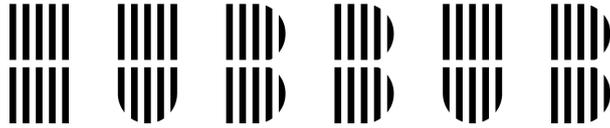
We expect many applications will be from charities and social enterprises. You will need to be registered with the appropriate body in the UK and to include your registration number. We cannot accept applications from organisations who intend to register but have not yet done so.

### **What do you mean by 'publicly accessible'?**

We're looking to fund groups who benefit their communities and who actively seek to engage new audiences. Your space doesn't have to be accessible 100% of the time, e.g. a gated allotment, but you should be able to demonstrate that you will run activities that are publicly accessible.

### **When do we need to run the project to qualify?**

Projects can start from March 2024 - we're looking to fund projects who will get running this growing season.



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### **We are a very small organisation. Can we still apply?**

Yes please! Providing you meet the other criteria then yes, any size of organisation can apply.

### **Do you fund faith and youth groups?**

Yes! As long as they satisfy the general eligibility criteria.

### **How much can we apply for?**

Groups can apply for up to £5000 of grant funding.

### **Can applications come from more than one organisation?**

Yes, applications can be collaborative, however your application will need one Lead Organisation.

### **Can we look for additional funding for the project if we are successful?**

Yes, we encourage you to seek additional funding and resources if required to ensure that the project has the best chance of success and that it has a legacy. Please note we won't be able to fund groups who have been successful in securing funding from our Nature Hubs Fund.

### **Can I receive feedback on my application?**

As we anticipate receiving a high volume of applications, we are unable to provide feedback.

### **What happens if my application is successful?**

The announcement of successful applications will be made in late March and we will contact you to discuss the next steps.