

## **Appendix 1**

### **Enjoying Green Spaces & the Natural Environment : Sub-themes**

The Enjoying Green Spaces and Natural Environment (EGS) funding programme has been separated into five sub-themes. Proposals must meet at least one of the first two sub-themes (A and/or B), and at least one of the remaining three sub-themes (C, D and/or E) as outlined below. All proposals must either improve the conservation value of the chosen green spaces and/or improve our knowledge of the biodiversity of the green spaces:

#### **Improving the conservation value of the green spaces - Sub-theme A**

The City of London Corporation is committed to supporting the protection and enhancement of biodiversity and to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The activities supported through this sub-theme should aim to improve the conservation of the City Corporation's green spaces and should be able to demonstrate positive actions and outcomes. This could be via practical work on the ground, production of plans or a combination of both.

#### **Improving our knowledge of the biodiversity of the green spaces - Sub-theme B**

The activities supported through this sub-theme should help improve our knowledge of the biodiversity of the City Corporation's green spaces. This could include survey or inventory projects or small-scale research projects on species habitats found in green spaces. They could include comparative studies using other locations/sites, but the majority of the project should be carried out on a City Corporation green space. Projects should be able to demonstrate positive actions and outcomes. In addition all proposals must also connect communities with their green spaces and/or provide opportunities for children and young people to learn and have fun and/or improve wellbeing through the use of green spaces:

#### **Connecting communities with their green spaces - Sub-theme C**

The activities supported through this sub-theme should help local communities connect with the City Corporation's green spaces and encourage respectful behaviour on those spaces. Projects should facilitate a deep sense of pride, encouraging communities to participate in and advocate for our natural assets. We particularly encourage applications for bespoke proposals from organisations with expertise and experience working with people from disadvantaged communities. The projects should demonstrate positive outcomes for these newly connected communities and should demonstrate how they will support the groups to continue to visit the green spaces.

#### **Providing opportunities for children and young people to learn and have fun - Sub-theme D**

There is growing concern that opportunities for children to learn in nature are becoming limited, impacting on child development. The projects supported through this sub-theme should help address this. They should provide opportunities for children and young people to build confidence and gain understanding while feeling safe and having fun on the Corporation's green spaces and heritage assets. We particularly encourage applications for bespoke proposals from organisations with expertise and experience working with young people struggling with education and/or employment. The proposals should demonstrate positive outcomes for these communities and should demonstrate how they will support the groups to continue to visit the green spaces.

#### **Improving wellbeing through the use of green spaces - Sub-theme E**

Good mental health lies at the heart of wellbeing and quality of life, and of effective functioning for both individuals and communities. The projects supported through this sub-theme should encourage contact with the City Corporation's green spaces as an addition to treatment options within mental health.