

FAQs: Gardening Grants 2020

How can I apply for a grant?

Email the marketing team for an application form: marketing@creativesupport.co.uk

How much can I apply for?

Services wanting to start a gardening project can apply for **up to £500**. Services wanting to develop an existing gardening project which was started using money awarded from the 2019 Opportunity Choice and Wellbeing programme can apply for up to **£250**.

What can I not apply for?

The grants programme will not fund activities for one individual.

What can I do to help achieve a successful application?

The panel will mark your application against certain criteria. We have detailed below some elements to consider when completing your application, which may increase your chances of being successful:

- The application was done by or with a service user
- A tenant/service user meeting was held to discuss what gardening project they would like to do
- The project involves volunteers
- The project will be coproduced, promote health and wellbeing and encourage social engagement with the local community
- The project will include fundraising activities
- The project would create a positive impression of Creative Support and could be used in positive news stories
- The project involves multiple services

When will I find out if my application is successful?

You will find out within seven working days of the panel if you are successful.

Can I apply with a different idea if my grant was unsuccessful?

Yes you can. We want you to succeed in your grant application, so we will provide you with feedback to help increase the quality of your application to put forward to the next panel.

Do I need to do anything after I have been accepted for a grant?

Yes please! You will be required to complete a 'Photography Consent form' to take pictures throughout project. A member of the Grants team will also visit the project at a convenient time to take pictures, catch up with what's been happening and offer support if required.

We also require you to follow financial procedures to ensure that your money is being managed correctly at your service (you will be provided with guidance if successful for a grant).

You will be required to complete a progress form at the mid point of your project and an outcomes form at the end point of the project as soon as you can, including full details of your event or activity, and any photographs taken to allow us to help promote it.

Can Head Office Support me with my application?

Yes, please contact the marketing team if you have any questions regarding your application.

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The marketing team is also available to help with advice on planning and promoting your project. They can provide promotional items like pens, badges and leaflets.

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