

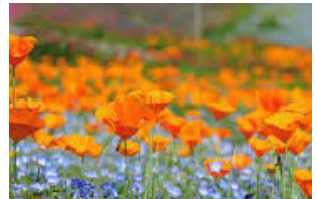


Greening the Grey

GBSLEP

ERDF Habitats Grants Programme

2018-2020



The GBSLEP Habitats Grants programme is funded through Priority 6 of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Small Habitats Grants Programme...



Through delivery of the ERDF Small Habitats Grants Programme we are enabling a greener GBSLEP. Through the programme eligible organisations from across the GBSLEP area will be able to deliver green and blue infrastructure improvements at a smaller scale. The overall aim of the programme is to improve 20 hectares of land and habitat improvement.

Who can apply?

To apply for a grant from the Habitats Grants Programme your organisation must be one of the following:

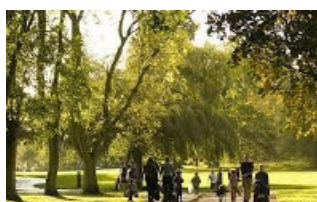
- Charity
- Statutory organisation
- Not-for-profit organisation
- Community or voluntary organisation
- Parish or Town Council
- Business – if the land is open to public all year round
- Schools – if the land is open to public all year round

The documents you need differ depending on what sort of organisation:

- Community organisation - A copy of your governing document / constitution / terms of reference
- Registered charity - Your charity number
- Business – Latest set of accounts

Who can't apply

- Farms
- Individuals
- Schools (if the land isn't wholly open to the public all year round)



Eligibility...

To be eligible for a grant the land that your project is improving should be located in the GBSLEP (Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership) area, although your organisation can be based elsewhere. The GBSLEP is made up of the following areas:
Birmingham, Solihull, Cannock, East Staffs, Lichfield, Tamworth, Wyre Forest, Redditch and Bromsgrove.



We are looking for projects which might include the following:

- Grassland creation
- Woodland improvement
- Wildflower seeding
- Wetland improvement
- Access improvements through land that was also being improved
- Hedgerow planting
- Tree planting
- Planting of native species
- River Restoration

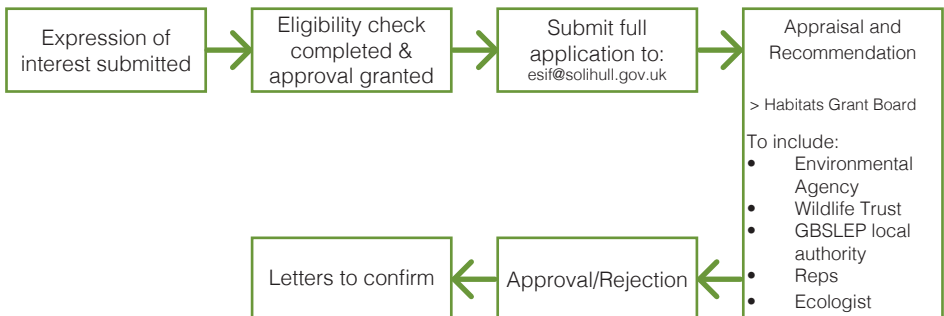
We are not looking for:

- Formal planting schemes
- Installation of recreational facilities
- Installation of football pitches

A grant will only be given for land which our ecologist can verify has been improved for people and wildlife.

Projects will only be funded where the land is open to the public and where people are free to enter and enjoy the space.

Approval Process



Important Dates

July 2018

17 July

Small Habitats Grants – information and registering interest event

To be advertised on GBSLEP website / SMBC website – details to be made available before end of July.

September 2018

30 September

Closing date – Expressions of Interest (EOI) to be sent to esif@solihull.gov.uk

October 2018

1 – 5 October

8 – 12 October

Evaluation of EOIs applications

Board meeting including EA and members – approvals of EOIs. Decisions on applicants progressing to full application

15 October

Opening of full application process

December 2018

17 December

Closing date for full applications

January 2019

Checks – eligibility checks, viability, land ownership, legal checks, etc Ecologist land check



Successful applicants to be notified

Please note the above dates are approximate and may be subject to change.

