

# **Sustainable Communities Food Fund**

## **What is The Sustainable Communities Food Fund?**

The fund intends to support sustainable, community-led initiatives focusing on food insecurity, education, improving access to nutritious affordable food, reducing food waste and more!

## **What Can I Apply For?**

Grants of £250-£5000 are available for capital costs, and some revenue costs.

## **Who Can Apply?**

The fund is open to constituted VCFSE organisations, as well as micro or small food-related businesses. Certain conditions apply to both types of applicants.

## **How Do I Apply?**

For more information or support, please contact:  
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# How Can The Food Fund Help

## You?

## Community Growing Projects

**What could you apply for? Examples include:**

- Purchase of equipment to assist with community food growing schemes.
- Purchase of equipment to help with project administration/volunteer management (e.g. laptop/scanner)
- Costs associated with delivering upskilling sessions/courses to clients, staff or volunteers.
- Web hosting costs to allow a project to promote its work, increase visibility, accept online donations etc.
- Items to support income generation.

# How Can The Food Fund Help You?

Successful application example:

An organic vegetable farm are running a workshop programme to engage underrepresented groups, particularly BPOC communities, with meaningful experiences on British farmland. They hope to empower and inspire participants by providing opportunities to engage with rural landscapes and sustainable agriculture. The funding has covered a borehole and composting toilet, to enable water access and community hosting capabilities on the land. They match funded with the Rural Prosperity Fund to reach their total project costs.



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Food banks/pantries

What could you apply for? Examples include:

- Purchase of tools or equipment which will help with the preparation, storage and preservation of food (e.g. white goods, food storage equipment, kitchen equipment)
- Purchase of equipment to help with project administration/volunteer management (e.g. laptop/scanner)
- Costs associated with delivering upskilling sessions/courses to clients, staff or volunteers.
- Web hosting costs to allow a project to promote its work, increase visibility, accept online donations etc.
- Advertising/marketing costs to recruit new volunteers.



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Successful application example:

A community fridge in Mid Suffolk is partnering with a local food growing organisation to offer access to land and weekly drop in sessions over 7 months at their community allotment. They hope to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for local people to get involved in growing food. Their aim is to produce nutritious, fresh food for the community shelf and fridge to support those in need and reduce food waste. Additionally, the project will include workshops in seed saving and growing your own herbal teas. The funding is covering both capital and revenue costs, such as gardening equipment, raised beds, volunteer expenses (e.g. travel) and facilitator fees for the workshops.



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## Cooking Sessions

What could you apply for?

Examples include:

- Purchase of tools or equipment which will help with the preparation, storage and preservation of food (e.g. white goods, food storage equipment, kitchen equipment)
- Cooking equipment to transform near end-of-life food supplies in to other products to reduce food waste.
- Costs associated with delivering upskilling sessions/courses to clients, staff or volunteers.
- Web hosting costs to allow a project to promote its work, increase visibility, accept online donations etc.
- Course materials (e.g. cooking equipment, lunch boxes)



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## You?

Successful application  
example:

A cookery school business in Mid Suffolk is expanding its offer to run a series of Field to Fork experiences for local high school students on the farm they are based at. They hope to engage 200 students over the course of 10 sessions. The experiences will involve a circular route around the farm, highlighting their farming techniques and demonstrating how they work with nature to promote sustainable agriculture. Following the tour the participants will take part in a cooking session in the school kitchen using produce from the farm. “These educational farm visits aim to capture the minds of students, helping to re-engage them with farming and food production in an age where people are increasingly removed from the food they eat.” Grant applicant.

