

TVNP Small Grants Scheme

Aim: The primary aim of this funding is to enable small local groups to fund nature-based work that other grant schemes might not cover.

Minimum value: None

Maximum value: £2,000

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How to Apply:

You can download an application form from our [website](#). Please send your completed application form by email to: tvnp@teeswildlife.org or by post to: Margrove Heritage Centre, Margrove Park, Saltburn TS12 3BZ.

Closing Date for Applications:

Grant applications are reviewed twice a year, the deadlines for completed grant applications are as follows:

Application deadline	Applicant informed of decision
13 th March 2020	27 th March 2020
11 th September 2020	25 th September 2020
12 th March 2021	26 th March 2021
10 th September 2021	24 th September 2021
11 th March 2022	25 th March 2022
9 th September 2022	23 rd September 2022

Size of Grant Available

- Grants of up to £2,000 per year are available.
- You can hold more than one grant from this fund, up to a total of £2,000 in one year.

What can the grant fund?

Examples of what we can fund:

- New tools or equipment to help with outdoor work in a natural green space.
- Setting up or renewing your website.
- Social media training.
- Contract work to help maintain your green space.
- Materials for events in a green space or to do with the environment
- Materials for classes or clubs doing work related to nature and the outdoors.
- Training or development.
- Technical or professional expertise e.g. site survey, ecologist report.

Please note these are just examples, your group may have other project ideas. We are here to help so please do call for an informal chat to discuss ideas.

Match funding is not a requirement of this fund but please state any support you have for your project including cash and in-kind.

Application Eligibility:

- The applicant does not have to be a registered charity.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they are a group with a set of rules or constitution. If you don't have a set of rules, we can provide you with examples from other local groups.
- Applicants must be seeking funding for work within the Tees Valley, if you are unsure whether you are in the Tees Valley boundary please consult the map on [this page](#).
- The group applying must have a group bank account with at least two signatories or have a separate body in charge of their funds.
- Annual income of the group must be less than £20,000, this may exclude ring fenced project funding, please contact us for clarification if you are unsure.
- As this fund is to support local groups with an income less than £20,000 we regret we can't accept applications from schools, school PTA's, school groups, or work within school grounds.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be seeking a grant up to £2,000 for a project linked to the natural world.
- Applications cannot be retrospective (activities that have already or are currently taking place).
- The primary aim of this funding is to enable small local groups to fund nature-based work that other grant schemes might not cover.
- There is evidence of a need for funding which you need to supply as part of your application.

This grant will not fund:

- Salaries or retrospective funding for activities that have already or are currently taking place.

Approval Process:

- Applications must be submitted before the deadline, with the supporting documents.
- The panel meet twice a year in March and September.
- Applicants will be informed of the panel's decision two weeks after grant deadline.
- Successful applicants should not assume that future applications will be successful.

Monitoring

Please take photos and keep a record of your project. Applicants will be asked to complete a simple monitoring and evaluation form when their project has been completed. It helps to celebrate your groups success!

Any information you send us may be used on our website, in future grant advertising, and in other formats. Please ensure you gain consent of anyone you photograph. If they are under 16 you need permission from their parent/carer.

Any Questions?

Feel free to contact Louise Richards, Nature Partnership Officer for an informal chat before submitting your application. Contact details are; tvnp@teeswildlife.org Telephone: 01287 636382.