



WARD 6 COMMUNITY CHOICES

FUNDING PROPOSAL FORM

AUGUST 2019

INTRODUCTION

Ward 6 is one of four areas receiving £200,000 of funding for local community work through Community Budgeting projects funded by Glasgow City Council over 2018 and 2019.

The funding is being distributed through Ward 6 Community Choices to benefit the Ward 6 community.

Please read the guidance before filling in this application form. If you don't have a copy of this, you can find it here: [Ward 6 Community Choices Website](#).

The guidance explains which types of organisation can receive funding, what we can provide funding for and other important information you must know before filling in the form below.

Please complete and return this form along with a copy of your organisation's constitution to W6CC@crer.org.uk.

Closing date: 12.00 midnight, Thursday 26th September 2019

Applications received after this time will not be considered, regardless of the reason. Please ensure that you leave plenty of time to send your application in.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Young at CRER

– W6CC@crer.org.uk, tel: 0141 4186530 (you may have to wait for a call back).

We can provide support to understand the application form and process. In the interests of fairness to other applicants, we can't complete your application for you or give detailed advice on how to succeed with your application.

SECTION 1: ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

Please tell us about the lead organisation responsible for making this application. If you are awarded funding, this organisation will be responsible for holding the money and making sure the project is delivered.

The lead organisation must have a written constitution and an organisational bank account. They must be a community group, charity or social enterprise. They must be based in Ward 6.

Other types of organisation (including public sector organisations) can't be the lead organisation, but can be partners. Individuals can also be partners.

Name of lead organisation:

The Hidden Gardens Trust

Address of lead organisation (including postcode):

25a Albert Drive

Which neighbourhoods does your organisation work in?

The Gardens work in and for the benefit of the communities of Pollokshields East

What does your organisation do?

Many people think that The Hidden Gardens are a part of Tramway, but we are completely independent. We are good neighbours!

The Hidden Gardens Trust has a board of up to 11 volunteer directors that govern our work. Volunteer directors on the board come from the local communities as well as from across Glasgow; and they all bring great skills and knowledge too.

The Trust also benefits from the guidance of an Advisory Group made up of a diversity of local people and Gardens users.

The work of the Trust falls under nine charitable objects, set out in its Memorandum and, summarised below:

1. Provide facilities for leisure and recreation for the benefit of the public;
2. Improve the environment through improving public gardens, allotments or greenspaces;
3. Advance education through art and through horticulture;
4. Promote training and skills development to increase employability;
5. Support young people to grow their capacities as contributors to society;
6. Relieve the needs of individuals who suffer ill health or are in need of additional support and their carers and families;
7. Encourage and support volunteering;
8. Promote equality of opportunity for all within the framework of a multi-racial and inclusive society;
9. Offer projects, events and activities for the benefit of the community.

We care for the public greenspace that is The Hidden Gardens (*open free to the public 6 days/wk for 50 weeks of the year*). It employs a part time Head Gardener to maintain the Gardens, and other staff to support local volunteers, offer activities and events to engage with the local community and create opportunities for getting closer to nature, making friendships, accessing education, learning new skills and meeting other people through art and through horticulture.

Some projects are designed to engage with specific groups of people for example:

- Young people with a learning disability;
- School children struggling to benefit from formal education;
- Men seeking support to improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing;
- Women from BME community that have an interest to meet other women from culturally diverse backgrounds.
- Refugees and Asylum seekers – Celebrating their contribution and promoting understanding during Refugee Week

These offers are developed with partners to ensure that the needs of these target communities are carefully identified and met and that the opportunity

to get involved is carefully promoted and supported to reach and support the right people.

Other projects and activities are designed to encourage a diversity of people from all walks of life, all backgrounds, abilities and ethnicities to come together in this neutral green space to:

- Volunteer to maintain the gardens or;
- Become a volunteer tour guide;
- Meet new people and make friendships;
- Relax doing “Tai Chi and chat” on the Lawn;
- Learn about each other’s skills, cultures, faiths, traditions;
- Learn about everything the Gardens and nature has to offer the Southside communities and the city as a whole.
- Celebrate togetherness , human culture and horticulture at community events in the Gardens and the neighbourhood

Examples of partners are the Mental Health Network, The Scottish Refugee Council, Refuweegee, The South East Glasgow Integration Network, Fair Deal, Glasgow Life, Volunteer Glasgow, CRER, Glendale Women’s Café, Pollokshields Development Agency and many more.