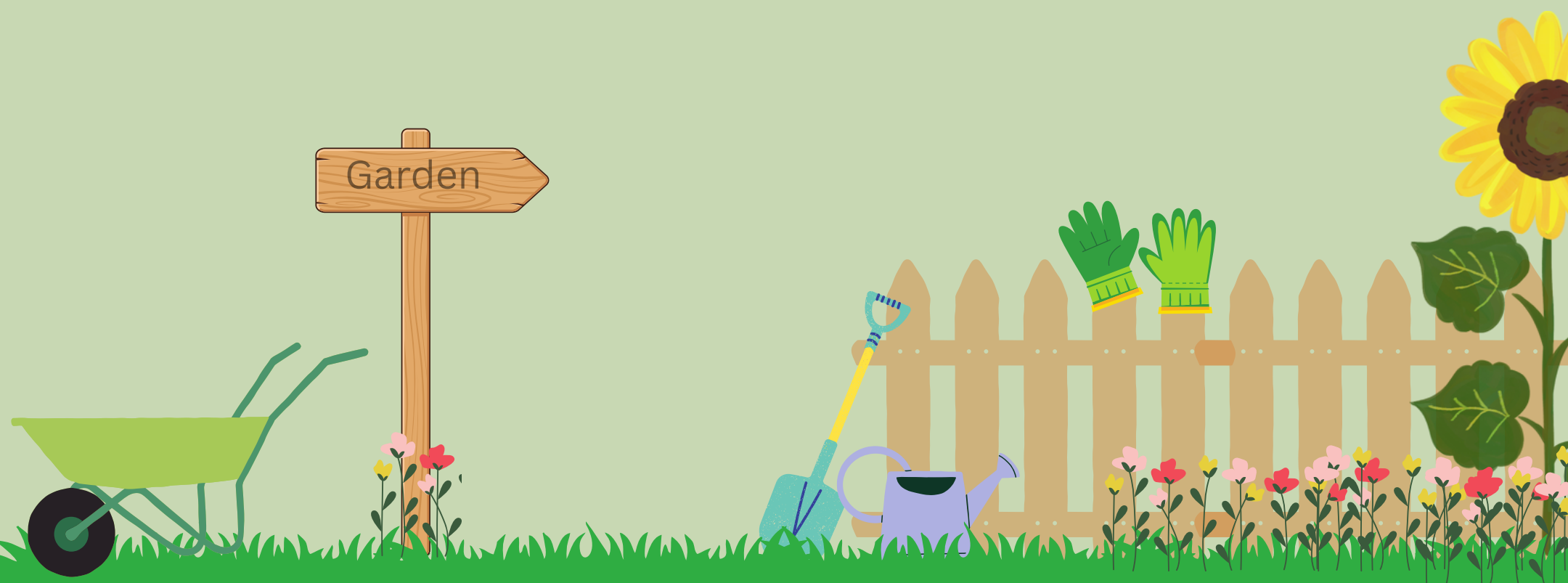


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Allotments

What could you apply for? Examples include:

- Purchase of equipment to assist with community food growing schemes.
- Tools for allotment project to supply local after school food club.
- Items to support income generation
- Purchase of equipment to help with project administration (e.g. laptop/scanner)



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You?

*All Eligibility Criteria*

- Purchase of tools or equipment which will help with the preparation, storage and preservation of food e.g. white goods, food storage equipment, kitchen equipment
- Purchase of equipment to assist with community food growing schemes
- Purchase of equipment to assist with project administration/volunteer management e.g. laptop, scanner
- Tools for allotment project to supply local after school food club
- Cooking equipment to transform near-end-of-life food supplies into other products to reduce food waste
- Credit/debit card payment machine to allow card payment (including acceptance of Healthy Start vouchers)
- Course materials (cooking equipment, lunch boxes)
- Costs associated with delivering upskilling sessions/course to clients, staff or volunteers (venue hire costs, course application costs, training materials, refreshments for specific activities and events)
- Web hosting costs to allow project to promote its work, increase visibility, accept online donations etc
- Items to support income generation
- Advertising/marketing costs to recruit new volunteers

# How Can The Food Fund Help You?

## Guidance

### The intention of the fund is to:

- Create or support sustainable, community led initiatives
- Improve access to affordable, quality food
- Ensure the re-distribution of food waste or food surplus, thereby reducing the environmental impact of food production
- Create quality opportunities for community members of all ages to learn new skills and build confidence
- Enable community food projects to be opportunities for ‘warm handovers’ and the sharing of support around prevalent issues such as social isolation, diet and nutrition, money management and employment issues
- Address food insecurity

### Ineligible Projects:

Direct purchase of food supplies and other perishables for ongoing food provision projects.

If you would like to discuss **eligibility** please contact:  
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