



Derbyshire Environmental Trust Funding Scheme 2020/21 Guidance Notes



The Derbyshire Environmental Trust (DET) is again repeating it's own funding scheme in 2020/21. The Trust has yet to confirm the amount available for distribution but this is not expected to exceed £40,000. In view of the Coronavirus pandemic there is a preference for awarding a larger number of small to medium sized grants, thereby benefitting a greater number of organisations, rather than one or two larger awards. The Scheme has operated annually since 2016/17 and a decision about future years will be made in due course.

The proposed funding criteria and timetable for 2020/21 funding round are set out below.

Funding Criteria

1. The project must be located within the county of Derbyshire and within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site (DET staff can check this on request if potential applicants provide a postcode for the project site).
2. Applications will be considered from not-for-profit community/environmental organisations (having a constitution and elected officers as a minimum) and parish/town councils. County and district councils can be involved as partners in community-led applications. Applicant groups should either have their own bank account or be working with an organisation who has a bank account which is willing to act as the accountable body.
3. Minimum grant request of £2,500, maximum of £15,000.
4. Closing date for applications is 28 September 2020. Projects do not have to have match funding and there is no upper limit on the total project cost, however where applications require match funding this must be in place / confirmed no later than 27 November 2020.
5. Projects must not have started and if successful cannot start work until an Agreement for Grant has been signed with Derbyshire Environmental Trust. All payments will be retrospective and must be supported by a receipt(s), invoice(s), architects certificate(s) or other appropriate evidence. Successful applicants will have a period of one year from grant offer to complete the project (anticipated deadline of January 2022).

6. School related projects, car parks, allotments, purchase of vehicles and footpaths adjacent to roads are **not** eligible. Submitted projects must be eligible under the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund – see www.entrust.org.uk or contact the DET office for details. Capital items only (no revenue funding). All applicants are encouraged to check the eligibility of their proposed project with the Trust before submitting an application.

Example of the type of project that would be eligible include the provision, maintenance and repair of: children's play areas, skate parks, Multi Use Games Areas, sports fields and other recreational facilities, nature reserves, footpaths/bridleways, community centres/village halls.

7. The following criteria will be taken into account before reaching a decision:
 - a) Need for and scope of the project and the use of the grant funded elements
 - b) Level of community support or involvement (eg fundraising, volunteering, letters of support from partner/user organisations or groups or individuals)
 - c) Long term sustainability (environmental, financial and management)
 - d) Value for money (competitive tendering, size of grant in relation to project cost, number of potential beneficiaries, availability of alternative facilities etc)
 - e) The amount of matched funding secured by the applicant (including own fundraising and voluntary and in-kind support to carry out the project).
 - f) Environmental benefit – natural, built and social
 - g) Community benefit (including level of public access - which must as a minimum be 2 days/4 evenings per week or equivalent, opening hours, number of users/visitors, how wide a cross section of the local community will benefit from the project)
 - h) Ability to complete the project within the timetable (see below).
8. Applicants must submit full details of the project including plans, specification, cost breakdown and any planning or other decisions (if required) in accordance with the timetable. The Trust do not anticipate running more than one funding round per year.
9. The DET Management Committee will make the decisions. Funding may be awarded to more than one project or not at all at their discretion. The decision of DET will be final.

10. The timetable is anticipated to be:

July 2020 onwards – Publicise availability of funding, advise potential applicants, issue press release and application packs to potential applicants.

28 September 2020 – closing date for submission of applications

October – November 2020 – DET check / evaluate applications and raise any queries / request further details

27 November 2020 – final date for confirming outstanding details eg match funding, planning permission etc

December 2020 – DET Management Committee meeting to consider applications and make decisions

December 2020 / January 2021 – decisions communicated to applicants

January 2022 – funded projects to be completed

DET reserves the right to vary the above timetable or to not award any funding, depending on circumstances.

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