

CAN YOU HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROW ITS OWN FOOD?

With rising food and energy prices, many people in your community will struggle to feed themselves this Winter, with all the obvious problems that creates around both physical and mental health.

So East Suffolk Council is providing small grants to community farms, allotments and gardens to expand their capacity and engage local people with grow-and-eat projects that will feed communities and help people stay active and connected.



HOW IT WORKS

- We'll provide a grant of up to £2,000.
- You'll provide space for community growing projects - and the expertise to make them successful.
- You'll engage the local community to bring new people in to help grow on your land.
- The cheap, nutritious, sustainable food you'll share with the community will help keep people fit and healthy - and hopefully create a new group of green-fingered growers.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Just complete the simple form we've attached. If you need any help or have any questions, please see our Frequently Asked Questions on the reverse or email communities@east Suffolk.gov.uk.

Please return your form to the same email address by midnight on Sunday 18 December 2022.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH LAND DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

There's no set amount, we'll consider any patch of land that it's feasible to grow a decent amount of food on.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE IT FOR?

We're looking to support sustainable projects across the District, so the longer the better. We ask about sustainability on the application form.

WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

The idea is that local people who want to learn how to grow their own food, and will benefit from the harvest, will volunteer alongside you, and that the food will go to those volunteers, to local food banks and community pantries – or wherever is most appropriate for you and your local area.

HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL I RECEIVE?

There's a maximum amount of £2,000 available per grant. The level of funding will depend on the size and scope of your project.

WHAT SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

We'll always be on hand to share best practice around administering the project, recruiting volunteers, distribute the food and help you with any challenges that crop up (excuse the pun).