

# CENTRAL SCOTLAND GREEN NETWORK - COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

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Central Scotland Green Network

## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS



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## Purpose of the Fund

The CSGN Community Projects Fund is intended to support small-scale, community led projects that:

- deliver green network improvements on the ground; and/or
- increase community use of the green network; and/or
- Increase community involvement in the maintenance and enhancement of the green network locally.

The overall aim of the Fund is to foster community involvement in delivering the CSGN in their area.

Funding is available for financial year 2011-12 and therefore activity must be complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

## Eligibility

The Fund is available to any community group wishing to undertake activity within the CSGN boundary. Groups applying to the Fund must have a bank account, into which grant could be paid, and should ideally have a constitution. If you do not meet these criteria, then you may wish to consider whether it would be possible for another community organisation to apply on your behalf, or to apply as part of a 'consortium' bid.

The scope of the Fund is deliberately broad – although projects must include **at least an element of** tree/woodland planting or management.

The sorts of activity that are eligible include:

- Management/enhancement of existing woodlands/greenspace;
- Creation/planting of new woodlands/greenspace;
- Events & activities to celebrate/promote existing green network assets and to increase community use; and
- Improvements to walking and cycling networks that enhance access to woodlands/greenspace.

However, this list is not definitive and we will consider all types of project activity that can be shown to be enhancing the green network locally or increasing community use and involvement.

Funding can be used to purchase trees, plants, turf, tools and other materials and equipment for use by community groups, or to contract third party providers to undertake work on the community's behalf.

Volunteer time cannot be funded but expenses and refreshments etc for volunteers would be eligible.

## Exclusions & Limitations

The following activities are specifically excluded:

- purchase and planting of fruit trees (because of the CSGN Development Fund grant already given to Forth Environment Link to support a CSGN Orchard Grant Scheme – see <http://www.forthenvironmentlink.org/general/orchard-grant-scheme-now-ripe-for-picking> for details); and
- activity that would be eligible under SRDP (excluding LEADER) – see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/farmingrural/SRDP> for details.

Applications are limited to one per community group and the maximum grant available is £1,000.

## Applying for Funding

Applications should be submitted on the form provided. Additional information may be included with your application but you must use the form provided to enable us to assess your application.

Applications should be sent to the regional partnership administering the Fund for your area. Details are available from the CSGN website and contact details for each partnership are given below.

Applications must be submitted by 17:00 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. No late applications will be accepted.

Applications will be considered and our decision relayed to you within approximately 2 weeks of the closing date.

## Monitoring, Reporting & Claiming Grant

If your application is successful we will write to you with a formal grant letter. Funding must be spent **by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012** and you must submit a claim for your grant **no later than 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012**.

We will send you a claim form and a short reporting form, requesting details of the activity that a grant from the Fund has supported, and the

expenditure incurred. Grant will not be paid until we have received both forms.

## Further Information

If you need further information or wish to discuss a potential application please contact:

For projects in **City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian and Fife:**

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For projects in **City of Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde:**

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For projects in **North Ayrshire, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire:**

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