

The Greenhow Fund

GUIDANCE NOTES

What is the Fund?

The Greenhow Fund was set up by Hanson UK in 2006 following the granting of planning permission at their Pateley Bridge Quarry. A total of £10,000 has been made available each year since 2006 to spend on projects.

Who can apply?

Anyone.

Which areas are eligible?

Priority will be given to applications from the four Parishes surrounding the quarry: Bewerley, Thornthwaite with Padside, Dacre and Thruscross. The map in these guidelines shows the Parish boundaries.

The type of project we can fund

A project will be eligible for consideration if it:

- Helps to look after Nidderdale AONB's natural beauty, wildlife or cultural heritage.
- Promotes opportunities for the public to understand and enjoy the landscape.
- Provides some local economic benefit or some benefit to a local community in the AONB.
- Is located in the eligible area. Priority will be given to applications from the four Parishes surrounding the quarry: Bewerley, Thornthwaite with Padside, Dacre and Thruscross.

We'd encourage all applicants to think about how their project can provide:

- multiple benefits – although a project may have a particular economic, social or environmental focus, it is always worth thinking about how it can be designed to secure additional benefits across all the three elements of sustainability or, at the very least, to ensure it does not harm any other interests.
- value for money – think carefully about how and where the money is being spent and whether it maximises positive outcomes, in particular, making sure direct benefits are felt on the ground.
- clear outcomes – so that we know what it will deliver and so that its success can be measured and learnt from/built upon.
- a legacy – we want the benefits to be long term, so think about what happens when the grant money runs out or the project ends.

How much grant can you apply for?

Grants are available up to a maximum of 75% of the total project costs although the Trustees may offer a higher percentage of grant in exceptional cases at their discretion. Grants don't have to be for a project in its entirety, they can fund parts of a larger project.

There is only a limited amount of money available each year. The Trustees will encourage applicants to supplement any awards from the Greenhow Fund with grants from other sources. Please note that the Trustees will expect applicants to contribute either financially or in kind towards the project in addition to grants from the Fund and/or elsewhere.

To make up the difference, your own contribution can include funding sourced from other grant programmes, private finance or from 'in kind' contributions. In kind contributions can be anything you need for your project that you do not have to pay for eg. donation of building materials or volunteer time. Volunteer time is valued at £50/day for unskilled, £150/day for skilled and £250/day for professional services.

Funding to repair dry stone walls

- Dry stone walling projects will only be eligible for support from the Greenhow Fund if applications meet the eligibility criteria and can demonstrate landscape significance or public benefits (by being on a public highway or on bridleway)
- The cost of dry stone wall repair is variable and applicants to the Fund should negotiate with contractors to obtain a competitive price. The Trustees will pay up to 75% of cost based on a flat rate for wall repair of £30 per linear metre at a minimum of 1.2m high. The Trustees may decide, at their discretion, to amend this rate depending on market conditions. Cost estimates must be expressed in linear metres on the grant application form.

We cannot fund projects which

- Do not further or support the purposes of AONB designation.
- Have already started.
- Are the statutory responsibility of any agency, or are standard maintenance work.
- The cost of preparing or submitting applications for statutory consents.
- The purchase of land or buildings.

Application process

If you are thinking about submitting an application, please talk to us first. We can offer some pointers that will give your project the best chance of being funded and prevent time being wasted in applications that are not eligible for funding.

If your project is eligible, the next stage is to complete an application form. Please obtain a minimum of two quotes and for projects over £5,000, at least three quotes must be obtained and the preferred supplier or provider clearly justified.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be taken to the next trustee meeting for a decision. If you are successful in obtaining a grant, you must be willing to sign up to our grant conditions.

Grant payments are normally made in arrears, so you will need to claim the grant after receipt of invoice from the contractor. We will aim to pay valid claims within two weeks of them being submitted.

If you have any questions about eligibility or need help with developing your project please contact Sarah Kettlewell on 07800 830409 or skettlewellconsulting@gmail.com

