

Nature Park grant: Example of a completed costing table

NB. It's ok to not know the exact price of everything when you apply and it's ok to change your mind about what you are going to spend your grant on... as long as your new idea fits within these categories. You need to give an **indication** about which financial year you will be spending your money in, it's ok if things change.

In this example, the school have decided to get planters for the playground, seeds, compost and flowers. They have also decided to buy plants which will be able to climb up their fences to add biodiversity and to create a green screen. The school have decided to get some wildflower seeds to create a wildflower patch on an existing grass space. The school also have an existing pond which they would like to add enhance with some planting. To help build and install their new biodiversity features, the school will be spending some of their grant on external contractors.

To support with the maintenance, the school will get some waterbutts for rainwater harvesting and some solar powered irrigation for their planters, a class set of gardening gloves, additional gardening tools and potting trays to help pupils grow and pot up the plants they've grown from seed. The school are getting some more wet weather gear and outdoor storage for their new tools. They are also getting some tablet devices so the pupils can take part in Nature Park activities and a few wildlife cameras to capture the new biodiversity visiting their school!

In this example, all the equipment needed to support the project is going to be purchased before March, and all the planters/plants will be purchased after April.

'Fieldwork equipment' can include any equipment needed to support outdoor learning, e.g. magnification pots, stationary and anything tech based - tablets, wildlife cameras, soil sensors etc.

This is for any support you need to make your changes happen – eg, labour costs, external advice for your project.

It can not be used for CPD.

Budget heading	Expenditure to 31 March 2025	Expenditure from 1 April 2025 to 5 June 2025	Total
Biodiversity enhancements			
Add ponds to grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£0.00
Add grassland / wildflowers to grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£0.00
Add flowers/fruit/ve getables to grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	£1,000.00
Add shrubs or trees to grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£0.00
Add climbing plants to walls or fences	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	£1,000.00
Add rainwater storage/irrigation	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£1,000.00
Add or enhance pond not on grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£500.00"/>	£500.00
Add or enhance grassland not on grey space	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£500.00"/>	£500.00
Biodiversity enhancements Total	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£3,000.00"/>	£4,000.00
Fieldwork equipment - £2000 limit			
Fieldwork equipment	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£2,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£2,000.00
Fieldwork equipment - £2000 limit Total	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£2,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£2,000.00
Gardening resources - £2000 limit			
Shed/ other equipment storage	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£400.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£400.00
Wet weather gear	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£1,000.00
Tools, gloves, other gardening gear	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£600.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£600.00
Gardening resources - £2000 limit Total	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£2,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£0.00"/>	£2,000.00
Specialist support - no more than 50% of your grant			
Contractor / Project Support Officer / External expert costs	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	£2,000.00
Specialist support - no more than 50% of your grant Total	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£1,000.00"/>	£2,000.00
Grand Total	Total Cost <input type="text" value="£6,000.00"/>	<input type="text" value="£4,000.00"/>	£10,000.00