

BMSDC Grants – Communities Expression of Interest Scoring Matrix – Community Growing Fund



SECTION 1 – For completion by Grants Officer

Applicant Organisation	
Parish	
Asset (site) Name	
Asset Type (e.g. community farm / garden / allotment / orchard)	
Asset Postcode	
Project/costs covered	
Amount requested	£
Estimated overall cost	£
Estimated funding gap	£
Is the organisation eligible for funding	Yes/ No
Required documents provided?	Yes/ No

Is it an eligible project? • Supports the establishment or expansion of community growing site such as a community garden / allotment / farm or orchard in Mid Suffolk. • Organisations can apply for a grant between £5,001 and £30,000	
Yes	
No	

ACV Status	
Neighbourhood Plan Status	
Local Context, including Subsidy Control Implications	

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SECTION 2 – For completion by all Officers



A – Project (section 3)	
An outline given of who currently benefits or formerly benefitted, and uses, or used the community growing site. For sites which may not have obvious previous community use, an outline given of how a community growing site is significant to the community and area.	2
Demonstrates how the community growing site will be used and accessed by the community, with reference to tangible community uses or significance. May include, for example, evidence sources such as: footfall numbers or examples of community participation.	4
Demonstrates how the community growing site will be used and accessed by the community, with specific references to tangible community uses or significance. May include, for example, evidence sources such as: footfall numbers or examples of community participation.	8

B – Community Need (section 4)	
States the impact that lack of a community growing site has had on the community (or how current provision does not meet need).	2
Clear links between the lack of a community growing site and the impact this has had, on the community, with reference to the members of the community who were, particularly impacted	4
There is a strong connection made between lack of community growing site and the impact this has on members of the community, their ability to be self-sufficient and knowledge of food production.	8

C – Sustainability and Opportunity (section 5)	
Some focus on the opportunities of community growing for the community, beyond just provision of the asset.	2
Demonstrates a clear vision for the opportunities the community growing site could deliver for the community.	4
The application includes a clear plan for how the site will be managed and what opportunities/activities will take place focussing on increased food security, reduction of food miles and self-sustainability (including environmental sustainability and environmental impact).	8

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D – Community Involvement (section 6)	
References to community support for the project are backed up with tangible examples. There are references to ways in which the applicant has involved the wider community in their project so far. The applicant describes the outcomes of this engagement, but there is limited evidence how these outcomes have informed their proposals.	2
There is good evidence of community support for the proposal to create/improve the community growing site, with tangible examples of how this support is demonstrated. The applicant is able to demonstrate a range of ways in which they have involved community in their project, and how this has shaped their project.	4
The application references multiple ways in which the community has been involved and how this engagement has shaped their project. There is strong evidence of reaching a wide base within the community through different engagement channels.	8

E – Community Benefit (section 9)	
There is a clear explanation of proposed community benefits. Demonstrates sufficient ambition to achieve these benefits by giving tangible examples.	2
A good explanation of proposed community benefits backed up by a range of evidence sources. Demonstrates good ambition to achieve these benefits by giving a range of tangible examples focussing on how the proposed activities will deliver the outcomes intended.	4
Demonstrates clearly how the project activities and the way in which the project will be delivered links to a clear set of proposed outcomes. Uses range of examples and evidence base (either from track record, or evidence from similar projects delivered by others). Has undertaken work with the community to research and understand the potential uses of the asset and how this would benefit the community.	8

F – RAG Rating 1	
The proposed project does not feature in local plans and does not demonstrate community need or benefits	
The proposed project does not feature in local plans but demonstrates community need and benefits	
The proposed project features in local plans and demonstrates clear community need and benefits	

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OFFICER ONE			
Officer Name			
A		D	
B		E	
C		F (RAG)	
TOTAL SCORE (out of 40)			
Has the application scored above 50%? (20)			
Detail your previous engagement with the organisation and/or Project			
Officer comments and recommendation based on all of the information on this form.			

OFFICER TWO			
Officer Name			
A		D	
B		E	
C		F (RAG)	
TOTAL SCORE (out of 40)			
Has the application scored above 50%? (20)			
Detail your previous engagement with the organisation and/or Project			
Officer comments and recommendation based on all of the information on this form.			

OFFICER THREE			
Officer Name			
A		D	
B		E	
C		F (RAG)	
TOTAL SCORE (out of 40)			
Has the application scored above 50%? (20)			
Detail your previous engagement with the organisation and/or Project			
Officer comments and recommendation based on all of the information on this form.			

OFFICER FOUR			
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Officer Name			
A		D	
B		E	
C		F (RAG)	
TOTAL SCORE (out of 40)			
Has the application scored above 50%? (20)			
Detail your previous engagement with the organisation and/or Project			
Officer comments and recommendation based on all of the information on this form.			

Aggregate Scores			
Officer 1		Officer 4	
Officer 2		AGGREGATE	
Officer 3			