Which groups of people does your organisation work with?

In our annual programme we positively recruit to ensure there is a diversity of participation that reflects the local community, typically achieving an average (across the programme) of 30 – 40% participation from the BME community.

Generally speaking our organisation works to enhance social cohesion and community integration and so we work with all people, all ages and backgrounds, ethnicity and abilities including children, adults and families from the BAME community, refugees and asylum seekers, young people and adults with a learning disability and people in need of support to improve their health and wellbeing and connectedness to the community they live in.

What was your organisation’s income in the financial year 2018/19?

£310,828.00 and our expenditure was £322,371.00

If you are making more than one application, please tell us what level of priority you would give this application (First priority, second priority etc.):

The Hidden Gardens Trust is only making one application

SECTION 2: PARTNERS

If other individuals or organisations are partners in this application, please give their details here. If there are more than two partners, please contact us to discuss.

Each partner must have officially agreed to be involved. The lead organisation is fully responsible for delivering the work, no matter which partners are involved.

PARTNER 1

Name of organisation / individual:

Type of partner (Please state - individual, voluntary/community organisation, social enterprise, public sector):

Please tell us what the partner will do:

PARTNER 2

Name of organisation / individual:

Type of partner (Please state - individual, voluntary/community organisation, social enterprise, or public sector):

Please tell us what the partner will do:

SECTION 3: YOUR PROPOSAL

What do you want to do with the funding, and how will you do it?

The Hidden Gardens is well maintained by our Head Gardener, Paula, and, importantly, a diverse team of capable and enthusiastic local volunteers (some pictured below picking up the Inspiring City Award for inclusive volunteering in Glasgow Sep 2019!)



The Hidden Gardens seek funding to support a campaign to make the gardens facilities even more accessible, inclusive and welcoming for the benefit of the local community and for new and existing users.

The campaign will include making good some essential improvements to a relatively new public entrance to the gardens, its indoor workshop facility as well as raising awareness locally of this distinctive greenspace and community resource and what it has to offer all people including the BME community.

The 4 aims of this project are set out below. The project outputs will be the responsibility of a community engagement officer who will coordinate project delivery and local community engagement.

We have described, below, how we will achieve each aim:

1. To improve the sense of arrival to the Gardens for the benefit of the local community for years to come

Since we opened in 2003 The Hidden Gardens has evolved and developed its offer. Most recently, we have been working to open up a new public entrance off Pollokshaws Road for the benefit of local communities.

Many people are uncomfortable to travel through Tramway to enter The Gardens for a variety of reasons. For example, for some of the BME community, walking through a licensed café is uncomfortable. For others it can feel an intimidating building to travel through to get to The Gardens. Also when Tramway is busy, it is hard to get past the crowd with a pram, to get outside. We hope that the new entry is giving people choice, improving the sense of arrival and making us more accessible for all.

The corten steel gate entry to the gardens is visible in the first photograph below, beyond the heras fencing and in the third photo.

We have some match funding in place for this work and we already have quotes from contractors. We have tried, unsuccessfully, to secure the funds to deliver this work from other sources already.

We need to repair the original red brick wall of the old Coplaw Tramworks Boilerhouse, that is dangerously unsound; we also need to add lighting to the entrance for safe passage during the low light winter months, and there is ground clearance to be done to clear weeds all illustrated in the photos below. Local volunteers will be recruited to work together to devise a planting plan and create more planters once the wall is repaired and lighting has been installed:

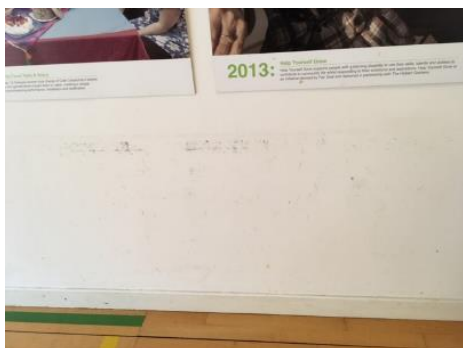


- Contract a company to repair the red brick wall,
- Contract a lighting company to add lights
- Gardening workshops with local volunteers to clear the ground and tidy up the newly reopened entrance, install and plant up additional planters with flowering plants that symbolise diversity in all its forms in human kind and in nature; and continue to maintain and care for them.

