



OUR LOCAL NATURE GRANT

Grant Guidelines from Linnean Learning

These grants are available to fund innovative projects, designed and led by young people, which aim to increase access to local natural spaces and encourage a deeper appreciation and understanding of nature.

This grant is purposefully broad and welcomes novel ideas. Our application process is designed to be simple to allow young people to apply with adult support from their schools or community groups.

The maximum award is £1,000 per proposal. However, we welcome and encourage applications for significantly lower amounts. The Society is happy to co-fund any project with another organisation.

Some examples of possible proposals could be: restoring a community garden; running a school festival about nature; painting community murals showcasing biodiversity in the area; creating a nature walk; hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging...

What are the criteria?

To be eligible for a grant, you must be able to show your link to a UK primary or secondary school or a UK community-based organisation that works directly with young people (16 and under).

The project should be **designed by young people and led by them**, and should seek to **affect change or empower local young people** and the surrounding communities to **increase access to natural spaces and improve understanding of local biodiversity**.

What can you spend the grant on?

As long as your proposal meets the above criteria, this is entirely up to you. We recognise the expertise of young people, supporting adults and community leaders, so we are keen to hear what activities you think would work best for engaging people with your local nature and natural spaces.

The grant can be used for materials, room hire, publicity, speakers, trainers, freelancers, project-specific staff costs, audio-visual hire, reasonable volunteer expenses, transport or other costs of activities/ events.

However, the grant cannot be spent on large prizes, large non-consumable equipment (e.g. purchasing microscopes or computers), on-going salary costs, costs that are already covered by other funding, general running costs and overheads that are paid for by other income. More than half of the grant cannot be spent on refreshments or project specific staff costs.

What will we ask for in your application?

You will be asked to provide the following information in your application:

- Details of the person/people making the application
- A description of what you'd like to do
- An outline of who would benefit
- A rough budget outline (ideally in bullet points) of how the grant money will be used
- Details of the bank account which the grant will be paid into, including the account name, number and sort code.

Financial information is stored securely and will only be used to pay successful grant applicants. Unused details will be deleted. Providing your account details at this stage allows us to pay successful grant applicants immediately, making it easier to move forward without delay.

Deadlines and payments

The deadline for applications is 23.59 on Sunday 1 November 2020.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by email by mid-December. If successful, payment of the grant will be made directly into the nominated bank account.

Terms and conditions of the grant

By applying for the grant, you are agreeing to the following conditions:

- If successful, your project should aim to take place within 2021.
- If successful, you must complete a feedback survey after your project is complete.
- If the provided bank account details are incorrect, your grant payment will be significantly delayed, or your grant offer may be withdrawn.
- Linnean Learning must be correctly acknowledged (check the spelling) in any materials.
- Linnean Learning and the Linnean Society of London will not be held responsible or liable for any consequences, whether direct or indirect to any loss or damage, personal or otherwise, injury or death however arising in grant-funded activities.

How to apply

All applications should be made online [here](#).

This may be a brand new experience for you, so please feel free to send questions to our friendly Education Manager at joe@linnean.org

Good luck!