

## Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17

The Scottish Government is launching the Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17 as part of its efforts to support the organic sector in Scotland. The Fund is intended to develop Organic Ambitions, Scotland's Organic Action Plan 2016-2020.

### Fund Outcomes

Our aim is to achieve a stronger Scottish organic sector, one that offers further public benefits to society whilst at the same time being better positioned to compete with the rest of the UK, Europe and internationally. The overarching outcome of the Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17 is to:

- Strengthen the Scottish organic supply chain (Organic Ambitions: Action 2.3)
- Develop and coordinate an existing delivery plan for Organic Ambitions 2016-2020

### Fund Principles

In January 2016, the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs Food and the Environment, Richard Lochhead MSP, launched Organic Ambitions, Scotland's Organic Action Plan 2016-2020. The action plan reflects our shared agenda for the sector, with actions to be taken forward by all parties concerned with growing the organic food and drink supply chain in Scotland.

To support the implementation of the Action Plan, the Scottish Government has been working with the Scottish Organic Forum to identify which areas of the action plan should be the focus of this Fund in 2016/17. The core element identified was:

- to strengthen the infrastructure throughout the Scottish organic supply chain: focusing on addressing the critical gaps in infrastructure, particularly organically certified abattoirs, grain mills and other processing facilities;
- to develop and coordinate the existing five year delivery plan

The Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17 has adopted these core elements as its overarching principle. Projects will be expected to demonstrate how they meet the principle as part of the application process.

### The Fund

The Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17 will support one or more winning applications that:

1. Can develop existing relationships within the organic supply chain and can identify and address critical gaps

2. Can demonstrate a proven track record of successfully developing, coordinating and delivering projects

Project applications that demonstrate strong partnership working and seek to develop innovative approaches to strengthening the Scottish organic supply chain will be prioritised.

All projects will be expected to demonstrate a strong focus on evaluation to support the lessons learned process and the identification and promotion of best practice.

### **Eligibility**

The Organic Ambitions Fund 2016/17 will support one or more applicants from any of the following:

- third sector organisations (voluntary organisation, charity or social enterprise)
- public or private sectors.

The winning project(s) must:

- Be able to start delivering by 18 July 2016.
- Finish activity by 30 April 2017, final evaluation by 31 May 2017.

### **Grant**

The Fund value is £50,000.  
Projects can apply for funding up to £50,000.

### **Timetable**

<b>Organic Ambitions Fund Timetable</b>	
<b>Fund Launch</b>	13 June 2016
<b>Application deadline</b>	1 July 2016
<b>Award made</b>	14 July 2016
<b>Start of grant</b>	18 July 2016
<b>Initial grant payment</b>	31 August 2016*
<b>Final grant payment</b>	30 March 2017

### **Payments and Reporting**

\*A schedule for interim grant payment will be agreed at the time of initial award. All projects will be required to submit an end of year project report by end of May 2017. An interim report will be required by the end of November 2016.

## Your organisation

**1. What is the full legal name of your organisation, as shown on your governing document?**

## What do you want to do?

**2. Summarise what you want to use this funding for (maximum 200 words).**

**Tell us:**

- what you'll do
- who your project is aimed at
- how you'll deliver it
- what changes your project will make to support and coordinate the delivery of Organic Ambitions.

**3. Who will be involved in your project?** Please estimate how many staff members, volunteers and clients (where relevant) your project will involve.

Number of staff members involved	
Number of volunteers involved	
Number of clients involved	

**4. Why do you want to do this? (maximum 200 words)**

Tell us how you know this project is the right thing to do. Tell us about discussions you've had with potential participants, the organic sector and any other information you've gathered to come to your decision. This could include research you've undertaken or learning from previous work.

**5. Where do the people live who will participate in your project?**

If the people are in one area, complete one row and put 100%. If the people are in more than one area, use more rows and estimate a percentage for each one.

Area	% per area
England	
Northern Ireland	
Scotland	
Wales	
Rest of EU	
International	

**Organic Ambitions 2016/17**

We are interested in how your project meets the Organic Ambitions 2016/17 principles of the Fund. Please complete the relevant sections below.

