

Frequently asked Questions

- **Can schools apply and will the school grounds be seen as a shared space?**

Schools can apply to the Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme, but they MUST demonstrate wide community involvement and benefit. We strongly encourage you to work outside of the school grounds and in the community where possible. We also welcome applications from schools who have invited the community into their school grounds, perhaps through developing raised beds for community growing schemes open to the community users throughout the summer months. We strongly recommend that schools think of the wider community benefits that their projects will bring.

- **Is there a minimum time the area needs to be accessible to the public? E.g. at least 2 days a week open to public.**

There is no minimum time that the area needs to be open to the public, however we do encourage that the projects are open to the public and that they have a strong ethos of bringing benefits to the wider community throughout the duration of the project.

- **Can a newly formed group or group of individuals apply to the grants scheme?**

Yes, we welcome applications from newly formed groups or groups of individuals working together to deliver something positive in their communities. Groups do not need to be constituted. If you do not have a group bank account, we can make the payments into a personal bank account and we will follow up with a site visit to the project. We do recommend that you ensure your group/or group of individuals does have the appropriate permissions and insurances in place before you begin your project.

- **Can I improve an alleyway/shared space with my neighbours?**

Yes, we can support a project of people/neighbours coming together to deliver a project in a shared space – even if you are not a constituted group. You must ensure that you have obtained permission by all parties involved/impacted by the project,

this could be residents and landowners. If you have difficulties finding out who owns the land, please contact your local council.

- **Do you have to spend funding then claim it?**

80% of funding can be claimed up front before your project begins, the remaining 20% is then reimbursed on the receipt of all the claim documents.

Or, you can claim all the funding when you are ready to make the grant claim.

We aim to deliver a quick turnaround on payments following the receipt of any grant claim.

- **Does written evidence of Landowner Permission need to be submitted?**

No, we do not need to see any evidence of landowner permission, it is your responsibility to ensure you have obtained all permissions to carry out your project before it begins.

- **Can you submit more than one application?**

Yes, groups can submit multiple applications, each application will be judged on it's own merits.

- **Do you need to submit quotes for items?**

When submitting your grant claim you must follow the guidelines:

- *No quotes are required for items under £300*
- *Two quotes are required for items £300 to £3,000*

Receipts/invoices and proof of expenditure must be submitted with ALL claims for ALL items purchased (evidence of online quotes will be accepted).

- **I'm applying to multiple funding avenues will this hamper my chances of getting funding?**

As long as you can demonstrate how the Live Here Love Here Small Grants project will be a stand-alone element of a wider funded project then it will not hamper your chances of receiving funding.

- **Is maintenance of previous projects something that would be considered?**

We welcome return applicants who wish to develop phase 2 or phase 3 of a project, you need to be mindful that you will not be requesting funding for items that have been funded in the past e.g. The same tools or equipment.

- **Do you look for wide distribution of projects within the Council Borough?**

Judges aim to award enough projects to ensure there is a wide geographical spread in the area – given that they meet the criteria for funding.