



Enhance the River

Grant application form

Part of our River Health and Community Fund

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Welcome to the Enhance the River Grant Application

Thank you for your interest in the **Enhance the River** grants, part of our River Health and Community Fund. These grants offer up to £150,000 for community-led projects that deliver river and water-based environmental improvements across our London and Thames Valley region.

Before completing the form, please read the Overview and Application Guide [here](#) to check that your project's eligible and to understand the application process and deadlines.

Ensure you answer all of the questions on the application form below and include a letter of support from the relevant Catchment Partnership with your application. Otherwise, your application will be incomplete and will not be assessed.

If your application is successful, we'll contact you via partnerships@thameswater.co.uk. If your application is unsuccessful, we'll contact you in the same way and provide feedback. However, please note that we're unable to discuss applications in detail once a decision has been made.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Enhance the River Grant Application Form	
Application ID: (TW to generate upon receipt of application)	
About you	
Name of Primary Contact	
Email address	
Phone number	
Organisation	
Organisation address	
Your project	
Project title	
Duration of project	
Proposed start date	
Proposed end date	



1. Project aims and objectives (max 400 words) (Score 0 – 2)	
2. Intended project outputs: please detail the planned outputs of your project, using figures where possible (Score 0-2)	
3. At what scale will the project benefit? (Score 1 – 3)	Please tick one
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local area (<i>localised stretch of stream/river/riparian area targeted but no wider impact</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterbody (targeting multiple reaches / seeks to impact at waterbody scale) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment (catchment wide action / seeks to impact at catchment scale) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address(es) of project, include name of waterbody if relevant. (Note. Projects outside of the Thames Water supply area will not be considered)	



<p>Grid Reference(s) (if multiple please define each clearly) Grid Reference Finder</p>	
<p>4. Multiple benefits: which benefits will your project support? <i>Select those relevant to your project.</i> (Score 0 – 2);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> promoting community engagement <input type="checkbox"/> improving river flow <input type="checkbox"/> creating / enhancing habitat <input type="checkbox"/> reducing flood risk <input type="checkbox"/> reducing carbon footprint <input type="checkbox"/> promoting health and wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> protecting heritage <input type="checkbox"/> reducing pollution / improving water quality <input type="checkbox"/> improving public access and/or site connectivity <input type="checkbox"/> raising awareness and support <input type="checkbox"/> volunteering/citizen science <input type="checkbox"/> improving biosecurity and/or targeting invasive non-native species (INNS) <input type="checkbox"/> other <p>Please explain briefly how your project will create these benefits (max 200 words)</p>	
<p><i>Please only complete Question 5 if applying for a project supporting the improvement of biosecurity and/or targeting invasive non-native species (INNS).</i></p> <p>5. Which Invasive Non-Native species (“INNS”) does your project target? Please include scientific names where possible. (max 100 words)</p>	



6. Please detail your project plan, including key milestones or activities and when they would take place (Score 0-2)

7. Project consents: please detail if consents or permissions have been considered and identified for your project. If they are a requirement for your project, please state whether they have been applied for or granted (Score 0-2)

8. Please outline the main risks to the delivery of your project, and your mitigation plans. (max 200 words) (Score 0 – 1)



<p>Project partner(s)</p> <p><i>Please state if you will be partnering with any other organisations or groups in the delivery of your project.</i></p>	
<p>9. Do you have a letter of support from your catchment partnership?</p> <p><i>(Please append to this document, not as an email attachment)</i></p>	<p>(Yes/No)</p>
<p>10. How will you engage with your catchment partnership in the delivery of the project? (max 200 words) (Score 0 – 1)</p>	
<p>11. How will you engage with your local community through your project? (max 200 words) (Score 0 – 1)</p>	
<p>How much funding are you applying for?</p> <p><i>Please note the maximum award will be £150,000</i></p> <p><i>If your project involves improving biosecurity and/or targeting invasive non-native species (INNS), and marginally exceeds the £150,000 maximum grant award, please contact partnerships@thameswater.co.uk discuss your projects eligibility.</i></p>	<p>£</p>



Please check to confirm your organisation has a bank account to which a grant can be paid	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. How much co-funding have you secured for this project? (Score 0 – 2) (add rows where required)	
Funding source	Value (£)
Total value of co-funding:	<i><insert total value here></i>
Please provide your project budget breakdown to show how you intend to spend the grant if successful. Please ensure the sum matches the value of funding you are applying for. (max 200 words)	

Please list below relevant documents associated with this application e.g. consents obtained, any work undertaken so far relating to this project. We will ask for these to be sent separately if needed. **Please do not** attach any documents to your application submission email as these may prevent your email reaching our inbox.

[List documents here]

Please append your letter of support from your Catchment Partnership to this application document.



By signing this application form you confirm that all the information detailed within this application is true to the best of your knowledge.

Applicant signature

Print name

Date

Thank you for completing the Enhance the River grant application form. Please send it with your Catchment Partnership letter of support to: partnerships@thameswater.co.uk



Thank you for your application.

Find out more about how we're working in partnership to improve the rivers and community spaces across our region on the Catchments and Partnerships webpages [here](#).