

# South Thamesmead Garden Estate Fund now open!



Do you have a great idea to bring the improved green spaces around Abbey Way or Southmere Park to life?

**Apply for a grant of up to £2,000** to help make it happen!

We're looking to fund projects that connect people with nature and have a positive impact on the community.

**Ideas can be any activities that encourage Thamesmead residents to spend time in the great outdoors. They could be something like:**

- Getting together with neighbours to start a seed sharing knowledge and skills around nature, growing and wildlife
- Projects to get people active
- Organising a community picnic
- Leading bird watching walks
- Leading a wildlife photography session
- Run gardening or food growing sessions

But we are keen to look at your ideas and the needs that you have identified.

**THAMESMEAD** 

 **Peabody**

  
CHANGING PLACES  
CHANGING LIVES

**All activities/projects need to be delivered within this area. Map below for reference.**



## **What are the aims of the South Thamesmead Garden Estate Fund**

- Provide opportunities for everyone to connect with, enjoy and learn about the natural environment
- Support people who want to make a positive impact in their local community
- Help turn great ideas into real projects
- Use nature as a way to bring people together and learn new skills

## **What does your project need to do?**

- Benefit people in Thamesmead by providing opportunities and/ or activities for people to connect with, enjoy, and learn about nature
- Benefit other residents and strengthen communities
- Encourage residents to take an active role in designing and delivering the project
- Demonstrate value for money
- Be environmentally friendly

## **How much money is available?**

£15,000 in grants is available.

## Examples of who can apply:

- Individual residents
- Community and resident groups
- Registered charities
- Social enterprises
- Community interest companies
- Community incorporated companies
- Schools – if you are a school you must contact the team before submitting an application

*If you are an individual and have a project idea, you can also apply for a grant. However, we would encourage you to find other people with a shared interest in your project idea and apply for a grant as a group. The South Thamesmead Garden Estate Fund encourages people to come together and make a difference.*

## Who will not qualify for the grant fund?

- Local authorities
- Any political party
- Purely commercial ventures / businesses

## What can I spend the fund on?

\*This is by no means a completed and comprehensive list.

- Materials
- Worker's costs including for coordination and running projects
- Hiring space for workshops/classes
- Training costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Travel costs
- Hiring equipment
- Marketing costs – printing and distribution

\*Please note:

For this grant, you can include costs for workers to coordinate and run projects. If you include this in your budget, you will be required to complete a timesheet to evidence your costs. You must ensure these costs are a reasonable amount and you take responsibility on how this may affect your tax allowance and any benefits you receive. We are not able to provide any personal advice regarding this matter. You are responsible for securing everything that is required to deliver your project. This can include DBS checks if you will be working with children, and public liability insurance and risk assessments if your project is of high risk.

## What can't the grant fund?

- Spending that has already taken place
- Redistribution of grants to individuals
- Any general overheads that are not related to the delivery of your project

## How do I apply for the fund?

For all applicants: Before submitting your application, we recommend that you contact the team to discuss your ideas.

For schools: Please contact us before completing and submitting an application form. Contact Harjinder Nijjar at Groundwork London by email or phone – [harjinder.nijjar@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:harjinder.nijjar@groundwork.org.uk) 07999402188

## How to submit your application:

Please ensure you have read and understood these fund guidelines before completing an application form. The application form can be downloaded via the following link:

[Click here to apply now!](#)

Deadline for applications is **Monday 2 June 2025**

*Please give us a call if paper copies of the application form are needed by anyone.*

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## **What information do I need to submit once I have spent my grant?**

A report must be submitted where you must provide the following information:

- Budget breakdown and proof of expenditure (all receipts need to be kept)
- Any publicity the project has received
- Photographs (before, during and after – minimum 10)
- What the grant enabled you to achieve
- How many people were involved with the project
- Success of the project
- The difference the project has made
- Any problems encountered
- If, and how, the project will continue

We will send you a terms and conditions form once the grant has been awarded.

## **How will information on my project be shared?**

You will need to give permission to Peabody and Groundwork London to use the information such as quotes and photographs for promotional purposes in order to share evidence of the impact that the project has made. Information may be shared with funders, commissioners, other partners, local, regional or national media, funding applications, online publicity and social media. Therefore, you will need to get permission from individuals and/ or parents of children featured in photographs.

Groundwork London and Peabody reserve the right to publicise projects as appropriate and to bring visitors to the project by prior arrangement.

You will need to sign your consent to this on the final monitoring form or application form.

## Are there examples of similar projects from other funds?

Below are some examples of projects that other grant schemes have funded in the past which may inspire you for this grant – you can start small and look to grow ideas and numbers of people participating over time.

Other food growing examples: <https://www.capitalgrowth.org/spaces/>

Create community maps:

<https://cpmo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CLAPTONSIGN6pm12thjuly.pdf>

Walking groups:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/streets-apart>

Outdoor classes: <https://www.docksidefitness.co.uk/>

Green gym: <https://www.pengegreengym.org.uk/>

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