

CRITERIA

BANFF & BUCHAN FOOD GROWING & GREEN SPACES FUND 2024-2025

Fund Eligibility

- The Food Growing and/or Green Spaces project must be located within the Banff and Buchan Area.
- Applications may come from groups or organisations representing wide audiences within their communities, for example, care homes, very sheltered housing, as well as schools and well-being groups.
- Projects can be led by public or third sector parties or constituted groups or organisations.
- Any *food growing* project will aim to ensure that the food is consumed by community members as close as possible to the point of production, therefore reducing “food mileage” (i.e., in the kitchens of schools and care homes or supplied directly to families in need, or, indirectly via food larders and similar outlets).
- The project groups will aim to ensure that there is a genuine community focus, encouraging intergenerational working, where people of all ages are made welcome and can learn and work together to improve their skills and knowledge of food growing and/or biodiversity.
- The projects will progress with a focus on sustainability nurturing the project for the long term, and taking every opportunity to embrace recycling, composting and related opportunities such as Seed and Plant Exchanges and Networks.
- Projects must contribute to **at least** one of Aberdeenshire Council’s priorities:

| Pillar | Priority |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Our People | Health and Wellbeing |
| Our Environment | Resilient Communities |
| Our Economy | Economy and Enterprise |

- Grants of up to £5,000 will be considered.
- Up to 100% funding of the project can be offered.
- Funding for core activities such as staffing, and overheads, will not be eligible.

- Constituted groups or organisations applying will be required to submit a copy of their most recent, independently examined set of accounts, including their current bank balance and any funds therein which have been ringfenced for other projects. A copy of their Constitution or Memorandum and Articles, latest verified account, insurance certificate and 3 most recent bank statements.
- Applications which are solely or substantially for individual benefit will not be considered.
- Payment will be made by BACS to the group or organisation's bank account. Receipts and invoices must be provided to evidence that the money has been spent in accordance with the proposals applied for.
- Groups must be able to give an assurance that they will be able to complete their projects and have receipts submitted no later than 14 March 2025.
- The use of the budget or project must not commit the Council to recurring expenditure or maintenance.