

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

Community Alliance Trust / Craigmillar Growers

(1b) Project name:

Niddrie Mill Community Market
Garden

(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)

Craigmillar Growers is a community gardening group managed by CAT, the Community Development Trust for Craigmillar and surrounding areas. We co-ordinate groups of volunteers to grow vegetables and fruit for themselves and the local community. Produce is shared through our Green House Pantry and donated for community meals, Food Banks and other activities benefiting local people experiencing food insecurity. So far we have been growing at Bristo Church and the White House, and have now also started a new project at Inch Nursery. We also run a youth training programme, Growing Youth, in partnership with Edible Estates and the Council's Additional Support for Learning Service

(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- ✓ Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- ✓ Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- ✓ Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

We are planning to start a Community Market Garden at Niddrie Mill Grove. CAT has been granted planning permission and a lease from City of Edinburgh Council for this project, and we have carried out a survey of local residents who are generally supportive.

The garden would be established and maintained by local volunteers, assisted by our Growing Youth team, managed by an experienced Community Gardener. Participation will be open to all and produce would be shared among participants and the local community on a similar basis to other gardens maintained by Craigmillar Growers.

The design for the garden includes vegetable beds and 'forest garden' patches of fruit trees and bushes; one or more polytunnels for growing tender crops (eg tomatoes, peppers) and extending the growing season; raised beds which would improve access for participants with mobility issues; and a community shed, similar to those built by CAT at neighbourhood gardens in Magdalene and Bingham, where participants can meet and socialise as well as store tools and equipment. The garden would also be fenced for security reasons.

At present CAT is awaiting confirmation of funding for continuing our work on Craigmillar Growers and other community food/green space projects. However the funding we have applied for does not include the capital costs of developing the Niddrie Mill garden.

Funding from ECCF would enable us to make a start on the project in 2023, by building raised beds, planting fruit trees and bushes, adding compost and cultivating the ground. While establishing the garden we will also be looking for additional funding for the shed, polytunnels, fence and other elements of the design.

(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

A community market garden, growing fresh organic produce for the residents of Niddrie and surrounding areas

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(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

People living in Niddrie and nearby will have an opportunity to grow organic food for themselves and participate in building a sustainable local food system. Participants including Growing Youth trainees will learn useful skills for climate resilience.

(5b) Is your group open to all?

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

Disability

Marriage
or civil
partnership

Pregnancy
and
maternity

Race

Sex

Age

Sexual
orientation

Religion or
belief

Gender
reassignment

(6) Where will the project be delivered?

At the site of the new garden at Niddrie Mill Grove

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**(7) Project start date: 1 April 2023
Project end date: 1 April 2024**

**(8) How many people do you hope will benefit from your project?
50 people directly participating –
with wider benefits for much larger**

(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).

(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below

Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Timber and materials for raised beds	1701		
Topsoil and compost	1350		
Fruit trees and bushes	361		
Total Expenditure	3412	Total income	

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