

The East Riding of Yorkshire Community Tree Planting Fund

Guidance Note for Applicants

Introduction & Scope

The East Riding of Yorkshire Community Tree Planting Fund is open to private and public landowners for the purposes of delivering new tree planting activity within the East Riding of Yorkshire. For the purposes of this fund, tree planting shall be interpreted to include the following:

- Creating new areas of native woodland
- Planting new clusters of native trees
- Establishing new individual native standard trees

There are no restrictions on who can apply to the fund for a grant, and it is envisaged that applications will be received from a range of individuals and groups such as private and public landowners, farmers and land managers, community groups, businesses, community organisations, charities, town & parish councils, schools and faith groups.

The fund will seek to support projects that are significant in scale, either rural or urban in nature, and which can demonstrate clear benefits to the East Riding of Yorkshire. The focus of the fund will be to support the planting of British native species of trees and shrubs appropriate to the East Riding of Yorkshire area. The fund will support new projects as well as those which seek to expand and improve existing features.

Grant Awards

The fund will award grants of no greater than £5,000 to each successful application. Grants exceeding £5,000 will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. However, this amount may be greater in exceptional circumstances where it can be fully justified by the applicant and where the grant panel agree to make such an award. There is no restriction on multiple applications for separate projects being submitted by the same landowner, but please be aware that it is the intention to distribute the benefits of the East Riding of Yorkshire Community Tree Planting Fund as widely as possible throughout the area.

Although the fund is available to support native tree planting projects, it will not be available to applicants who are required to undertake tree planting work that is required under other obligations (e.g. to implement a planning condition, to fulfil a felling license restocking requirement, etc.). Also, the fund will not normally support work within domestic gardens, although the grant panel may consider such applications in exceptional circumstances where the wider community benefits are demonstrated to be of sufficient merit.

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