



Green Fund

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How to Secure Funding for Your Community Sustainability Projects

**Apply by
18th May
2026!**



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What is the Lidl Green Fund?

At Lidl Northern Ireland, we believe big changes start locally. We created the Lidl Green Fund to back the people and projects that are making our communities more sustainable.

Our goal is simple: to give communities across Northern Ireland the funding and support they need to protect our planet and lead the way in championing sustainability.

This guide will walk you through everything you need to know about the Lidl Green Fund, including how to apply and which projects qualify.

Win Your Share of £25,000!

The total prize fund is **£25,000**, there will be six prizes of **£4,200**.



Your Application

Who can apply?

The Lidl Green Fund is open to all community groups, primary and post primary schools, and charities registered in Northern Ireland. To be eligible to apply for the Lidl Green Fund each applicant must:

- (i) **apply as a representative of a primary school, secondary school, registered charity or a community group .**
- (ii) **be submitted by a person over 18 years, or sponsored by someone over 18.**
- (iii) **be a resident of Northern Ireland.**

The only valid applications that will be accepted must come from a primary school, secondary school, registered charity or a community group.

How do I apply?

Community groups, primary and post primary schools and charities must complete the online application form.

Go to lidl-ni.co.uk/greenfund to complete the application or scan the QR code.



Your Application

In which categories can I apply for funding?

Climate: Initiatives that support communities to develop climate action plans that minimise the impacts of climate change - e.g., *installation of solar panels, LED lighting.*

Biodiversity: Initiatives that will support all ecosystems within our local communities - e.g., *community gardens, nature trails, native and pollinator friendly planting, tree planting, marine conservation projects.*

Reducing Waste: Identifying solutions to reduce waste and support a circular economy - e.g., *recycling projects, waste programmes, repair cafés, upcycling, workshops.*

Health and Wellbeing: Educating local communities to promote healthy diets and make healthier food choices - e.g., *community cooking programme, nutrition workshops.*

The fund is divided into four categories. You can apply to one category per project and align your application with one focus area.



Making your Application

The project application is divided into four steps:

Contact, Organisation, Proposal and Submit your Application.

Contact

Question 1

Have you previously received a Lidl Green Fund grant?

If yes, please specify the date and the total amount awarded.

Question 2

Organisation name.

Please provide the organisation name, this should be the name that appears on your group's governing document and bank account statement.

Question 3

Contact at organisation.

The name of the contact person who will manage the project along with their role and contact details in the case of further questions on the application.

- Also in this section, list the organisation address and the location of the project.

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Organisation

Question 4

Legal status of the organisation

You will be able to select from a list for type of group:

- Primary/Secondary School
- Registered Charity
- Community Group

There will be additional questions depending on which of the above options you select. If your group has one, you will be asked to provide its registered charity number, charitable tax exemption number, and the date your organisation became a registered charity, so please have these details to hand.

Question 5

Please provide a postcode to the nearest local Lidl store to where the project will be located.

Question 6

Please select the category your project relates to:

Climate, Biodiversity, Reducing Waste or Health & Wellbeing.

Question 7

How many people have benefitted from your support and services in the past year?

Only include those who have benefitted directly from the project. This may include any volunteers involved in delivering it. Please ensure that the number you give is realistic.

Question 8

How did you first hear about the Lidl Green Fund?

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Your Proposal

Question 9

A summary of your organisation.

- What are your group's aims and objectives?
- List your group's main activities, including any previous community projects.
- Provide a summary of the main activities or services your group delivers and/or has delivered to-date.
- Please outline any work you have done to make your organisation more sustainable in the last 2 years if applicable.

(Maximum 100 words)

Question 10

A summary of the specific programme, project or initiative for which you are applying for funding.

Include an outline of project plans, timelines, a description of your target audience and how it relates to the project category. (Maximum 300 words)

- What do you want to do?
- How have you identified a need for this project within the local area?
- The proposed start and end dates for the project.
- How does your project relate to climate, biodiversity, reducing waste and/or health and wellbeing?

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Your Proposal

Question 11

Please provide a detailed breakdown of proposed budget and costs for this project.

Please provide as much detail as possible. Please specify the amount you are requesting as well as a detailed breakdown as to how this grant will be allocated. (Maximum 300 words)

- How much do you need?
- How have you calculated the above figure? Please tell us how you arrived at this figure.
- What equipment is required?
- List any maintenance costs. How will you maintain/sustain your project after the period of Lidl funding has finished?
- Have you permission to use any community assets for improvement?

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Breakdown of the costs.

Question 12

Please specify the intended impact of the project.

Include any relevant targets set for this project and what positive change the project will deliver for the community. (Maximum 200 words)

Question 13

Please provide details of other sponsors or funders involved in the project if applicable.

If your total project cost requires other funding (including where your organisation is contributing its own funds), you will be asked to list all other funding sources, including the amounts being applied for and whether this funding is confirmed. (Maximum 50 words)

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Your Proposal

Question 14

Will the requested funding cover 100% of costs for this project?

If not, please outline the approximate percentage of costs this fund will cover? (Maximum 50 words)

- Please share the other funding sources for the nominated project

Question 15

If the total cost of the project exceeds the requested grant, have you already secured 70% of the remaining required funds?

- Please share if the total cost of your project exceeds the requested grant.
- Please share if you have already secured 70% of the remaining required funds.

Question 16

Conflict of interest declaration

Please provide details of any potential conflicts of interest. A conflict of interest exists if you or your organisation have a personal or business connection with any individual or entity that will receive payment for work related to this project.

Making your Application

Submit your Application

To apply, you must be able to answer yes to the following:

- Does your organisation have a board of directors or relevant governance structure?
- Does your organisation have a related bank account in its own name?
- Has this project been approved by the organisation's highest governing body?
If shortlisted, you will need to provide written confirmation of this.
- Provide details of the highest governing body, if applicable.
- When did your organisation last submit an annual report and audited financial statements to the charities regulator?

And can you provide them upon request?

What happens next?

Shortlisting

Shortlisting will be based on the information submitted on your online application form.

Based on an initial assessment of all applications, finalists will be identified and selected for judging. Further information may be required to support your initial application in advance of the judging from 18th May 2026. After you have been shortlisted, you will be entered into the Lidl Plus Stamp Card for public voting.

From October 2026, you will need to download/open the Lidl Plus app.

Timelines

Online applications open **13th April 2026**

Online applications close **18th May 2026**

Shortlisting From 18th May 2026

Lidl Plus Stamp Card October 2026

What is Lidl Plus Stamp Card?

All projects that are shortlisted will be entered into the Lidl Plus Stamp Card for public voting, which will take place on the Lidl Plus app.

Each county will have three shortlisted candidates competing for the top sustainability project to receive funding. To vote, participants must scan their Lidl Plus card during a shopping transaction at the till. Scanning the card will issue a stamp card that allows the user to cast a vote. Please note that the Lidl Plus stamp card can only be used once for voting.

Application eligibility (T&Cs)

For more information, please visit lidl-ni.co.uk/greenfund

Contact information:

For more information on the fund and your application, please contact csr@lidl.ie

