

We offer grants of free construction materials to community groups and organisations running projects in Cumbria and Wolverhampton.

This guidance sheet will provide you with details about the grant and application process. Please contact us if you have any further questions.

What Do We Offer?

- The materials we provide are either new surplus materials from construction building sites, or nearly new pieces. This includes items such as bricks, wood, pipes and paving.
- We follow a quality control process to make sure the materials provided are suitable. We only accept materials which are safe and able to be used.
- As we collect surplus materials, we can't guarantee what we will have in stock at any one time.
- If your application is successful, we aim to provide as much as we can of your request. In some cases, we may only be able to offer part - particularly if the request is for a large amount.
- If we do not have an item in stock, and do not expect to get the item in stock, you will be notified. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we are unable to hold on to your application until an item is available.

Who Can We Support?

- Your project has to be for a good cause that benefits a community, but does not have to be a registered charity. This includes not-for-profit organisations, community groups, charities and statutory services such as schools or health centres.
- We particularly welcome applications for projects which have an environmental or sustainable focus.
- At this time, we are unable to accept applications from political or faith based groups.
- We may not be able to support your project if your organisation has recently had a successful application with us. We recommend waiting at least 3 months before applying again.

Do We Provide Advice?

We will try to support you where possible and can advise on materials and sizes, however we are unable to plan the project for you.

We recommend that you seek advice before applying if you are unsure on any aspects around constructing a project.

When Can You Apply?

Applications are open on an ongoing basis throughout the year.

We aim to notify you on the success of your application within 6 weeks of the application date. Please take this into account when completing your application form, ensuring that you give as much notice as possible.

If you have had a successful application with us, we respectfully ask that you wait at least 3 months before applying again.

Which Areas Do We Cover?

The Rebuild Site runs from three locations - Carlisle, Workington and Wolverhampton.

We are able to accept applications from project running in Wolverhampton, the wider Cumbria area and from the south of Dumfries and Galloway.

Please ensure that you select the correct site location when completing the online form to ensure that your application is sent to the right team.

How Do You Receive Your Grant?

If successful, we will contact you to let you know when your materials are available. We ask that you please arrange to collect your materials directly from us, if you are able to do so.

We may be able to deliver your materials if your location is within a 20-mile radius of the site. This will need to be discussed and agreed in advance.

What Information Should You Provide?

Materials

Please give as much detail as possible and provide quantities where relevant.

For example - rather than saying 'we are looking for materials to build a shelter for our community garden', say 'we are looking for 10 planks of wood, around 100cm x 15cm, a piece of Perspex of around 50cm x 30cm, and a door handle.

If you do not supply this information at the application stage, we will contact you for more information which may delay your application.

If you can, please let us know if you have any ideas for substitute items that may work for your project in the event that we do not have a certain item in stock.

Project Impact

It is helpful for us to know about what your project will entail and who will benefit. Please provide as much information as you can and be clear about timescales. When completing the application form, please ensure that you provide a numerical amount when answering how many will benefit from the project. If you are unsure, please provide an estimate.

What is the Evaluation Process?

If your application is successful, we will ask that you complete a brief evaluation process when in receipt of your materials.

We do this so that we can monitor the impact of our grants and to feed back to the contractors we work with and our funders. This also enables us to learn from the process and will help inform decision making when planning for future activity of the grant.

The grant evaluation includes:

1. **A 1-Page Evaluation Form** - This has two brief questions and a photo permissions section.
2. **Photographs** - Please provide photographs of your project. If these feature people, please ensure that appropriate permissions are taken, and we are made aware of this.
3. **Rebuild Plaque** - For projects that run in a set physical space, we will provide you with a Supported by The Rebuild Site' plaque to display.

If you have social media accounts and share news about your project, please tag us and we will share the post.

We like to share good news stories in formats such as our website, reports and social media. If you would be interested in being featured as a case study, please let us know.

How To Apply

- Step 1:** Please complete our application form [on our website](#),
- Step 2:** We will review your application and aim to let you know the outcome within 6 weeks.
- Step 3:** If your application is successful, we will contact you to let you know what we are able to offer and to confirm a date for collection or delivery.
- Step 4:** Please keep us updated with how the project goes. We will send all successful applicants a short evaluation sheet to gather feedback on the impact of the grant and to collect quotes and photos.

Further Information and Application Support

If you would like to discuss this grant in more detail, or require any assistance in completing the application form, please get in touch:

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