Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park

Grant Scheme 2020/21

Assessment Criteria

Helping to deliver a Green Recovery
We want to support a Green recovery where people are taking and inspiring action to address the global climate emergency and nature crisis. This also presents an opportunity to support our communities, land managers and businesses to emerge from the COVID19 pandemic, as there are many things we all will be doing differently. The connection that many of us have with our local environment and community is now even stronger.

Our top priority for the National Park Grant Scheme in 2020/21 is assisting our communities and land managers to deliver local actions that help address the global climate emergency and nature crisis. Helping to create a healthier and more resilient natural environment is mutually beneficial for nature and people. Whilst the scheme is open to a wide range of applications that deliver the 13 National Park Partnership Plan Outcomes, applications that deliver against Outcome 1 Natural Capital and Outcome 3 Climate Change will be particularly welcome and more likely to be successful.

Individuals, businesses, public bodies and constituted voluntary/community groups or charities can all apply. Applicants do not need to be based within the National Park, provided that the project is delivered within the National Park.

Assessment Criteria	
	National Park Partnership Plan Outcomes
Conservation & Land Management	**1. Natural Capital** The Park's natural resources are enhanced for future generations: important habitats are restored and better connected on a landscape scale.
	2. Landscape Qualities The Park's special landscape qualities and sense of place are conserved and enhanced with more opportunities to enjoy and experience them.
	3. Climate Change The natural environment of the Park is better managed to help mitigate and address the impacts of climate change.
	4. Land Partnerships New landscape-scale partnerships deliver better integrated management of the land and water environment providing multiple benefits for nature and people.

Visitor Experience	**5. Recreation Opportunities** The National Park has a wide variety of well promoted and managed outdoor recreation opportunities providing for a range of abilities and interests.
	6. Water Recreation There are more opportunities to enjoy water-based recreation and sporting activities across the Park's lochs, rivers and coasts while maximising safety for all users and protecting the quality of water environment.
	7. Visitor Economy The Park's visitor economy is thriving with more businesses and organisations working together to create a world-class destination.
	8. Visitor Management The most popular parts of the National Park which experience pressures are managed to ensure that the quality of environment, visitor experience and community life are protected and enhanced.
	9. Health & Learning People from a wider range of backgrounds are enjoying, valuing and helping manage the National Park. It is used more as a place for people to realise the personal health and wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature.
Rural Development	**10. Placemaking** The National Park's towns, villages and countryside are enhanced with investment in the built and historic environment, public spaces and infrastructure.
	11. Sustainable Growth The rural economy has been strengthened through sustainable business growth and diversification.
	12. Sustainable Population Population decline is being addressed by attracting and retaining more skilled working age and young people within the National Park and a better range of housing options.
	13. Community Empowerment The Park's communities are supported to influence and deliver actions that improve their quality of life and place.

	Does the Applicant demonstrate the following?	
Deliverability & Funding Assessment Criteria	1.	A track record and/or success in delivering projects of a similar nature/scale. If not, evidence to support their ability to deliver the project successfully.
	2.	High quality (and best value) programming, management, and/or service delivery
	3.	Confirmed funding from other funding bodies or own funds/in-kind support to raise the resources required to deliver the project (where applicable)
	4.	A realistic time scale for project delivery, and if the proposal delivers a small step towards completion of a larger project, demonstrates assurance that the larger project is deliverable within specified timescale.
	5.	Ability to produce/submit monitoring and budget reports on the outputs and outcomes of the project.
	6.	Has the project been assessed for State Aid (if applicable)?