CILIPS Scotland's library and information professionals

Scotland's Green Libraries Grant Fund 2026

Guidelines for Applications

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With support from the CILIP Scotland Trustee Board, we are delighted to offer grants of **up to £2,500**, open to libraries of all sectors in Scotland, for library-led environmental action projects.

Applications open:	Monday 1st June 2026
Deadline for applications:	4pm Friday 10th July 2026
Applicants notified of outcomes:	w/c Monday 20th July 2026
Project progress update:	21st-28th October 2026 Green Libraries Week
Projects completed by:	Friday 28th May 2027

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How to apply

- The application form is available online as a Google Form.
    - Please note that, if not signed into a Google account, the form may not save your answers automatically. If you wish to draft your answers and return to them later, we recommend saving them in a separate document (you are welcome to use this template featuring our longform questions).
- If you require an alternative format for accessibility, please contact CILIPS.
- After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email from the CILIPS team within two working days. Please contact us at admin@cilips.org.uk if you have not received this.
- The deadline for all applications is **4pm** on **Friday 10th July 2026**.

Who is eligible to apply

- The grants are available for library services of all sectors in Scotland.
- We particularly welcome applications from library services with little or no prior experience of applying to similar grant funds.
- You may work with non-library service partners for your proposed project (for example, a local environmental organisation or community group) but the application must be made by a library service.
- The lead applicant must be a **CILIP member**.
- The application does not need to be completed by your Head of Library Service but must be approved by them before submission.

What you may apply for

- Aligning with the theme for Green Libraries Week 2026, priority will be given to applications that demonstrate and/or strengthen the unique role of libraries in supporting their communities to **navigate climate mis- and dis-information**. For more, please see our full assessment criteria below.
- Your application should give a clear indication of how you will spend the grant if successful. Decisions on final grant amounts rest with the selection committee.
- The grant must be used to fund the project applied for and is not available to replace everyday library management or overheads.
- The grant may be used for activities, equipment and events connected to the project, including travel and subsistence expenses, and backfill costs for staff.

Assessment Criteria

1. As an example of library-led environmental action, the project has the potential to bring long-term value to the library service and the community it serves.

2. The project demonstrates feasibility and the ability to deliver outputs (for library users and the CILIPS community) within the draft timescale provided.

3. The project demonstrates and/or strengthens the unique role of libraries in supporting their communities to navigate climate mis- and dis-information.

Application Conditions

- The deadline to complete projects supported by the grant programme is **Friday 28th May 2027.**
- Successful applicants will be expected to share a progress update during Green Libraries Week, from **Wednesday 21st October 2026**. This can take the form of an online presentation, a workshop, creation and discussion of an infographic, or an equivalent means of dissemination agreed in advance with CILIPS.
- On completion of the project, you will be required to write a case study for the CILIPS website, sharing a summary of and insights from your work. **This must be submitted within four weeks of project completion.**
- Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to document their activities and the impact of their projects throughout, including via photographs and/or videos, which can also be shared as progress updates on the CILIPS blog and via our social media.

Selection Process

- A selection committee including past Grant Fund recipients and sector experts will review all applications and assess them according to the above criteria.
- All applicants will be notified of outcomes during the week of **Monday 20th July 2026**.
- Application feedback will be available on request at the conclusion of the process.

For any queries or accessibility requirements relevant to your application, please contact Kirsten.macquarrie@cilips.org.uk.

Good luck!