

1. What role will Community Partners play in the overall proposal?

Community Partners will act as a hub for community-led activity and key connection point between people in under-served communities, coordinating and developing capacity to voice their priorities and preferences and invite support from groups that can support increased scale and impact of climate activity.

2. How should proposals be submitted?

They should be emailed to contact@bristolgreencapital.org by 5pm on Thursday 13 February 2020.

3. How will the funding be used over the five years of the project?

Our proposal is to fund each community partner to engage their communities and partners in a process co-produce projects specific to their needs. This would entail sharing a “portrait” of your neighbourhood or community, access to brand new research on what the city needs to do to be carbon neutral by 2030 presented in an accessible form, and specialist environmental organisations who may be able to help address your community’s needs responding to that “portrait” and evidence. This process may take up to a year, with contingency for more time built in for those who need it. The precise allocation of funding for projects won’t be decided by us, but by the communities we work with. We will work with each of our community partners to help shape the bid and produce the overall plan for the project. In short, it is likely that the first year or so will focus on engagement and co-production of a plan with the relevant communities and the remaining three or four years will then involve delivering the projects - and then of course measuring outcomes!

4. How much funding is available to organisations involved in the bid?

This will also be decided in the above process. However, all community partners will be fully funded to participate in the process of co-production. Overall the funding will be used to achieve a balance in programme outcomes best suited to Bristol’s specific challenges and aims.

Organisations involved in the project will be encouraged to produce full cost recovery budgets for their proposed activities.

5. How will community partners be selected?

A subgroup of the Bid Development Team will review and recommend community partners based on their proposals. The full Bid Development Team will consider the recommendation, clarify and confirm.

The Community Partner organisation specification sets out as objectively as possible the characteristics by which proposals will be assessed and the standards of evidence that will be used to differentiate them.

6. What role with community partners play in the development of the final proposal and will they be funded for any contribution?

Community Partners will be invited to co-produce the final bid along with the Bid Development Team. Funding is not available for this development activity. We recognise this may limit the input community partners are able to offer and the Bid Development Team will ensure as far as possible this doesn't limit the extent or value of their contribution.

7. How will the final budget be developed and who will do this?

It will be developed by all the partners involved, i.e. the Bid Development Team plus the Community Partners – with some input and guidance from the environmental specialists.

8. The time available to produce a proposal for our community and develop the final proposal isn't long enough to carry out meaningful engagement with our stakeholders. Is the timeframe set?

Yes, the final bid deadline on 27 March has been set by the National Lottery Community Fund.

This means that the opportunity to engage during this time is certainly limited.

However, as noted above (question 2), the first year or two of the five year project, if Bristol is successful, will be dedicated to meaningful co-production of activities with the communities involved.

9. What role will the Climate Action Partners play (e.g. Centre for Sustainable Energy, Sustrans, Avon Wildlife Trust and others)?

They will respond to the requirements of the Community Partners in enabling the activities prioritised by communities to be planned and delivered.

This means they are likely to provide a 'menu' of tried and tested project templates that Community Partners could adapt for use in specific locations and scenarios, potentially with technical advice about the delivery and impact of proposed activities.

These templates are likely to come from successful previous projects the Climate Action Partners have delivered in other neighbourhoods. They could also be new initiatives that Community Partners or grassroots groups have developed and run on a small scale but offer the potential to be scaled-up or replicated with other communities.

10.If Community Partners want to discuss their ideas with the Bid Development Team before submitting them, who should they contact?

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