



Grant-pool 2024

# Exploring Collaboration

## Criteria and Guidance

Apply for funds up to £8k to support early stage collaborations. Funding can be used to create space and time within your collaboration to develop collaboration skills, strengthen relationships and develop ideas for collaborative projects.

Our goal is that this fund will support organisations wanting to work together to be in a place at the end of the funding where they are ready to apply for project funding, whether with Farming the Future or other funders.

Successful collaborations will be automatically invited to apply to a second round of £50K collaborative funding later in the year. See timeline below for more information.

## [FAQs](#)

## Eligibility

- Collaboration members must be based in and working in the UK
- Collaborations must include at least 2 groups/organisations
- At least one of the collaboration members must be a current or former FTF grantee or named partner on a FTF funded project
- The objective of project is for public benefit and partners involvement should not give rise to more than incidental personal benefit

## What we won't fund

- Work or projects solely providing safety net services or emergency response services (food banks etc)
- Projects focussed on food waste or food surplus (this does not include farm based work like gleaning)

- Religious or party-political work
- Individuals

### Criteria

We are looking to support collaborations with the potential to:

- Pursue an agroecological approach to food and farming
- Contribute to a 'just transition'
- Strengthen the movement in one of the following ways:
  - Creates connections across groups doing similar work
  - Links up different parts of the food system e.g. growers, producers, sellers, eaters
  - Broadening the agroecological movement by building links with other sectors (including but not limited to): climate, health, gender, water

### We Will Prioritise Collaborations:

- Demonstrating strategic thinking in their collaboration composition
- Thinking beyond the usual suspects for example by reaching out to other sectors including but not limited to: climate, health, water, gender, science
- Collaborations with a proposed division of funding based on proportionate need and/or clear reasoning behind budgetary allocations

### Process and Logistics

- Groups can apply for up to £8K per collaboration
- Funds can be spent over a 1 year time period
- Applications will be invite only to current or former FTF grantees but existing members can invite new groups/organisations as part of the proposed collaboration
- Reporting will include annual catch-ups with FTF's grants manager and a final headline financial report

\*Groups using the Open Collective platform will not be required to submit a financial report

## How to Apply

**Download and complete the application form and send to [info@farmingthefuture.uk](mailto:info@farmingthefuture.uk)**

Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email within 2 weeks. If you have not heard from us after 2 weeks please get in touch.

Below is a timeline with key dates for the fund:

29<sup>th</sup> March 2024: Application Deadline

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024: Decision Notifications

Early June: Funding out

31<sup>st</sup> October 2024: Deadline for full applications to second round of Collaborative Projects

End Nov 2024: Decision notifications

Dec 2024: Funding out

If you have any questions please email Ashley at [ashley@farmingthefuture.uk](mailto:ashley@farmingthefuture.uk) but please do read through the [criteria and FAQs](#) to see if your question has already been answered first. 😊