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Gardening Grants programme 2020

Following the success of Be Involved initiatives like Green Goals and the Sunflower competition, we are delighted to introduce the Gardening Grants Programme for 2020.

The Gardening Grants aims to improve staff and service user wellbeing by getting services across the country involved in gardening activities.



We're encouraging applications from services wanting to start or develop existing gardening projects that will enrich the lives of the people they support. This could be taking on a plot at your local allotment, starting a wildflower garden, building a sensory garden, or getting a group together to grow crops in your back garden, a greenhouse, or even your windowsill!

Participating in gardening activities has so many benefits. In addition to getting out in the fresh air and enjoying a new hobby, gardening projects can also improve mental health and help to combat social isolation.

How To Apply

The Gardening Grants programme will officially launch at the Celebration Gala, **4th December 2019**, and application packs will be available from this date. We will be accepting applications until **31st January 2020**.



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**.

Please email marketing at marketing@creativesupport.co.uk for more information and to request an application form.

Application Requirements

- An application must be fully costed
- The application must include outcome projections, testimony from service users expressing interest, and a wider impact strategy i.e. inclusion of other local services, benefits to the local community, and/or fundraising potential.
- All recipients must follow official financial procedures
- Successful applicants must complete a progress form and an outcome form within a specified time following the receipt of the grant
- Participants must complete a 'photography consent form'
- Successful services must give permission for marketing and/or volunteering to attend projects and share outcomes online.

Tips for a Successful Application

The panel will mark your application against the criteria listed below:

- The application was done by or with a service user
- A tenant's/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





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