## To receive information on a grant to improve green spaces and consider any actions and associated expenditure

## THE BUPA FOUNDATION GREEN COMMUNITY GRANTS 2024

Project grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to charities, voluntary organisations, local authorities, schools and social housing providers in the UK and the Republic of Ireland for wellbeing projects that improve green spaces for communities and local activities.

## Application deadline: SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2024 at 23:59.

Funder: The BUPA Foundation (founded 2015. Charity number 1162759. Total charitable expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022: £1,247,046 (2021: £1,258,291)). The grant programme is being managed by Groundwork UK on behalf of the BUPA Foundation.

Who can apply: registered charities, not-for-profit voluntary and community organisations, local authorities, schools and social housing providers in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Key words: Regeneration of Green Spaces, Increased Access to Green Spaces, Tree Planting, Forest Schools, Outdoor Classrooms, Allotments, Sustainable Equipment, Education, Community Cohesion, Community Safety, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Physical Wellbeing, Habitat Creation, Improving Air and Soil Quality, Biodiversity, Reducing Polluted Water, Reducing Dependency on Fossil Fuels, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom.

The <u>Bupa Foundation's Green Community Grants programme</u>, which is being managed by <u>Groundwork UK</u> on behalf of BUPA, is designed to support practical projects which enhance the health of people and the planet by providing grants of between £250 and £2,000. The scheme, which opened to applications on Saturday 1st June 2024, is part of Bupa's <u>Healthy Cities</u> campaign, is open to all to schools, registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and social housing providers across the UK.

The Foundation wants to fund practical projects which benefit both people and planet health. Priority will be given to projects that:

o Are located in disadvantaged areas (high Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores for the postcode, or a school with a significant proportion of children benefitting from free school meals).

Benefit and involve the local community, and/or

Improve or create new green spaces.

Examples of green projects could include (*please note that this is not an exhaustive list*):

Creating a community food growing space.

Creating an outdoor classroom or 'forest school' on school grounds. Improving a local community garden for community use and recreational activities. And Volunteer-led tree or flower planting to improve air quality and biodiversity. Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available with no matched funding requirement. All projects must be completed by the end of April 2025.

Funding is *not* available for:

Activities which collect funds for redistribution to other charities or individuals Community Interest Companies with guarantee that are less than 2 years old, Community Interest Companies with shares.

Conferences or seminars

Fundraising activities.

Individuals.

Marketing promotions.

Organisations that are not constituted.

Overseas projects, including expeditions an overseas travel

Profit-making organisations.

Projects or activities that the state has a legal obligation to provide.

Promotion of a religious or political cause, including political donations. Research projects.

Running costs and organisational overheads, or

Work that has already taken place.

Further information, guidance and an online application form is available on <u>Groundwork's website</u> (scroll down to the foot of the page).

The deadline for applications is Sunday 30th June 2024 at 23:59.

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