



## MOORSCAPES GRANT – GUIDANCE

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Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes (DDL), which has been funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, aims to create more naturally resilient landscapes, increase understanding and connect people to place. One of the ways we will be doing this is by running a small grants scheme, Moorscapes, for local communities and organisations to deliver their own projects which help meet these aims. It will run from 2026 – 2029.

### Criteria

In order to be eligible for a grant, your group must have a bank account and formal, adopted terms of reference, and your project must –

- Be located within or demonstrate clear links to the Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes area
- Deliver at least one of the aims of Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Partnership:
  - Create better access to nature for a wide range of people
  - Celebrate and learn about landscape heritage
  - Gather information, vital to understanding our natural heritage, through Citizen Science
  - Improve our knowledge and skills, and the application of these to benefit natural heritage
  - Enhance and restore nature
- Deliver against at least one of NLHF's Investment Principles – Saving heritage; Protecting the environment; Inclusion, access and participation; Organisational sustainability
- Be accessible to the public
- Have consent of the landowner and relevant permissions if needed, e.g. planning
- To act in as environmentally friendly manner as possible and to work with the DDL Team to improve sustainability through the life of this project
- Acknowledge the support of Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes and the funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in all promotion and publicity
- As well as terms and guidelines established by the Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Moorscapes Panel, applicants must meet the Heritage Fund's Standard Terms of Grant.

## What will the grant fund?

DDL aim	Examples of work we might fund
Create better access to nature for a wide range of people	Allowing a wider range of people to take part in nature volunteering Improving physical access to green space/nature (where this would not be provided by others e.g. Local Authority) Remove perceived or actual barriers to people enjoying natural heritage
Celebrate and learn about landscape Heritage	Running a creative community activity themed around DDL natural heritage Creating public artwork or information that helps people understand and enjoy local landscape heritage responsibly  Running a public event or series of events that advance local people's understanding and appreciation of landscape heritage
Gather information, vital to understanding our natural heritage, through Citizen Science	Collective gathering, sharing and interpretation of natural environment data where species, habitats, environmental quality is not otherwise recorded (filling gaps in data recording for subject, place, extent, time etc), the skills and capability to gather, process and share this (such as making records easily available to the public, where there is not already an obligation to do this)
Improve our knowledge and skills, and the application of these to benefit natural heritage	Building the knowledge and skills within DDL communities to sustain and improve landscape heritage. This could include a range of practical, creative, information processing, administration, traditional skills etc
Enhance and restore nature	Practical interventions to benefit species and habitats locally, over the short, medium and longer term.

## What will the grant NOT fund?

We will not fund –

- Individual applicants
- Works on private land where there is no public access or benefit
- Projects where any private gain is more than incidental/outweighs public benefit
- Retrospective funding i.e. where work has started or has been completed / investment made.

- Ongoing maintenance, e.g. grass cutting
- Applicants who do not provide confidence in successful delivery.
- Grants for land purchase
- Projects which conflict with the policy principles of key partner organisations
- Core costs such as staff time, office rent, office equipment, etc.
- Projects already benefitting from Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes funding, or normally funded by other public sources, e.g. Countryside Stewardship, Forestry Commission grants, etc.
- More than one application from the same applicant in the same year/tranche of applications/Moorscapes grant awards

## **Grants**

Grants are available on the following basis –

- There is a total pot of £144,000 to spend over the course of four years with a maximum grant of £5,000 for any one project. In exceptional circumstances the Panel may decide to award more than this, where projects are among the very highest scores, deliver exceptional value, cannot be delivered at a £5,000 scale and additional funding cannot be found/sought from other sources. In such circumstances the amount of grant must not exceed £10,000.
- Grant awards will normally be within the range of £500 - £5,000 per project, and up to £1,500 for events.
- Grants will be subject to assessment against other applications and to ensure that we get a good spread across the scheme area, partnership aims and across different organisations, so no funding is guaranteed even if projects meet the criteria and achieve a good score.
- You will be required to sign an Agreement. For larger grants, reports will also be required at key milestone points.
- Payments will be made (by electronic means) in arrears of DDL officers receiving suitable evidence of completion of the project or in stages if agreed for larger projects, and reporting form, before and after pictures, evidence of promotion, etc.
- We reserve the right to reclaim or withhold grant monies if the project is not carried out as agreed.

Grant application process –

- If you are interested in submitting a grant application please do contact us first. It may be that your project is already covered by funding within one of the scheme's other projects. We can also advise you on your application and guide you through the process.
- Please ensure that when you submit your application it is as detailed as it needs to be, but no longer, with supporting evidence and a clear idea of when you can commence; if not we may have to defer a decision and ask you to submit further information.
- There are regular submission deadlines for applications published on our website.
- Each applicant will then be considered by the Moorscapes Panel
- The decisions will be reported to the Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes Executive Board

- At that point you will be asked to complete an Agreement form and agree a programme of delivery and reporting requirements with the Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes team.

If you're interested in applying, please first complete the Get in Touch form (link on website). An acknowledgement of safe receipt will be sent, and you will then be invited to meet with the DDL team to discuss your project idea. Once considered, you may be invited to complete a full application form ahead of the next review meeting.

Completed application forms and supporting information should be emailed to [info@dartmoorsdynamic.org](mailto:info@dartmoorsdynamic.org) or posted to Dartmoor's Dynamic Landscapes, Dartmoor National Park Authority, Parke, Bovey Tracey, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 9JQ.

Review meetings will take place three times a year, in October, February and July. Notification of outcome will be provided to all applicants within two weeks following the review meeting. Where not successful, feedback will be provided. The Grant Assessment Panel consists of several people, with relevant knowledge & experience and who represent local communities, the DDL Partnership and DNPA.

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