

# Grow Wild Youth Project funding guidance for applicants

**If you're reading this, it means you have the seed of a great project idea... And that's really exciting for us at Grow Wild.**

Everything below will help you apply for £500 to bring your idea to life. If you're unsure or want help with your idea, please [contact your local Grow Wild team member](#). They'll be happy to help!

Why not read about [projects we've previously funded](#). It may help you think creatively about what you want to do.

## When's the deadline?

**You can apply for youth funding at any time!**

Applications are assessed by a panel of young people who meet regularly throughout the year, with the deadline date for submissions to the next panel shown on the Grow Wild website.

If your application is successful, and we receive all the information required from you and your Supporting Organisation (see below), you'll have the money and can start your project about four weeks after the panel has met.

## It's time to apply...

We know you're busy with coursework, studying, work and training, so we've made the application process as quick and easy as we can. Follow our four simple steps for completing the application:

### Step 1: Come up with your creative idea

- Don't forget...it is all about **UK native wildflowers and fungi**. Use this theme as imaginatively as you can. Do something different that people will notice! Read our page about [why fungi matter](#) or scroll through our [wildflower gallery](#) for inspiration.
- Get friends involved – choose something you're all excited about.
- Where and when will your idea happen?
- What will you need to make it happen?
- Show others what you have done. How? By holding an event or celebration, make a film, run social media campaign, or something else we haven't thought of...
- **Remember you'll need permission from the landowner if your project involves any activity taking place in a public area.**

### Step 2: Find your Supporting Organisation

- You must nominate a youth, community or education-focused **organisation to receive the £500 on your behalf**. Money cannot be placed in personal bank accounts or private business bank accounts.

- The person who told you about the funding may be able to help you, or help you think of an organisation in your community that you can ask for help.
- Once you've found a person and organisation to support you, get them to read the [Information for Supporting Organisations](#) so they know what's expected of them.

## Step 3: Make your short video application

Your video should be **no longer than two minutes**. Seriously, no longer than two minutes!

It doesn't have to be filmed on a fancy camera. You can use your smart phone. It can be as simple or complex as you want, but make sure the information is clear.

Use the checklist below to make sure you've included everything we need to know:

1. Give your project a name.
2. Tell us your idea and why you want to do it.
3. How will it celebrate UK native wildflowers and/or fungi?
4. Where will you do it, who will help and what they will do?
5. How will you share what you have achieved or learnt with others?
6. What will you use the £500 for?  
This could include any materials or equipment you need, promotional information, refreshments, venue hire or workshops. **Important** – Grow Wild funding cannot be used to pay yourself a salary or wage.

When your film is ready, upload it to a video hosting site such as YouTube or Vimeo and include the link in your application.

**Important:** Always upload your video to a private account and only share the link with people who need to see it. For all young people in the video application that are under 18, a parent/guardian must consent to them taking part.

## Step 4: Complete your application

- [Fill in the online form](#), including the link to your video application.
- Remember to give contact details for you **and** your Supporting Organisation. Get your person at the Supporting Organisation to help and make sure that their information is correct – this will save time if your application is successful.

**Important: If you are under 18 years old...**

- We will **always contact both you and your nominated person at the Supporting Organisation** in all communications about your application and project.
- Please make sure that you have **permission from your parent or guardian** to do your project and to make and send your application video.

**Good luck!**