



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2019

Help green the grey where you live!

APPLICATION GUIDANCE NOTES

Is there a neglected space in your community that you'd love to transform into a green oasis for people and planet? Do you have a community garden idea that could bridge the generation gap? Like you, we want to inspire the next generation to grow!

In 2019, the RHS will support a number of intergenerational partnership projects between community groups and schools/youth groups, who want to transform an unloved space in their area to benefit the local community and environment.

We'll provide successful applicants with hands-on support from the RHS Outreach Team, plus up to £500 worth of plants and materials per project.

If you have a suitable site identified, permission in place from the landowner and a proposal agreed by all parties, please complete the application form by **28 February 2018**. Please note that we will assess project applications as soon as possible after submission and so recommend that you submit your application at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at communities@rhs.org.uk or visit the [RHS website Community pages](#) for further information.

APPLICATION GUIDANCE

1. FOCUS

This year we're asking applicants to show how their transformation would fit in with at least one of the following themes.

Grow for People: create a garden to help promote better health and wellbeing. It could be a sensory garden for rest and relaxation or a therapeutic garden to support people with specific health needs.

Grow for the Planet: create a garden that will help to address local environmental issues. It could be a productive space with fresh, seasonal food to share with others and help to reduce food miles, or you could tackle low-impact living with the creation of a garden made from re-used materials. You could

also consider developing new planting schemes to respond to a changing climate, for example plants for dry areas or creating a rain garden for a wet area.

Grow for Wildlife: create a space for wildlife to boost local biodiversity, drawing inspiration from some of our previous projects as highlighted on our [website](#). For instance, you could grow a butterfly garden or nectar bar, or create a mini wildlife pond as a crucial habitat for a whole range of wildlife.

2. RHS SUPPORT

Successful applicants will receive the following:

- **Up to £500 worth of materials**, provided by your local Community Outreach Advisor and appropriate to your project. This may include plants, seeds, tools, gardening accessories, planting containers (i.e. baskets, planters, boxes etc), materials to create planters, peat-free compost and soil enhancers

- **Hands-on support** from an experienced RHS Community Outreach Advisor. This could involve:
 - Help to plan your project
 - Horticultural/planting advice – for example to develop planting plans appropriate to your site conditions
 - Help to source reputable suppliers of plants and materials
 - Purchase and delivery of plants and materials to your project site
 - Help to engage a wide range of people with your project, through consultation, workshops and training
 - Advice on how to maintain your project in the future

3. ELIGIBILITY

Please note that this opportunity is open only to intergenerational projects involving children and/or young people, working in partnership with a community group.

At least one of your project partners must be registered to one of the following:

- A group involved in the [Britain in Bloom](#) or [It's Your Neighbourhood](#) campaigns
- An [RHS Affiliated Society](#)
- A school or group taking part in the [RHS Campaign for School Gardening](#) – it's easy and free to sign up and gives access to a host of useful information

Location – unfortunately we are only able to provide hands on support in regions where we have Community Outreach Advisors located. Please check the appendix for a list of local authorities where we will be able to offer support.

If you have any queries, please get in touch via communities@rhs.org.uk

In addition, please note:

- You must ensure that **all project partners mentioned have agreed** to your proposal
- Your project should be located in a **publicly accessible** space (not on school grounds unless openly accessible to the public)

- you must have **permission from the landowner** to work on the land and written evidence of this must be provided prior to the start of the project
- you must have the **capacity** to deliver the project – RHS advice and support will be provided but the responsibility to undertake project work will lie with the successful group.
- You must be committed to the **ongoing maintenance** of the site and have a plan in place
- Your project must be completed between **April – October 2019**
- All successful projects will be promoted by the RHS via various media channels. By submitting your application, you are agreeing to the RHS and its sponsor, to promote your project in the media and to use it as a case study.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please complete the online application on our [website here](#) by the deadline **Thursday 28th February 2019**. Please note that we will aim to assess applications as soon as possible after they are submitted and so recommend you submit your application as soon as possible.

The RHS would like to thank M&G Investments for its support of this programme in 2019.

APPENDIX – REGIONS WE ARE SUPPORTING IN 2019

GGB Regions for support 2019	Local authority
East of England	Bedfordshire
East of England	Cambridgeshire
East of England	Essex
East of England	Hertfordshire
East of England	Norfolk
East of England	Suffolk
London	London wide
Midlands - East	Derbyshire County
Midlands - East	Leicester city
Midlands - West	Birmingham City Council
North East	Durham City
North East	Gateshead
North East	Newcastle
North West	Bolton
North West	Bury
North West	Manchester
North West	Oldham
North West	Rochdale
North West	Salford
North West	Stockport
North West	Tameside
North West	Trafford
North West	Wigan
Scotland - East	East Lothian
Scotland - East	Edinburgh
Scotland - East	Falkirk
Scotland - East	Fife
Scotland - East	Midlothian
Scotland - East	Scottish Borders
Scotland - East	Stirling
Scotland - East	West Lothian
Scotland - West	East Ayrshire
Scotland - West	East Renfrewshire
Scotland - West	Glasgow City
Scotland - West	Inverclyde
Scotland - West	North Ayrshire
Scotland - West	North Lanarkshire
Scotland - West	Renfrewshire
Scotland - West	West Dunbartonshire
South East & Wisley	Berkshire
South East & Wisley	East Sussex

GGB Regions for support 2019 (continued)	Local authority
South East & Wisley	Hampshire
South East & Wisley	Kent
South East & Wisley	Surrey
South East & Wisley	West Sussex
south west	Bristol
South West	Gloucestershire
South West	North Devon
South West	Somerset
South West	Wiltshire
Yorkshire - South	Barnsley
Yorkshire - South	Rotherham
Yorkshire - South	Sheffield
Yorkshire - West	Bradford
Yorkshire - West	Leeds
Yorkshire - West	Wakefield