

## SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES (UK-WIDE)

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

#### Eligibility Quiz

Please Note: If you are unable to check any of the required boxes below, your project will not be eligible to apply for funding from The Royal Countryside Fund.

Number	Question
1	Have you read the guidance document and checked that your project aligns with the objectives of this programme?
2	Are you located in a rural area or delivering your project in a rural area?
3	<p>We are <u>not</u> able to provide funding for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Care farms or similar projects where the beneficiaries are drawn from a larger area than just the local community.</i></li> <li>• <i>Local authorities (including town and parish councils).</i></li> <li>• <i>Hospitals or schools.</i></li> <li>• <i>Private companies or individuals.</i></li> <li>• <i>Youth clubs.</i></li> <li>• <i>Uniformed groups such as scouts, guides or sea cadets.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sports clubs or associations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Organisations that look to make profits and share these profits out privately - including companies limited by shares, organisations without the right asset locks, or organisations that can pay profits to directors or shareholders.</i></li> <li>• <i>Organisations applying to more than one of our funds for the same project over the same period. This is because you cannot get duplicate funding for something we're already funding you to do. It's OK to apply to another programme if you've already had an unsuccessful decision though.</i></li> </ul> <p>Can you confirm your organisation is not one of the organisation types listed above?</p>
4	Does your organisation have an annual turnover of less than £500,000?
5	Can you provide evidence of need directly from your target community? <i>This will be required if you are invited to submit a full proposal. Your evidence needs to be clearly demonstrable in the form of surveys and/or multiple testimonials from community members. More information on what is expected is available in the guidance notes.</i>
6	<p>We are <u>not</u> able to provide funding in this programme for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rent costs</i></li> <li>• <i>Activities which involve capital work to buy or build, refurbish, extend or alter a property or other construction-related works. This includes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>refurbishment</i></li> <li>○ <i>retro-fitting</i></li> <li>○ <i>extending buildings</i></li> <li>○ <i>purchasing land or buildings</i></li> <li>○ <i>creating a new building</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>developing an external space like a community garden</i></li> <li>● <i>Landscape-scale or nature recovery type projects</i></li> <li>● <i>Purchase of buildings or land.</i></li> <li>● <i>Planning permission/building regulations.</i></li> <li>● <i>Insurance costs</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities taking place in a location where the purchase/rent agreement is not complete.</i></li> <li>● <i>Statutory requirements.</i></li> <li>● <i>Technical energy activities where a specialist funder might be more appropriate.</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities that replace government funding</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities that benefit individuals, rather than the wider community</i></li> <li>● <i>Lobbying activities</i></li> <li>● <i>Retrospective costs</i></li> <li>● <i>The topping up of organisation reserves.</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities where our contribution makes up less than 10% of the total cost of the activity</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities that aim to promote a religion</i></li> <li>● <i>Consumables including food, fuel or refreshments.</i></li> <li>● <i>Political activity/campaigning</i></li> <li>● <i>Working capital</i></li> <li>● <i>Loans.</i></li> <li>● <i>Activities where there may be other, more appropriate funders with a better understanding of the issue. For example, those dealing with:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>domestic violence</i></li> <li>○ <i>migration</i></li> <li>○ <i>dementia or elderly care</i></li> <li>○ <i>healthcare or mental healthcare provision.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Can you confirm you are not applying for any of the project types or items listed above?</p>
7	Do you have the necessary permissions in place, including (if relevant) a completed building purchase, planning consent, or rental agreement?
8	We are unable to fund work that has already taken place or finished. Can you confirm the project or work you are applying for hasn't taken place?
9	Will RCF be contributing at least 10% (or more) of the total project budget?

## Section 1: Applicant Details

Number	Question
1.1	Full legal name of your organisation
1.2	Does your organisation use a different name in its day-to-day work? (If yes) What name does your organisation use day-to-day?
1.3	Organisation address Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City/Town County Postcode Country
1.4	What type of organisation are you? ( <i>max 50 words</i> )
1.5	When was your organisation set up?
1.6	Please select where registered
1.7	Please state registration number
1.8	What is your accounting year end date?
1.9	Organisation annual income ( <i>for the most recently audited financial year</i> )
1.10	Number of employees FTE ( <i>full time equivalent</i> )
1.11	Number of volunteers
1.12	Number of trustees or directors ( <i>the majority of whom should not be paid executives</i> )
<b>Main Contact</b> - Please provide details for your main contact. This will be the <b>first</b> person we contact if we need to discuss your project.	
1.13	Main contact first name
	Main contact last name
1.14	Role in organisation
1.15	Email address
1.16	Phone number
1.17	Does the main contact have any additional communication needs?
1.18	Correspondence address (if different from above) Organisation address Address Line 1 Address Line 2 City/Town County Postcode
<b>Senior Contact</b> - Provide the details of your senior contact. <b>This cannot be the same person as your main contact.</b> They'll be legally responsible for the funding. They can't be married to, in a civil partnership with, in a long-term relationship with, living with, or related to the main contact or through a long-term partner.	
1.19	Senior contact first name
	Senior contact last name

