

Aim: The primary purpose of the Funding is to support local authorities to increase the availability of good quality allotment plots. Priority should be given to projects that create new plots and/or bring derelict plots back into use.

Who can receive the funding: The grant will be a direct allocation to Local Authorities only.
However, Local Authorities will be able to choose how and where to spend their allocation (i.e. Directly with contractors / staff time, or via community / town council / other community groups)

Funding is to be used for: Creation of new allotment plots.
Physical improvements to existing plots.
Improvements to allotment site management and/or communications (where this would see measurable progress on 1 or more 'outputs')

Proposed outputs:

| Outputs | Examples, but not restricted to: |
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| Creation of new plot | purchasing or re-purposing land, splitting full sized plots (where plausible) |
| Bringing a derelict plot back into use | site clearance, re-fencing |
| Improving accessibility | improving pathways, plots with adjacent parking for less abled users (sustainably drained) |
| Improving site services | Shared sheds or tools, water |
| Improving site security | fencing, lockable sheds, CCTV/security lighting if necessary |
| Improving site management | easy access to site manager, web page, easy to apply |
| Increase recycling / renewability | recycling point, water collection, waste management |
| Increase biodiversity / pollinators | planting guides, site pond, info on INNS |

Evidence requirement: Detailed works specifications
Plans, if relevant
Photographs of before and after

Number of plots affected: For each project you will need to identify the number of plots affected per proposed output. More than one output can be realised for each project.
For example, if you were creating 10 new plots and 5 of these will be accessible, you should put '10' in the 'Creation of new plot' column and '5' in the 'Improving accessibility' column and '10' in the 'Total number of plots affected'

Total number of plots affected: This is the total number of plots affected by the project and not necessarily a total of all the 'outputs' added together. For example, if you create 10 new plots and bring 10 derelict plots back into use, the total number of plots affected would be 20.
2nd example, if you improve site services for 10 sites and improve security for the same 10 sites, the total number of plots affected would be 10.

Funding conditions:

1. The authority must complete and submit a work plan to WG with information about works they intend to carry out and the outputs expected. The Work Plan for 2023-24 needs to be submitted to WG by 30 April 2023 and include detailed projects for delivery by March 2024. The indicative Work Plan for 2024-25 must be submitted by 30 April 2023 and finalised by 31 December 2023.
2. WG will not provide any funding unless condition 1 is met.
3. Funding must be used for the sole purpose of this funding programme
4. The authority must take opportunities to publicise the work being done so that the public are aware of the improvements, referencing WG as the funding source
5. The authority can request approval from WG to change the plan for spend, if circumstances change
6. Further conditions will be put forward in the "Allotment Support Grant 2023-24" grant offer letter, which will need to be signed and returned before any payments are released.