



Biodiversity for All: Community Grant Scheme



Introduction

- Huntingdonshire District Council has set aside funds for 2024/25 to distribute to Parish and Town Council's, landowners, schools and community organisations to help them improve the levels of biodiversity on their land.
- This is a two-stage process.
 1. Expression of Interest for a Biodiversity Audit of an identified site.
 2. Application for a grant to deliver evidence-based ecological work.





Stage 1: Expressions of Interest for a Biodiversity Audit

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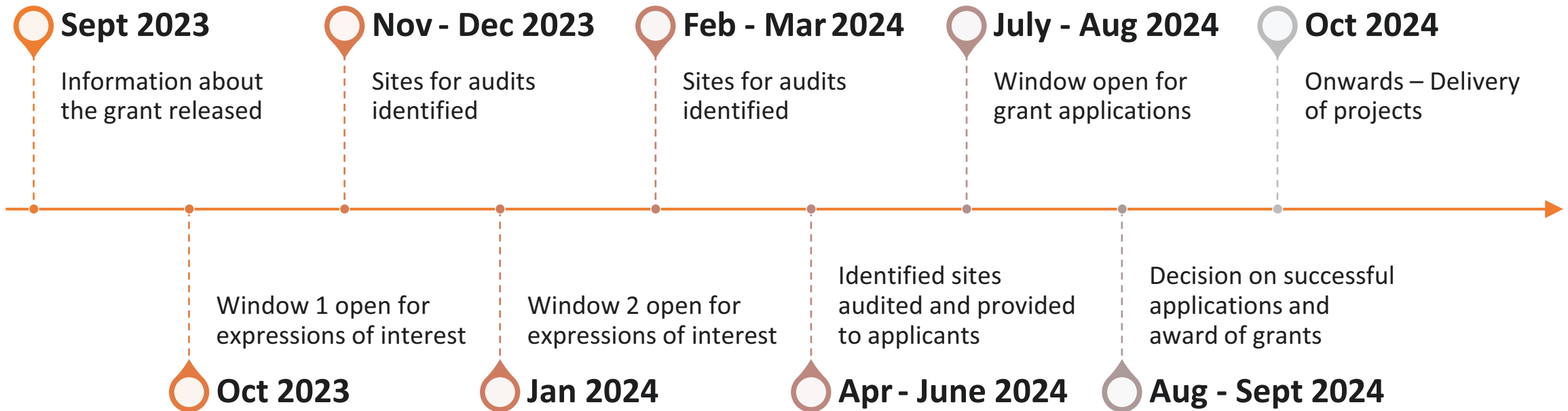
1. Mid-October to Mid-November 2023
 2. January to February 2024
- Applicants must complete the attached expressions of interest form, which can be found on the webpage.
 - It is important that the applicant is the owner and/or has the relevant permissions to deliver ecological landscape works on the identified sites.
 - Applications will be assessed on the viability and potential of the site, using the Lawton principles of Bigger, Better and More Connected.
 - The HDC Graduate Ecologist will complete audits of the successful sites in the late spring/early summer 2024.
 - The audit will be free of charge to the successful applicants.
 - The full report will be provided to the applicant upon completion.

Stage 2: Grant Application

- Those who successfully secured an audit will be invited to apply for a grant to support the delivery of the work.
- The applicant must submit the application form, found on the website, to apply.
- The graduate ecologists will be available to support the development of the application.
- A decision panel will score and decide on the successful applicants and the level of funding allocated to projects.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the end of August 2024 in time for work to begin in Autumn 2024.



Timeline



Contact Details

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the opportunity further, then please email biodiversity@huntingdonshire.gov.uk and one of the team will get back to you.