1.20	Role in organisation
1.21	Email address
1.22	Phone number
1.23	Correspondence Address (if different from above)
1.24	Does the senior contact have any additional communication needs?
1.25	<p>Where did your organisation hear about this programme?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Organisation</li> <li>• Local Council Website or Newsletter</li> <li>• Generic Funding Emails / Websites</li> <li>• Word of Mouth</li> <li>• Social Media</li> <li>• Online Search</li> <li>• RCF Website</li> <li>• RCF Newsletter</li> <li>• Prior Knowledge of the RCF</li> <li>• Past Applicant</li> <li>• Past Recipient</li> <li>• The Plunkett Foundation</li> <li>• ACRE</li> <li>• Rural Services Network</li> <li>• RCF Team Member</li> <li>• Other</li> <li>• Newspaper article (online or print)</li> </ul>

## Section 2: Activity Overview

2.1	<p>Please submit a short video with your application. We want to hear your story – who you are, what your organisation does, what the project is you'd like us to support. It would be great to hear more about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>where you are based</i></li> <li>- <i>the main activities and objectives of your organisation</i></li> <li>- <i>what you'd like to do.</i></li> </ul> <p>The video can be taken on a phone/tablet - the quality of the video will not be taken into consideration.</p> <p>The video must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be between 1 minutes and 3 minutes long. <b>Please note, if your video is over 3 minutes long, only the first 3 minutes will be assessed.</b></li> <li>- Be uploaded to a hosting website e.g. Dropbox, Google Drive or YouTube or sent via whatsapp to 07825 165340. If sending via whatsapp, make sure to send your name, organisation name and email address with your video.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please only submit one video with your application.</b></p> <p>Please see the video guidance on our website for more info.</p> <p>If you have uploaded your video to a hosting website, please enter the URL for your video below:</p>
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	Alternatively, please tick to confirm you have sent your video, with your name, email and contact number via whatsapp to 07825 165340:
2.2	Which theme(s) does your project fall under? (You may select more than one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powering up rural communities</li> <li>• Increasing environmental sustainability</li> <li>• Keeping young people in the countryside</li> <li>• Building emergency resilience</li> </ul>
2.3	A very brief overview of the project you would like us to support. You should start with "this project will ...." Tell us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>what you'd like to do</i></li> <li>• <i>where it will take place</i></li> <li>• <i>where the demand for your project is coming from</i></li> <li>• <i>who will benefit from it</i></li> <li>• <i>If it's a new project, or if you're continuing something that has worked well previously (both are eligible)</i></li> </ul> <i>(max 500 words)</i>
2.4	What do you aim to aim to achieve through your project and why are you well placed to deliver this? (Max 300 words)
2.5	Total Project cost
2.6	How much are you requesting from the RCF? This must be at least 10% of the total cost of the project and cannot be more than £25,000. <b>Please note, the total amount you request cannot be amended if invited to submit a full proposal.</b>
2.7	What will you spend the money on? Please itemise what the funding from The Royal Countryside Fund will be used for (enter one item per line below). <b>Only list items that will be funded by RCF</b> , not the entire project budget. You can include approximate costs for now, but we will ask for an itemised budget if you are asked to submit a full proposal. Please note, although we accept an approximate budget breakdown at this stage, <b>the total amount requested cannot be amended if invited to submit a full proposal.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item</li> <li>• Approximate Cost</li> </ul>
2.8	If the total project cost (question 2.6) exceeds the amount being requested from RCF (2.7), please provide details of where the additional funding will come from. This must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funder name</li> <li>• Amount requested</li> <li>• Outcome status / date outcome is expected.</li> </ul> If this funding has not yet been secured, please tick here

### Section 3: Declaration:

3.1	I confirm that the information provided in this EOI is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the governing body of the applicant organisation (trustees, board of directors, management committee or other) has authorised this application and the proposed	I agree
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	project/activity described in it, which is within the objects set out in the governing document.	
3.2	I have read and agreed to the RCF Privacy policy <a href="https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/privacy-policy/">https://www.royalcountrysidefund.org.uk/privacy-policy/</a>	I agree
3.3	I have been authorised by the people named as the Main Contact and Senior Contact to include them in this proposal and to submit their details in this form to us.	I agree
	Full name of person completing this form	
	Position in organisation	