2. To make improvements to the indoor workshop space for community engagement work for years to come

Our workshop space, the Boilerhouse, is well-used for our programme of activities and workshops for the community. These workshops are free for local people from different backgrounds, abilities and ethnicity to come together, make friends and learn new skills. The Boilerhouse is 11 years old and needs some TLC!

Specifically we need funds to add a child door safety shield to the interior door frame, fix drafts in the glass wall, paint the remaining walls, take out a disused sink area and build a new storage cupboard to hold new folding tables (the shed we use for storage is about to collapse!). Tramway, our neighbours, kindly lets the Gardens borrow their tables when needed but we would like to buy our own so we can keep them in the workshop space so they are more accessible and always available when groups need them. We already have quotes for most of this work from trusted traders and have estimated other costs for draft proofing and storage. Some images below:



We will carry out the following tasks:

- Pay to paint the interior of the well-used Boilerhouse workshop space and facilities and kitchen;
- Remove a disused workshop sink and extend seating for workshops and community events in the Boilerhouse.
- Invest in a new storage cabinet and tables for use in community workshops
- Pay to draft proof the glass doors and make good the window fittings.
- Add a door safety shield to the interior door for child safety

3. To promote The Gardens to ensure local people, including people from BME communities, know we are free to visit and what support we offer

As part of this campaign, we will promote these new developments on our website and social media platforms. However, we know from experience that not all local people use/ or have access to the internet and therefore it is important to produce posters, flyers and banners to make sure that everyone knows about the community resources available to them.

The Gardens has almost completed work on a brand new audio guide, in two languages (English and Urdu) as well as a new sensory guided tour for people with sensory impairment. We want to raise our profile and local awareness of these new materials. We will:

- Create and distribute a new, generic flyer, poster and banner promoting The Gardens as a green space to local people

4. Design and install a permanent and inspiring exhibition in the Boilerhouse workshop space to highlight good practice in community integration and social cohesion

The original interpretation panels that are wall mounted in the Boilerhouse workshop space tell the story of the creation of The Gardens as a physical development when it first opened 16 years ago. We want to add to this by telling the story about what has been achieved in the space since then; of the friendships that are made, the skills and learning achieved, the multi-cultural community celebrations held and the way in which the work of The Gardens and our partners brings diverse communities together peacefully.

There is a wider community impact from our work with individuals; a sense of unity. We want to tell this rich and vibrant story to inspire others, through a new set of interpretation panels to be wall mounted on the newly painted walls!

It will act as a source of inspiration and pride for local people for years to come.

We will achieve this aim by:

- Community Engagement Officer developing the idea with The Hidden Gardens Advisory Group (made up of local people from diverse backgrounds)
- Design a brief and procure a designer to come up with a design concept and deliver the project
- A small exhibition opening event inviting those that contributed to the creation of the work and filmed to share with others on social media.

How do you know there is a need for this in Ward 6 / your neighbourhood?

From the ward 6 responses to public survey: (all good examples of supporting evidence that THG are needed and appreciated)

- Many people used this section (other issues) to emphasise how much they value their neighbourhood and enjoy living there
 - o Sense of community spirit and neighbourliness
 - o Living in a diverse, multicultural community

