

Thriving in Nature Expression of Interest Form (EOI) 2026

The **Thriving in Nature Fund** will provide grants to charitable organisations which deliver one or more of these results:

- Enhancing **mental or physical health and wellbeing** through engaging with nature, green and blue spaces and the rural environment, including agriculture
- Boosting **rural skills, training, and job opportunities** through engaging with nature, green and blue spaces and the rural environment, including agriculture
- Expanding **access to nature**, green and blue spaces and the rural environment for underrepresented groups.

The grants will promote sustainable practices and help small organisations grow, ensuring Oxfordshire's green and blue spaces are fully used.

Before completing this form and for more information on the fund and general eligibility please look at our Thriving in Nature Guidance form.

Hints and tips

Don't spend long on this form; it doesn't have to be full of detail. The purpose is to let us know what you need.

If you have received funding from us in the past, you do not need to complete the 'What does your organisation do?' section as we will already have this on file. Do tell us of any changes.

To help us match your request to the desired outcomes of our Thriving in Nature Fund, please use this EOI to tell us:

- What you want to do
- Why it needs to be done
- Who you want to help
- How you are going to do it (please include any planned collaborations or partnerships)

Don't worry – if we have any questions, we will be in touch.

If we receive similar EOIs from multiple organisations that indicate they could collaborate effectively together, we may propose this.

Organisations that received Thriving in Nature grants for 2024 or 2025 and remain active within their grant period are not eligible to apply for this round of funding.

The closing date for EOI submission is midday on 5th June 2026

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. After reading the supporting guidance document, can you confirm that * your organisation is eligible, and circa 90% of beneficiaries are in Oxfordshire?

Tick all that apply.

Yes

No

Other: _____

3. Name of charity/organisation *

Charity/organisation details

Please complete the information below

4. We are a: *

Mark only one oval.

- Registered charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
- Unincorporated Club or Association
- Community Benefit Society
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Company Limited by Guarantee

5. If other please state below:

6. What was your income in the last financial year? *

Contact information

7. Name of main contact *

8. Email address *

9. Phone number *

About your organisation:

Please tell us about your organisation. Write freely and briefly outlining what your organisation does.

You can send us no more than three documents that may support your request, which can include previous applications or funding that shows your organisation's objectives, or previously used presentations or documents that highlight your activities. These should be sent to grants@oxfordshire.org.

In relation to the Thriving in Nature Fund, use the sections below tell us:

- What you want to do?
- Why it needs to be done?
- Who you want to help?
- How you are going to do it? (please include any collaboration or partnerships)

10. Tell us about your organisation (suggested maximum 150 words) *

11. What do you want to do? (suggested maximum 300 words) *

12. Why does this need to be done? (suggested maximum 300 words) *

13. Who do you want to help? (suggested maximum 300 words) *

14. How are you going to do it? Please include any planned collaborations or partnerships (suggested maximum 300 words) *

15. **Funding request** *

What does your organisation need this funding for?* (Select all that apply)

Tick all that apply.

Project costs (e.g. one-off, project-specific materials or staff time just for that project)

Core costs (e.g. ongoing organisational costs like staff salaries, insurance, training)

Capital costs (e.g. premises, IT equipment, vehicles)

Further information

After you submit your Expression of Interest form, the team at Oxfordshire Community Foundation will thoughtfully review it. If successful, you'll be invited to submit a Detailed Application. Groups who move on to a Detailed Application will be asked about their planned activity / project in relation to the local ecology. This section will be reviewed by an independent expert for guidance.

Important dates:

- EOI stage opens on 12th May and closes midday on 5th June
- Groups will be notified of the outcome on 16th June
- Detailed applications open on 17th June and close midday 15th July

We'll announce the awards on 25th August. If you need any help or have questions, please don't hesitate to email us at grants@oxfordshire.org. We truly appreciate your interest and are here to support you.

For more information on OCF, please refer to [our website](#).

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