



Strategic Fund Sustainable Food Systems: What we look for in applications.

We encourage all applicants to develop activity which demonstrates the following key principles for building food resilience in the community:

- Improve the resilience of their food supply and support the local economy by sourcing from short supply chains, and/or local suppliers and producers, with an aim to transition away from a reliance on re-distributed food surplus;
- Build community wealth by investing in local people and assets, including public or shared spaces like community gardens and kitchens;
- Tackle the three pillars of sustainable development (social, environmental, and economic) in an integrated manner in order to build resilient communities for the future;
- Facilitate partnership working across different sectors (e.g. health, environment, social justice, economic development) of the voluntary and community sector, private sector, local authorities or national governments;
- Empower a wide range of people to engage with their local food system to improve how it functions for their own unique community and coordinating with local stakeholders to ensure everyone has the right to food.

We don't expect you to be able to demonstrate all these principles.

For higher value requests (£50K and over) we'll expect you to demonstrate some already, as well as those that you will be working towards.

For funding requests of under £50K, if you're not able to demonstrate some principles already we want to see how you will be working towards those that are most relevant to your activity.

Where applicants are applying for funding towards emergency food aid we will prioritise activity that is:

- Part of a long-term vision, and practical set of actions, to ensure people are supported out of reliance on emergency food over the long term;
- focused on prioritising the needs of those who are disproportionately affected by food insecurity
- Culturally appropriate for the people it is serving;
- Dignified, both at the organisational and personal level (See Nourish Scotland's Dignity in Practice);
- Meeting nutritional standards and integrating a public health approach;
- Connected to both local and national government to ensure central coordination;
- Improve the resilience of their food supply and support the local economy by sourcing from short supply chains, and/or local suppliers and producers, with an aim to transition away from a reliance on re-distributed food surplus;
- Accompanied by other appropriate (statutory) support that addresses the underlying need, ensuring that people are supported out of a reliance on emergency food over the long term