

# Awards criteria

## Heathrow community and environment **large grants awards 2012**

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### About the awards

Welcome to the BAA Heathrow Community and Environment large grants awards. The awards scheme offers grants of **between £2,501 and £50,000** for local groups around Heathrow to support their community and improve their local environment.

The awards are financed by money collected from Heathrow's airlines that breach the Government's noise limits on departure. Airlines are fined £500 for breaches of 3 decibels or less and £1,000 for over 3 decibels (more information can be found on [www.heathrowairport.com/noise](http://www.heathrowairport.com/noise)).

The grants are intended to benefit those communities most closely affected by Heathrow's operations. Priority will be given to those groups that can demonstrate how they and their area are impacted by the airport eg. in terms of aircraft noise etc.

Awards will be made twice a year for local community projects focused on three themes: protecting and enhancing our natural environment; sustainable development and eco-education; bringing communities together.

### Who can apply

The scheme is open to local authorities, schools, charities and community groups\*\* within the nine local boroughs around Heathrow – Slough, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Ealing, Richmond, Windsor & Maidenhead, Spelthorne, Runnymede and South Bucks.

\*\*Community groups must be constituted and have a 2 signatory bank account

### Next steps

If your project meets the awards criteria below, please fill in the Expression of Interest form below and return this to the address stated.

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Your application must describe how you aim to meet the awards criteria relevant to your project and how you will provide evidence of this in your final report.

Your project must fulfil at least one of the criteria from Section A and show that consideration has been made of the remaining criteria from Section A. Your project must meet all the criteria from Section B.

Priority will be given to those groups that can demonstrate how they are impacted by the airport eg. in terms of aircraft noise etc.

Please note funding from Heathrow should represent at least 50 per cent of total funding.

## Section A

### A1 Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

Projects with a focus on protecting and enhancing our natural environment must seek advice and support from local organisations in the area concerned with nature and wildlife conservation. Local communities must be involved and consulted on any projects that aim to improve public access sites. Evidence of advice sought and local consultation must be provided on completion of the project.

**Example:** turning a section of school grounds into a nature reserve; undertaking conservation work; running eco-action days.

### A2 Sustainable development and eco-education

Projects must demonstrate how energy efficiency is considered and must look to reduce, reuse or recycle in all areas. The use of sustainable energy and materials is encouraged and applicants must show how the community can learn from the project, for example through eco-education, community involvement or business advice.

**Example:** develop an eco garden as an environmental learning space; install a grey water recycling system; develop a carbon-neutral school and demonstrate how similar businesses can follow suite.

### A3 Bringing communities together

Projects taking place in public access sites must not exclude any section of the community. Community projects will also need to show how the project will continue once BAA funding has been spent. Projects that aim to bring communities together must show evidence of how all sections of the community have been identified and involved on completion. Projects with a conservation or environmental theme will be favoured.

**Example:** Running an environmental festival to inform your local community; improving a community building; developing a play space utilising sustainable materials.

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### Section B

#### **B1 Project area**

To be eligible your project must take place in one (or more) of the following local boroughs:

- Ealing
- Hillingdon
- Hounslow
- Richmond
- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
- Runnymede
- Spelthorne
- Slough
- South Bucks

Priority will be given to those communities most adversely impacted by Heathrow's operations.

#### **B2 Involve the community at all stages of the project**

We will require evidence of consultation for projects that take place in public access areas.

#### **B3 Environmental considerations**

Projects must demonstrate use of green energy where possible, or measures to reduce energy consumption in delivery of the project. Use of local crafts and materials should be considered first, along with sustainable goods and materials. Efforts must also be made to reduce, reuse or recycle.

#### **B4 Match funding**

Heathrow's contribution to the project must be at least 50% of the total project costs. Maximum grants of £50,000 are available. Additional funding must be demonstrated and Gift in Kind (labour, goods, services) will be accepted where this can be satisfactorily demonstrated (labour costed at £10 per hour unskilled and £20 per hour skilled; goods and materials costed at retail price).

#### **B5 Sustainability**

Your project must provide lasting benefits and you must show how you plan to maintain or build upon the achievements of the project. For schools and colleges you must say how (where possible) the community will benefit and how you involved pupils and parents in the process.

#### **B6 Legal requirements**

You must obtain all necessary consents and permissions required for the project to commence.

#### **B7 Labour and personnel time**

We will fund capital and revenue project costs but will not fund salaried posts.

#### **B8 Completion time**

Projects must be completed within one year of acceptance of a grant from BAA.

#### **B9 Publicity**

All successful applicants must agree to publicise their grant in the local media. BAA Heathrow Community and Environment Large Grants must be correctly acknowledged as the funder and any press releases and promotional material produced must include the BAA Heathrow and Groundwork logos as specified in the "How to acknowledge your grant" guidance notes.

#### **B10 Constitution and Bank Account**

The organisation applying must have a constitution and a bank account requiring a minimum of two authorised signatures to release funds.