

This guide is designed to support community growing projects in Gloucestershire. Further resources, case studies and links to our district community growing networks are available via our [Great Food Gloucestershire](#) website and social media pages [@GREATFoodGlos](#) [@greatfoodgloucestershire](#)



Community Growing



Funding

Cotswolds

Cotswold Connected Community and Food Programme

This grant aims to support local priorities with a focus on sustainable solutions, including food, that help tackle the root causes of local inequalities, the cost-of-living crisis and strengthen community resilience longer term. The Council has several other community grants, with further details found in the link below:

Links to further information:

[Cotswold Connected Community and Food Programme](#)

[Crowdfund Cotswold](#)

[Cotswold District Council's other community grants](#)

What's on your doorstep?

Explore local funding to see if there are any Gloucestershire County Council or District Council grants available which could fit a community growing project. These might be through 'Greener Gloucestershire' or the 'Shared Prosperity Funds'. Other local funding sources might be 'Green and Blue Social Prescribing initiatives', the Cotswold National Landscape's FIPL grants, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, or local funders, such as Gloucestershire Funders, Thirty Percy, The Barnwood Trust, or Ernest Cook Trust. Local companies or businesses near your project may have community schemes, or be able to help with resources or volunteers.

What else is out there?

National funding sources - National Lottery, People's Postcode Lottery, Groundwork, Hubbub, NAGT, CLA, Naturesave Trust, Kew Grow Wild, National Garden Scheme and for help with funding advice, check Sustain, Incredible Edible and Coronation Gardens.

How could we be more financially sustainable?

Also worth considering are Fundraising, Membership or Social Enterprise models. Some projects host workshops, events, and corporate volunteering, or run membership fee models, and some have even worked with property developers via BNG requirements (Global Generation).

Easy Wins for Community Growing Grants!

Its key to ensure the funding aims of a grant match well with your project. Luckily, Community Growing has so many multifunctional benefits there are lots of different types of fund you can go for...here's just a few!

- **Biodiversity & wildlife**
- **Green Spaces**
- **Climate Change & Urban Heat**
- **Fresh & Healthy Food**
- **Food Security & Low Food Miles**
- **Well-Being & Health**
- **New skills & Learning**
- **Connecting Communities**

Check out what national and local grants are available to help your community growing project

