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# North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership Green Health Development Fund 2020/21 Application Criteria and T&C's

## Background

North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership (NAGHP) is one of four area-wide partnerships developed in Scotland. It is part of "Our Natural Health Service" (ONHS), a national programme led by NatureScot formerly known as Scottish Natural Heritage that aims to show how greater use of the outdoors can improve physical activity, mental wellbeing and help to address some of the causes of health inequalities such as access to green space, sustainability and promoting social connections. Use the following link to find out more

<http://www.healthscotland.scot/health-inequalities/what-are-health-inequalities>

The overall vision of the GHP in North Ayrshire is to "Improve the Health and Wellbeing of local communities through supporting and encouraging more people to spend time outdoors".

This could be through everyday contact with nature such as pastimes, volunteering or through organised activities like health walks, Green Gym™, community growing or by making the outdoors a key part of recovery. More information is available at [www.nagreenhealth.org.uk](http://www.nagreenhealth.org.uk)

In North Ayrshire, Green Health includes a wide range of activities based outdoors, engaging people with the natural environment. Ideally activities should ensure that the natural environment is not exploited or degraded as a result of participation. North Ayrshire is renowned for its natural environment and the wide range of opportunities it provides for people to be physically active and experience nature and the outdoors. However, nature and the benefits it provides are also easily accessible in our parks, gardens and urban greenspaces. Our natural assets have the potential to contribute to improving a range of health outcomes, helping reduce health inequalities, addressing issues of social isolation, improving mental health and wellbeing and supporting the general transformation needed to keep people healthier for longer.

Our Natural Health Service will achieve this by encouraging three pillars of activity:

**Pillar 1** – Everyday Contact with Nature – e.g. recreation, pastimes, volunteering, outdoor learning, active travel.

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**Pillar 2** – Nature based health promotion initiatives – e.g. health walks, Green Gym, community growing initiatives.

**Pillar 3** – Nature based interventions with a defined health or social outcome e.g. therapeutic & exercise programmes as a treatment intervention.

£60,000 has been secured by the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership, to distribute to community projects that help deliver these aims, and in particular, to promote action and build capacity around the three pillars as highlighted above. The grant fund is being administered by North Ayrshire Council (NAC), The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) and NHS Ayrshire and Arran on behalf of the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership.

## Criteria

Applicants are expected to demonstrate how they will meet the following key aims of the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership (NAGHP) in line with the 3 pillars of the Our Natural Health Service (ONHS) Model (i.e. promoting everyday contact with nature; delivering nature based health promotion initiatives; and facilitating nature based interventions with a defined health or social outcome):

- Get more people to use the outdoor environment and more regularly
- Contribute to reducing health inequalities
- Improve mental health and wellbeing of local people

Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate how they will achieve these aims through the following objectives:

- Working in collaboration with other partners and different groups within a locality.
- Making links between existing initiatives.
- Increasing access to and /or increasing availability of green health opportunities particularly to communities or population groups or individuals not currently engaging, are isolated, have limited opportunities or are disadvantaged.
- Demonstrating the advancement of equality and fairness through use of the outdoor environment:
  - eliminating discrimination
  - advancing equality of opportunity
  - fostering good relations between different people when carrying out activities.
- Enabling participants to continue to benefit from outdoor opportunities beyond the 12 month funding period.

- Demonstrating how they would sustain the project and service provided beyond the 12 month funding period.
- Demonstrating how they will be able to operate and deliver their project utilising COVID-secure guidance and policy.

We are currently in unprecedented times as a result of COVID-19; therefore some of these objectives may have to be flexible. **However, we would expect applicants to detail how they will manage and deliver their projects safely and within the COVID-19 guidance.** Please use the following resources below to help with this process.