- o Good access to transport and facilities (although the survey results make it clear that this varies across the Ward)
 - o Access to parks and green spaces
 - o Examples of good community work and voluntary activity to improve the neighbourhood
- Many people used this section to highlight concerns set out in previous sections about access to leisure and recreation facilities,
- Access to community spaces was identified as important for living standards in Ward 6
 - o People wanted to see more places with outdoor benches, more food growing projects and green spaces
 - o It was felt that planning and conservation should protect the local environment
 - Suggestions for improvements to healthcare were made
 - o More local services to support mental health and well-being (including tackling stigma around these issues)
 - Some stated there are an insufficient number / spread of recreational sport and leisure facilities in the area
 - o Lack of affordable, welcoming options in many neighbourhoods (privately provided exercise facilities and classes were felt to be available in some parts of the Ward such as Shawlands, but not always accessible or inclusive)
 - Social isolation was also said to impact health, particularly for those with limited mobility due to illness, disabled people, older people and people experiencing mental health problems
 - o It was suggested that community events to tackle isolation and create more community cohesion could help to tackle this

From evaluation carried out or commissioned by The Hidden Gardens –

Equality of access for all; providing choice - We know, from talking to visitors local networks and community groups, that some members of the community, in particular some members of the BME community, are uncomfortable accessing via Tramway for various reasons, one of which is the fact that they must travel through a café area licensed to serve alcohol. Our neighbours, Tramway, can also be an intimidating space to come into for local people who have not been here before and during peak Tramway programming season, it is a very busy bustling space and hard to navigate through. Refurbishing the newly re-opened P'shaws entrance will enhance our accessibility and make everyone feel equally welcome, regardless of which entrance they choose to use.

Engaging the local BME community - To date the gardens has engaged with approximately 1000 people per year in our community programme of which approximately 50-60% are from Pollokshields, and this typically has reflected 30% from BME community

Independent impact evaluation report, Nov 2015 – Over a 12 month period in 2015 local people were asked what they thought of the gardens in a survey (both door-to-door and face to face with people in the gardens). The findings told us that 90% of people think we are having a positive impact locally but that we need to do more to promote ourselves and let people know we are here.

A sense of ownership and pride about the place - feedback from user groups tells us that people who get involved feel better as a result and feel like it is their hidden gardens.

A source of solace - A refugee recently talked of wanting to move to this area just to be near the gardens as a source of solace for them.

A need to repair and replace fixtures and fittings to ensure this community resource is here for the long haul – Local people tell us of their desire to see the gardens continue to be available as a community resource for years to come and the recently rejuvenated Advisory Group (made up of local people) is keen to see this happen.

Better signposting and promotion of the gardens locally, feeling safer to enter via Pollokshaws Road entrance – An independent evaluation of our summer programme of events and activities (*completed Sep 2019, almost half of those surveyed were local and almost 20% were from the BME community*) as well as general visitors to the Gardens told us that people don't feel the Pollokshaws Entrance is safe. Others told us that The Gardens need to promote themselves more locally as a local greenspace

Where will you do this (neighbourhoods within Ward 6 – we cannot fund work that covers other areas)?

The Hidden Gardens are located on Albert Drive, within East Pollokshields. The work will be delivered within the natural green spaces and indoor workshop spaces of The Hidden Gardens.

Our programme offer engages with communities surrounding the Gardens geographically including Pollokshields, Strathbungo and Shawlands

What do you hope will happen as a result of this?

- The project will leave an important legacy for years to come, ensuring that the citizens of the southside communities have their own high quality green space to enjoy with their families, making memories for their future.
- More people will access the Gardens from Pollokshaws Rd
- People will report positive reactions to the physical improvements to the entrance for aesthetics and for health and safety and will want to come again and again
- People will feedback their experience of using the new audio guide in both languages and will share ideas to assist us in improving interpretation further for the benefit of the BME community
- People will report finding the new Boilerhouse exhibition inspiring, at the launch event
- Local people will report feeling their achievements are “more visible” as a result of the exhibition, thus improving a sense of equality
- One new person will express interest in the volunteer Advisory group to continue to take forward new ideas.

How will you know you’ve achieved the results you wanted?

- We will seek the views and experiences of those attending the launch
 - We will record the quantity of unused fliers about the space
 - We will record the level of interest in the advisory group, particularly from BME community
 - The engagement officer will report on feedback from the working group sessions

When will the work start and finish (must be no longer than one year)?

We are ready to start immediately, but will start in the autumn 2019 , should we be successful, and dependent on the timescale for decision making process. We aim to complete the work within approximately 6 months although the timescale can be flexible enough to fit in with the funding requirements.

