



## **Green Opportunities Fund Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What if my organisation works with a different age group to the fund's age bracket?**

The age bracket for the Green Opportunities Fund is 14-20 but projects who work with young people outside of that age bracket will be eligible to apply if the majority of their work is inside the 14-20 age range. We also welcome applications from projects that work within the age bracket but do not cover all of it, for example, a project that works with young people aged 13-16 would still be eligible to apply.

### **Will you fund charitable organisations that work within a school or educational setting?**

Yes, we would be keen to receive applications from organisations that work with schools or educational institutions through a partnership. We would not be able to fund projects where schools or educational institutions are the lead partner applying for the fund but are happy for you to be working in partnership with them.

### **Can organisations apply as a partnership?**

Yes, we encourage partnership working. You will need to have decided on a lead applicant who will be responsible for the grant, providing progress reports and working with learning and impact evaluation partner.

### **Can we be involved in more than one application if we are not the lead partner?**

Yes, if the partnerships make sense and support the project, your applications won't be penalised if you are stated as a partner in multiple submissions. Please be aware that we will fund 5-12 organisations in 2026, so we'd recommend submitting one, high quality application that meets the criteria rather than multiple applications.

### **If we apply in the first year of the fund, can we re-apply in years two and three?**

If you are successful in the first year of the fund, you would be eligible to re-apply but it would need to be for a new project (i.e. we cannot fund continuation costs). If you are unsuccessful in the first year, you would be eligible to re-apply in year two or three. We



expect to develop the fund each year so it is likely that the criteria will also change each year.

### **Do projects have to run for the full three years?**

No, we are happy for projects to run for the time you think appropriate. The project can span anywhere up to three years but must be completed by the end of three years from the start date.

### **If we are already funded by the Co-op Foundation or work with Co-op, can we still apply?**

Yes, we welcome applications from projects that are already working with the Co-op and the Co-op Foundation or have done so previously. There is a question on the application form that asks for more detail but this won't influence the outcome of any decisions on your application.

### **Is there an opportunity to meet with the Environmental Collective/the Co-op Foundation team before we submit our application?**

Due to capacity constraints the members of our Environmental Collective won't be available to meet with applicants before they submit their application. The Collective will review the applications when they have been shortlisted and will be involved in the second stage of the process at assessment calls. The Co-op Foundation team are available if you have any questions before submitting your application. To get in touch, please email us at [foundation@coop.co.uk](mailto:foundation@coop.co.uk) and we will come back to you as soon as possible.