

## RHS Connected Communities Fund 2021/22 Application Questions

Please note that we can only accept online applications to the fund via the online application form. You should submit your online application by following this link:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RHS\\_Connected\\_Communities\\_Fund](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RHS_Connected_Communities_Fund) .

Please do not email us your answers or send answers by post, as we cannot assess these. If you have any questions about the RHS Connected Communities Fund, the application process or your application, please contact us at [communities@rhs.org.uk](mailto:communities@rhs.org.uk)

This document provides a list of all the questions and multiple choice answers where applicable, contained in the online application form to apply for the RHS Connected Communities Fund. You will need to provide answers to all the questions or state NA, where not applicable.

**We would recommend that you prepare answers to the questions before copying and pasting them into the online application form.**

### Section 1: Introduction and Eligibility

Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available to schools and community groups that are registered to take part in Britain in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood or the Campaign for School Gardening. Schools and groups applying to the fund must be working on a project to benefit the wider community.

We particularly welcome applications from schools or groups who aim to improve diversity and inclusion within their projects, connect with others that are isolated in their community, help people reconnect after the pandemic or involve those that have previously not been involved in their gardening or growing projects.

**The deadline for applications to the RHS Connected Communities Fund is midnight, Monday 6 December 2021.** Decisions will be made in December, and successful applicants will be notified of their grant in early January, with grant payments made by the end of January 2022.

**Q1. Please indicate if your community group or school is registered with the Britain in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood or the Campaign for School Gardening programmes.**

To be eligible for the RHS Connected Communities Fund you must be registered with one of these programmes at the time of application. For full eligibility criteria please see the [Terms & Conditions](#).

- ☐ Britain in Bloom  
☐ It's Your Neighbourhood  
☐ Campaign for School Gardening  
☐ None of the above. If you select this option you will not be eligible for the fund and will be taken to the end of the form.

**Q2. Does your group have its own bank account?**

Please note the RHS cannot pay funds to individuals.

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No - If you select this option you will not be eligible for this fund and will be taken to the end of the form.

**Q3. Please confirm whether you have the following policies or agreements in place for the project where funding is being requested.**

If you are awarded a grant, the RHS will provide information to help you make a risk assessment. If you do not have insurance in place, please factor this cost in your request for funding. You can find information about the cost of Public Liability Insurance from our [website](#).

	Yes	No
Project Risk Assessment including Covid-19 Risk Assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Liability Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section 2. Your contact details**

**Q4. Enter the name of the lead applicant school or group.**

This should be the name that the school/group uses currently and is registered with as part of the Britain in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood or the Campaign for School Gardening programmes. Please note we expect the school or Bloom or IYN group to be the lead partner for all projects in this fund.

**Q5. Enter the address of the lead applicant school or group.**

Organisation Name  
 Address  
 Address 2  
 City/Town  
 Post Code  
 Website (if applicable)  
 Social media link (if applicable)

**Q6. Enter the contact details of the lead representative completing this application.**

All contact information entered is strictly confidential and will only be used for the purpose of your application.

Forename

Surname

Position held within organisation or project

Email address

Telephone Number

**Q7. Is your community group or school, based in a...**

☐ Village

☐ Town

☐ City

☐ Other (please specify)

**Q8. Which Region are you based in?**

☐ Cymru Wales

☐ Channel Islands

☐ East Midlands

☐ East of England

☐ London

☐ North East

☐ North West

☐ Northern Ireland

☐ Scotland

☐ South East

☐ South West

☐ West Midlands

☐ Yorkshire & the Humber

**Section 3. About your project**

**Q9. Enter the name of your project.**

**Q10. Why is your project important to your community group or school?**

**Q11. What is the need for your project and the reason why you want to connect with others in your community?**

**Q12. What do you intend to do with your project and what plans have you made so far?**

#### **Section 4. Your project team, partners, duration and funding**

**Q13. What other groups or partners are you aiming to involve in your project?**

You should list all relevant project partners and beneficiaries of the project, indicating if these are new relationships and if any of the partners have already expressed an interest to take part.

**Q14. Tell us about the team who will be involved in delivering your project.**

Where relevant please include specific roles and responsibilities.

**Q15. Tell us about the duration of your project. You should provide your best estimate where dates are not confirmed.** You should use the DD/MM/YYYY format when answering this question.

- i) When will your project commence?
- ii) When will your project finish?

**Q16. Does anything else need to happen before your project can proceed?**

(Enter NA if not applicable)

**Q17. How will you maintain contact with the groups and people involved after the funded project has ended?**

**Q18. Tell us about the funding for your project.**

Please consider where and how you intend to purchase items, prioritising sustainable choices.

- i) What will the project cost in total?
- ii) How much funding are you requesting from the RHS? Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available.
- iii) Please let us know how you reached your figure for RHS funding. You should provide estimates for key items if applicable.
- iv) How will you make up any shortfall in funding? (Enter NA if not applicable)

#### **Section 5. Your project impacts**

**Q19. What will happen to the project if you are unsuccessful in this funding bid?**

**Q20. Tell us about the location of your project including:**

- i) Where will your project take place?
- ii) If it is a land-based project, who owns the land and have appropriate permissions been gained yet? (Enter NA if not applicable)
- iii) Will any other permissions be required? (If yes, please state or enter NA if not applicable)

**Q21. What impact and difference will your project have on people and how will it meet the need you identified? You should include how you will measure the impact of your project in your answer.**

**Q22. How will you communicate the importance of your project and share any learnings from it with your wider community?**

<b>Section 6. Agreement to Terms &amp; Conditions and submission</b>
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**Q24. Please confirm you have read and understood the following documents applicable to grants awarded from the RHS Community Environment Fund.**

Yes

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[Privacy Policy](#)

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