Organisations can utilise the following link from HSE on guidance for Risk Assessment - <https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/working-safely/index.htm>

The Conservation Volunteers also regularly update their COVID-secure guidance on the following link - <https://www.tcv.org.uk/working-safely-during-covid-19>

General advice around managing Scotland's parks and greenspaces can be found at <https://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/guidance-and-advice>

The Scottish Community Development Council have a number of resources to support community organisations in general during COVID-19 via the following link <https://www.scdc.org.uk/coronavirus>

Health Protection Scotland's COVID-19 Information and Guidance for General (Non-Healthcare) Settings can be found at [https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1\\_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2973/documents/1_covid-19-guidance-for-non-healthcare-settings.pdf)

In addition, applicants are encouraged to consider how they contribute to Scotland Public Health Priorities.

### Scotland's Public Health Priorities

1. A Scotland where we live in vibrant, healthy and safe places and communities
2. A Scotland where we flourish in our early years
3. A Scotland where we have good mental wellbeing
4. A Scotland where we reduce the use of and harm from alcohol, tobacco and other drugs
5. A Scotland where we have a sustainable, inclusive economy with equality of outcomes for all
6. A Scotland where we eat well, have a healthy weight and are physically active.



Funding for any larger projects over £5000 will be given over 2 payments with the successful group agreeing to a visit from the GHP Senior Project Officer mid-year. This will be in person or virtual depending on current COVID-19 guidance as stated in previous sections.

All successful applicants will be required to monitor their project to contribute to the evaluation of the GHP and the overall ONHS Programme. Successful applicants will be required to communicate regularly with the GHP, where appropriate, during project delivery and produce a summary report (to a template) at 12 months.

Applicants will be expected to sign up to the 'North Ayrshire Green Health Network' distribution list for news on forthcoming events, training, guidance, and research in relation to green health. Attendance at the Green Health Network events/meetings will be expected. Depending on current Government and NHS guidance on COVID-19 this may be virtual or in person.

### Who can apply?

Applicants must be a not for profit, community group/organisation providing a service, based in and serving the people of North Ayrshire Local Authority Area.

Applicants must have a bank account and be constituted, payment will be by BACS. NAC Finance Dept will need to see a copy of a Bank Statement prior to payment

The following exclusions will apply:

- We will not support the promotion of any religious or political activity.
- Ongoing costs e.g. rent or costs incurred retrospectively
- Where there is an identified duplication of services or support.
- Applicants that will use the funding to further distribute the funds to other organisations.
- One-off events or taster sessions.
- We will not accept applications directly from any statutory body though they can be a collaborating partner.
- We will not accept applications directly from schools and nurseries, though they can be a collaborating partner.
- **We will not accept applications from groups who previously received GHP funding and have not completed the requested evaluation forms from 2018/2019.**
- We will not fund routine maintenance and repairs

- Those that do not demonstrate how they will safely deliver their project within the COVID-secure guidance available.

Those who have previously received GHP funding **and have returned their completed evaluation** are encouraged to re-apply.

## General Terms & Conditions

- This fund is open for applications from the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- Applications received after 9am on Monday 23rd November will not be accepted.
- Applicants must be able to spend funding within 12 months of receipt of them.
- An application for funds up to £1,500/ £5,000/ £10,000 can be submitted; however no group will be awarded funding in more than one category.
- The total maximum applied for cannot exceed up to £1,500/ £5,000/ £10,000
- Full payment, if successful, will be transferred up-front in one transaction, with the exception of an award for any larger scale project over £5,000 which will be paid in two payments within 12 months. Larger projects will also be required to agree to a site visit mid-year from the GHP Senior Project Officer. This will be in person or virtual depending on current COVID-19 guidance as stated in previous sections.
- Funding not spent or committed by 12 months will be reclaimed by the grantor.
- The grant must be used exclusively for the Project and only by the Applicant and only in accordance with the details in the application.
- The Applicant will manage the Project and be fully responsible for all aspects of implementation.
- The Grantor reserves the right to request detailed accounts to ensure funds have been spent on the purposes for which they are intended.
- If at any time the total expenditure for the project exceeds the estimated amount stated in the Grant Offer letter there will be no corresponding increase in grant.
- If the costs actually incurred in any project are less than the amount approved, the remainder of the grant must be returned to the NAGHP unless otherwise agreed.
- The Applicant will inform the Grantor immediately if any of the key contact information changes.

