



**Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity
Clean and Green Local Action
Environmental Improvement and Education
(Small Grants up to £500)**

Introduction and background

Washington Area Place Board would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and non-profit making organisations to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which carry out physical improvements to the local environment and deliver educational messages about the importance of looking after the environment and local spaces.

Only VCS organisations/groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories can be involved and applications demonstrating strong partnership working, covering both the physical and educational elements required are encouraged.

Project

As part of the Washington Area Committee '**Environment and Green Space**' priority, the Place Board would like to invite project proposals, which complement the Committee's '**Clean and Green**' ethos and work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver local action which deliver environmental improvements in the local area. Projects which are innovative and deliver improvements which are visible within the community are encouraged.

Projects must:

- Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods in the Washington area
- Deliver environmental improvements of benefit to the wider community
- Involve the local community
- Provide educational messages
- Be aware of other activity and initiatives in the area
- Encourage communities to take more responsibility for their local area
- Evidence sustainability and develop groups and activities which will continue beyond the lifetime of the funding

Projects should contribute to the overall outcomes of:

- Improved physical amenity
- Increased awareness of the impact of negative behaviour against the environment
- Improved outdoor and open spaces
- Cleaner neighbourhood
- Increased pride in neighbourhoods
- Increased awareness of personal and collective responsibility

Project proposals can be targeted to local areas, part wards, full wards, multi wards or the whole area, depending on the nature and capacity of a project and the need identified.

Budget: Total £10,000 (£500 per application)

There is a total of £10,000 available. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. This is a Small Grants Scheme. **Individual requests must not exceed £500.**

Timescale

Call for Projects	7 th October 2019
Deadline for completed applications	25 th October 2019
Scoring panel & assessment	1 st November 2019
Approval/award (Small Grant Scheme)	14 th November 2019

Next Steps

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting Karon Purvis, Washington Area Community Development Lead Email:

karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0191 5612449, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have about the project.