**6. How does your project exemplify best practice in the organic sector?  
(maximum 200 words)**

**7. How does your project strengthen the Scottish organic supply chain?  
(maximum 200 words)**

**Delivering your project**

**8. Where will your project take place?**

This helps us understand where Scottish Government money is making a difference. If your project will take place in more than one location, select the main one. If you haven't identified exactly where it will take place yet, please enter your organisation's address.

Building name or number and street	Postcode

**9. Tell us about the skills and expertise you already have to help you deliver this project starting in July 2016 and anything else you plan to put in place (maximum 200 words).** Also, tell us about how you will use the skills and experience to assess whether you have been successful. Evaluation support will be provided where a need exists.

## Your finances

**10. How much will your project cost and how much would you like from us?**

Complete the table below to provide a summary of your costs for the project.

<b>Amount from the Organic Ambitions Fund</b> Please provide a more detailed breakdown in the table below	£
<b>Amount from other funding</b>	£
<b>Total costs</b>	£

The following table lets you tell us how you plan to spend the funding you are requesting from the Organic Ambitions Fund. Please use your best estimates if actual figures are not available.

<b>Proposed use of Organic Ambitions Funding</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Staff	£
Rental	£
Marketing	£
Equipment	£
Other costs (please specify below)	£
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>£</b>

## Your organisation contact details

### 11. What is the main or registered address for your organisation?

If you are successful, this is where we'll send our grant offer letter so make sure you can safely receive post at this address. We recommend that it's your organisation's office address but if you don't have an office, it may be a home address.

Address	
Postcode	
Phone number 1	
Phone number 2	
Website	

**12. What is the main email address for your organisation?**

This should be the email address people use to contact your organisation. It can be a personal email address if your organisation doesn't have its own email address.

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**13. What type of organisation are you?**

Select all options that are relevant to you.

Charity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company or mutual society	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**14. Please provide any reference or registration numbers your organisation has.**

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator or Charity Commission	<input type="text"/>
Companies House	<input type="text"/>
Other reference or registration numbers	<input type="text"/>

**15. Is your organisation independent, or a branch or department of a larger organisation?**

Independent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Branch or department	<input type="checkbox"/>
If branch or department, please provide name of larger organisation:   	

**16. Please provide a senior contact for your application.**

This person is responsible for ensuring that this application is supported by the organisation applying, the funded project is delivered and that the organisation keeps us updated on progress.

Title	
Forename	
Surname	
Contact address	
Contact phone number	
Contact email address	

**Who is your project aimed at?**

This section helps us understand who will be participating in your project. There are no 'correct' answers to these questions and we don't use this information to assess your application.

**1. Is your project targeted at a specific group of people?**

Yes	
No	

**If yes, please provide further details below about whom your project is targeted at. If no, you don't need to complete the rest of this section.**

**2. If your project is targeted at people from a particular ethnic background, please tell us which:**

White		Asian, Asian UK	
Scottish/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/UK		Indian	
Irish		Pakistani	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller		Bangladeshi	
Any other white background		Chinese	
		Any other Asian background	
Black/African/Caribbean/Black UK		Other ethnic group	
Caribbean		Arab	
African		Any other	
Any other Black/African/Caribbean background			
<b>Mixed/Multiple ethnic background</b> (people whose parents are of a different ethnic background to each other)			

**3. If your project is targeted at people of a particular gender, please indicate which:**

Male	
Female	

**4. If your project is targeted at people from a particular age group, please indicate which:**

0-5		26-64	
6-12		65+	
13-25			

**Declaration**

I can confirm that funding received from the Scottish Government for participation in the Organic Ambitions Fund will only be used to fund activities which:

- develop existing relationships within the organic supply chain in order to identify and address critical gaps
- develop and coordinate the existing delivery plan for Organic Ambitions 2016-2020

I confirm that I will report on progress in delivering this project during the funding period and at the end of the funding period.

I undertake to report promptly any likely underspend or failure to deliver the project, to allow funds to be reallocated to another project.

<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Job title</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

## Once you're sure your application is complete

Please email your completed application form to [Robin.MacLean@gov.scot](mailto:Robin.MacLean@gov.scot) putting the name of your organisation in the email subject line. If you wish to return a hard copy, please send to: **Robin MacLean, B1 Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, EDINBURGH, EH11 3XD**

Please don't send any other information at this stage. If you have any questions about the Organic Ambitions Fund or any part of the application form, please contact us at the above email address