



CAMBRIDGESHIRE GARDENS TRUST

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME – NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

The Cambridgeshire Gardens Trust (CGT) is launching a Small Grants Scheme in 2021. Grants will be awarded to projects within Cambridgeshire that meet the Trust's aims. At present the fund for this scheme stands at £5,000, to be distributed over the next five years. Fund-raising will take place to enable the scheme to continue beyond the initial period.

Grant applications will be evaluated twice a year, with closing dates at the end of June and December, by a sub-committee of the Council of Management and then approved by the Council. Applicants will be informed of decisions no later than the end of July or January.

Applications will be considered from local charities, educational and health establishments, small public sector organisations and private individuals (where the land in question is open to the public on a regular basis).

Information for Applicants

A grant may be awarded for the *full cost* or *part of the cost* of a project, to a maximum of £500. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively but are for future work. Applications should be made to the Trust in writing, using the application form provided on the website and submitted as an email attachment to admin@cambridgeshiregardenstrust.org.uk

Projects must meet the objectives of the Trust (see Appendix). Broadly, they should fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. **Garden Works:** restoration or conservation of an existing garden or features of one, such as ornaments, statues or fountains. The creation of a new garden would also be eligible. Replacement or new planting could be included.
2. **Education:** gardens in educational establishments which provide opportunities for learning and enjoyment, and mental health benefits. Grants could also be awarded to help young people with courses or other environmental work.
3. **Community and public open space:** gardens or open space providing public amenity, enjoyment and mental health benefits. This category might include village greens, public squares, hospitals.
4. **Surveys:** archaeological, historical, environmental, horticultural or botanical surveys relating to a proposed project.
5. **Planning:** plans for conservation management or park and/or garden restoration.
6. **Public enjoyment:** the interpretation of a park, garden or designed landscape for public benefit or the improvement of public accessibility.
7. **Any other special circumstances as the Trust may decide:** these would have to accord with its aims.

Terms and Condition of Grants

An offer of grant aid must be accepted in writing and will be subject to the following conditions:

1. A grant may only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded according to the information set out in the application.
2. Grants will be paid at the start of a project, or arrangements could be made for payment in advance if necessary. All projects should be completed within twelve months of the offer of an award. If problems arise the applicant must contact the Trust. Proof of how the grant money was spent will be required.
3. If planning approval or listed building consent is required, these must have been given before a grant can be approved.
4. The recipient must notify the CGT regarding the start and completion of the project.
5. A grant awarded by the Trust must be recognised in publicity about the project.
6. The CGT may ask successful applicants to submit an article about the project for its Newsletter. The Trust also reserves the right to publish information about the project.

Applications must be submitted using the form downloaded from the CGT website, completed and sent as an email attachment to admin@cambridgeshiregardenstrust.org.uk by the end of June or December. Applicants will be notified of grant decisions by no later than the end of the July or January following the application deadline.

APPENDIX: OBJECTS OF THE TRUST

A To promote the education of the public on matters of the history of garden land.

B To conserve, enhance and re-create for the education and enjoyment of the public, garden land that may exist or have existed in Cambridgeshire and the unitary authority of Peterborough.

Definitions

‘Garden land’ means garden, park land and designed landscape of high amenity and educational value, related enclosures, boundaries and earthworks, park and garden buildings, other structures and erections and associated plant, machinery and systems, sculpture, garden and park furniture, ornamental woodland planting, gates, ironwork, drives, paths and roadways, lakes, water courses and meadows. It includes land associated by view, management or otherwise with garden land.

‘Educational value’ in relation to garden land means land which has interest:

- (a) As a work of art
- (b) For its historic associations
- (c) For its horticultural, arboricultural or silvicultural qualities or potential
- (d) For its architecture
- (e) For its recreational value
- (f) For its scenic value
- (g) For its nature conservation quality or potential