



Co-op & Co-op Foundation Green Opportunities Fund

Application Questions

To be considered for funding, all applications must be submitted through our online form, which will open on 18th March 2026 at midday and close on 17th April 2026 at midday. These questions have been uploaded ahead of launch to give applicants an idea of what to expect if they wish to apply for funding.

Overview

We're offering grants of between £50,000-£100,000 to support initiatives across the UK to influence young people aged 14-20 years old to develop green skills and enter into green jobs. The aim of the fund is to influence the **behaviour and perceptions** of young people from underrepresented backgrounds around green skills and careers. We want to inspire them to understand that green jobs are interesting, viable and secure pathways for the future.

Application questions

The main application questions are below. In addition, we will ask for an organisational name, contact information and DEI data.

About your organisation

- Tell us about your organisation's mission and vision. (up to 100 words)

Eligibility checks

- Can you commit to open-source sharing of your work and learning?
- Do you have at least two unconnected people on your management board?
- Is your organisation legally constituted with a bank account in the organisation's legal name?
- Is your organisation based in the UK?
- Do you have at least one set of published accounts?
- Did you attend or watch our launch webinar or watch the recording?

About your green opportunities project

- Sum up your proposed project in a sentence. (50 words)
- Where will your project take place? (30 words)
- Over what timeframe do you expect to deliver your project? (Projects must start within 6 months of funding being awarded, but can last for up to 3 years). (20 words)
- Which low-carbon jobs will your project ultimately influence young people towards?
- Tell us who your project will work with directly: young people, parents, carers and/or youthwork professionals, or both groups



Essential criteria

- Tell us how your project will inspire and support young people aged 14-20 to explore jobs that contribute to achieving a low-carbon society. (250 words)

*If working with parents, carers or youthwork professionals, this question will be:
Tell us how your project will inspire and support young people aged 14-20 to explore jobs that contribute to achieving a low-carbon society, through parents, carers or youthwork professionals. (250 words)

- Tell us how you plan to target and reach young people aged 14-20, who are underrepresented in green jobs. (250 words)

*If working with parents, carers or youthwork professionals, this question will be:
Tell us how you plan to target and reach the parents, carers or youth work professionals associated with young people aged 14-20, who are underrepresented in green jobs.(250 words)

- Following engagement with your project, how will you ensure that young people have pathways to take the next steps towards a green career? (250 words)

*If working with parents, carers or youthwork professionals, this question will be:
Following engagement with your target audience (parents, carers or youthwork professionals), how will you ensure that young people have pathways to take the next steps towards a green career? (250 words)

- Tell us how you will measure the impact of your project and how this information can be shared. (250 words)

Desirable criteria

- Tell us about how you have centred young people's voices during the design, development and/or delivery of your project. (200 words)
- Tell us about your future vision(s) for scalability *and/or* replicability. (150 words)

Budget and finance

- How much money are you applying for? (between £50,000 - £100,00)
- Provide a brief budget (in the form of a list), outlining how you would spend the grant. Funding can be used on both overheads and capital costs, we encourage applications on a 'full cost recovery' basis, including paying young people for their lived expertise. (150 words)
- If our funding would make up part of a larger funding package, what is the total estimated cost of your project, and what is the status of other contributions? (150 words)



- Please outline here if you have any particular concerns about your organisation's financial stability, your ability to meet costs and how you are building inflation into your cashflow. (150 words)

Working with the Co-op and Co-op Foundation

- Please tell us if you work with or are funded by the Co-op or Co-op Foundation. This will not have an impact on whether your application is funded.
- If you do, please tell us what capacity you work with or are funded by the Co-op or Co-op Foundation (100 words)

Consent to share information

- If it is appropriate, we would love to pass on your application to other potential funders. If this scenario arises, do you give consent to sharing this application with other funders?