Please tell us how you will reflect the two Ward 6 Community Choices themes of tackling poverty and inequality, and equality for BME people.

How will this support people experiencing poverty and inequality? (for example, you could tell us how your idea helps to tackle poverty and inequality, or about efforts will you make to ensure people experiencing this can get involved)

The gardens being freely accessible will remain.

Positively encourage people from BME community in particular to engage with us about the planting choice for the entrance and the interpretation panels.

Their voice heard and their words visible to inspire others for year to come in the new wall mounted interpretation panels / exhibition

We will offer people a choice for the first time, of how they access the Gardens, both entrances being safe and beautiful

We will for the first time deliver the audio guide in two languages making it more accessible to the BME community

We will for the first time make a new sensory tour available for people with sensory impairment, increasing accessibility of greenspace for all

How will this will support local people from BME communities? (for example, you could tell us if this project is aimed at local people from BME communities, or about efforts you will make to ensure local people from BME communities can get involved)

Central to our work is the aim to ensure that all our deliveries engage with a diversity of local people.

Our track record in engaging people from BME communities and evidence of same is evident from our response to the previous question about how we know there is a need for this work.

Community engagement is central to our approach

SECTION 4: YOUR FUNDING REQUEST

Which level of funding are you applying for? (please mark the box with an x.)

Small grants: £500 - £2,000	
Main grants: over £2,000 - £20,000	x

This form and the questions below cover both of these levels. We will expect more detailed answers from organisations applying for the main grants than from those applying for the small grants.

Total amount of funding requested:

Please

What:	Cost:
Internal painting of the Boilerhouse	£1105
Constructing integrated table storage	£820
Exterior lighting	£680
Exterior corten steel sign	£480
New planters at entrance	£440
Designer /artist / photogrpaher fee	3,590
Marketing materials?	£750
New folding tables!	800
GWL / Head Gdnr to work with vols to clear up area	3000
Drafts repair	850
Brick wall repair (match funding)	£2,490
Com engage officer to oversee it all and engage locally, profile raise	3600
Total	18,605

If there is anything you want to note or clarify about the breakdown or total amount requested, please tell us here:

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SECTION 5: CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide details of the person your organisation has agreed is responsible for this funding application. This is the person we will contact to let you know how your application is progressing. We prefer to have one specific contact per funding proposal, to reduce the risk of communication problems.

We will normally contact you by email so that we (and you) have a record of what's been said. If this is not possible, please contact Carol Young on 0141 418 6530 to discuss alternatives.

Name of contact person:

Amanda Patterson

Position in organisation (give your position and mark paid or unpaid with an x):

Chief Executive (Job Share)	Paid	y	Unpaid	
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Email address:

amanda@thehiddengardens.org.uk

Telephone number (working hours):

0141 433 2722

Data protection: Please confirm you are happy for us to keep and share the information on this form with others in order to process your application and so that our funding process is transparent.

Yes, I agree that the information on this form can be kept and shared (type/write your name):

Amanda Patterson

Please confirm that the information on this form is accurate and that you have been authorised by your organisation to make this application (type/write your name):

Amanda Patterson

NEXT STEPS

Your application will go through a shortlisting stage. Further details of how this works are included in the guidance.

If your application is successful at the shortlisting stage, it will go through to the final stage, which is a public vote.

The vote will take place at a decision event where Ward 6 community members will decide which of the proposals receives funding. Online voting will be available for people who can't make it to the event.

All organisations taking part will be expected to share publicity materials / social media posts (if they have social media) about the event and online vote to the people they work with and the wider public. The more people attending, the more votes organisations can receive, so it's important that everyone makes an effort to share this widely. Please only share official materials and messages from Ward 6 Community Choices about this, to avoid any potential confusion.

Your organisation will need to send at least one person to the decision event to explain your proposal and how it will benefit the Ward 6 community. If you have more than one application, each one that makes it to the decision event will need to be explained separately.

We will give full information on what you need to do at the decision event, the date, time and venue once shortlisting is completed. We need to know how many proposals are going forward before planning this, so there is enough time and space for all of the proposals to be heard.

We will make sure that the decision event is easy to take part in, fair and enjoyable for everyone.