Brief facts and figures

- Awarded £50m
- Open for business 17 March 2008
- Applicants must be ‘not for profit’
- Open to new and existing projects
- Will run to December 2014 (projects have to finish by March 2014)
- Projects can benefit from support and advice from Local Food Advisers
How has local food been set up?

Local Food has adopted the same consortium approach as SEED and CRED (previous Lottery programmes)

RSWT lead partner

Black Environment Network
BTCV
Community Composting Network
FareShare
Garden Organic
GreenSpace
Groundwork
Learning through Landscapes

National Allotment Gardens Trust
Permaculture Association (Britain)
Soil Association
Sustain
Thrive
Women’s Environmental Network
Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens

What is the aim of local food?

Overarching aim is to make ‘locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities’

Will achieve main aim through five themes...

1. Growing food locally
   Enable communities to manage land sustainably for growing food locally

2. Celebrating cultural diversity
   Enabling communities to build knowledge and understanding of the cultural diversity of food

3. Social enterprise
   Stimulating economic activity through the development of social enterprises related to local food

4. Skills and learning
   Creating opportunities for learning through volunteering, training and job creation

5. Healthy eating, healthy living
   Promote awareness and understanding of the links between food and healthy lifestyles
What are the sizes of grants available?

Small Grants - £2,000 to £10,000
- Easier application process
- Internally assessed
- Turnaround time of six weeks (maximum)
- Easier claiming and reporting

Main Grants - £10,001 to £300,000
- More thorough process
- Projects less than £35,000 are internally assessed
- Projects more than £35,000 are externally assessed

Beacon Grants - £300,001 to £500,000
- Single competitive round
- Approximately £9m to be ring fenced
- A minimum of 18 projects to be awarded funding
- Expected to be capital-heavy projects or projects of a strategic nature (regional, multi-regional, national significance)
- Additional assessment criteria to be used
- Externally assessed, more in-depth monitoring and evaluation
What types of project can local food fund?

- Allotments
- Box schemes
- Catering (cafes/subsidised meals)
- Celebrating food cultures
- Community food growing projects
- Community seed exchanges
- Community supported agriculture
- Education & learning (food related)
- Farmers markets
- Food co-ops
- Recycling of organic waste
- Redistribution of food
- School grounds (education & practical)
- Social enterprise

What costs can local food fund?

Revenue
- Salaries / Training and volunteer costs
- Vehicle running costs
- Rent / leasing
- Insurance / financial costs

Capital
- Vehicles
- Equipment
- IT Equipment
- Professional fees and labour costs (refurbishment / land & build)

- Local Food will fund Land and Buildings costs but more requirements and hoops to jump through
What cannot be funded by local food?
School meals
Playgrounds with no food links
Sports grounds projects
School grounds with no food links

What can local food fund but might also overlap with other funding programmes?
Community gardens
Community land management
City farms

Do projects have to secure match funding?

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• Minimum of 50 per cent matchfunding has to be cash, the remainder can be in kind

REMEMBER – TOTAL PROJECT COST NOT GRANT REQUESTED
What help can the Adviser Team give?

The Adviser Team can provide pre-application and post-award advice to organisations that are applying to and awarded through, Local Food.

**Pre-application**
- developing your application
- writing and developing business plans
- financial management/cash flow management
- marketing and publicity
- contingency planning
- monitoring and evaluation
- human resource management
- governance issues
- community involvement

**Post award**
- help dealing with the post-panel paperwork
- legislation issues
- human resources
- reporting
- marketing and publicity
- governance issues
- community involvement

Who are the Adviser team?

The Adviser Team’s main remit is to provide help to groups.

- More than 170 Advisers spread across England
- Supported by three Regional Coordinators, employed by RSWT
- Central Adviser team at RSWT, part of the Local Food team
A few Adviser Team facts

- Will advise, not assess
- Will not write the application for the group – need to retain ownership
- Will give fair and impartial advice
- Aim to help more than 70% - 80% of groups applying to Local Food

What makes a good Local Food application?

- Identified need
- Community involvement
- Partnership working
- Addresses disadvantage
- Sustainability
- Management committee
- Sound and realistic budget
- Clear project milestones
How do I get further information?

- To download an application please visit www.localfoodgrants.org and register your details.

- For all First Stage queries contact the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671. Hard copies of First Stage Application forms and notes can be requested.

- FAQs and further information are available on the website.