- The Applicant agrees to meet all laws regulating the way it operates, the works it carries out, the staff they employ and the goods that it buys where applicable. All necessary permission will be obtained by the applicant e.g. PVG, please note we may require to see these.
- The Applicant will maintain adequate insurance at all times where applicable.
- The NA GHP would expect organisations in receipt of the funds to develop best practice in equal opportunities and fully comply with the spirit of all appropriate legislation. If required groups will be given assistance if required.
- Groups or organisations may not dispose of any equipment purchased in full or part using the NA GHP funds without prior agreement of the NA GHP
- Equipment, buildings, events that the NA GHP has granted funding must be fully insured by the group/organisation to provide (equipment – for full replacement value if damaged or destroyed). Equipment must be in the charge of a named person, normally the secretary of the organisation. Public liability should be in place for all groups/organisations.
- If a group/organisation that has received funding is disbanded then any goods, equipment or facilities purchased from the funds will revert to the NA GHP. If the goods, equipment or facilities have been lost, stolen or damaged and not replaced then all monies obtained from their insurance will revert to the NA GHP.
- As stated in Criteria section the Project must demonstrate how they will safely deliver within the COVID-secure guidance available.

## Publicity

- The Applicant will acknowledge the contribution of ‘North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership’ publicly as appropriate and practical, including use of our logo where possible (For a copy of the NA GHP logo please contact [d.meechan@tcv.org.uk](mailto:d.meechan@tcv.org.uk)).
- The Applicant will acknowledge the Grantors support in any published documents using the following statement:

*“The North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership is helping to make more use of Scotland’s outdoors as Our Natural Health Service, a national initiative led by NatureScot formerly known as Scottish Natural Heritage and supported by partners including Scottish Forestry, Public Health Scotland and Transport Scotland.”*

- The Applicant will agree to promote and tag the NAGHP @NAGreenHealth via Facebook, Twitter and other social media channels to raise the profile of the NAGHP and keep them up to date with applicant’s activities.

- The Grantor reserves the right to publish details of this project in papers, journals and other media. The Applicant agrees to the Grantor carrying out any forms of publicity and marketing as it sees fit. The Applicant agrees to do whatever the Grantor may reasonably require in assistance with any form of publicity and marketing, including press or media related activities.
- The applicant must agree to share their project details (including contact details) with the Green Health Partnership Network.

## How to submit an application

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.nagreenhealth.org.uk](http://www.nagreenhealth.org.uk) or CPP locality planning pages <http://northayrshire.community/north-ayrshire-green-health-development-fund-2020-21/37057/> or

You can request a copy from Clair Carson on 01292 885834 or via [ghdf@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ghdf@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

Completed applications are to be submitted either by email or post **no later than 9am on Monday 23rd November 2020**

to the following details:

Email: [ghdf@aapct.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ghdf@aapct.scot.nhs.uk)

or

NA Green Health Partnership  
c/o Clair Carson  
Public Health  
Afton House  
Ailsa Hospital  
Dalmellington Road  
Ayr  
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Telephone enquiries can be made to Clair Carson on 01292 885834 or David Meechan on M:07773200525

Email enquiries can be made to David Meechan on: [d.meechan@tcv.org.uk](mailto:d.meechan@tcv.org.uk)

## Scoring

Applicants are asked to provide an answer/explanation for all of the questions asked in the application form. Each answer/explanation will be scored out of 5 (including the project summary). Additional weighting will be applied to Questions 7, 8 and 9. Assessment will be carried out by a panel selected from representatives of the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership.

## What happens when we receive your application?

- You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt and a unique reference number for your application.
- An Evaluation Panel from the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership will evaluate applications.
- Applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be informed of the funding decision by 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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- Successful applicants will be sent (by email) an offer letter/funding agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the funding award and the next steps.
- Successful applicants will require to sign the offer letter/funding agreement prior to payment of funding.
- All decisions made are final and the North Ayrshire Green Health Partnership cannot revisit any decision.
- All awards made must be used for the purpose for which they are allocated.

### Once we receive your funding application, what happens next?

