

FAQs: Nature Networks Fund (round six)

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Answers to questions raised by attendees during a pre-application webinar for Nature Networks Fund (round six), held on Thursday 16 July 2026.

Attendees at the webinar raised a series of questions, which we have answered below.

The answers to several questions raised can also be found by reading the [guidance](#).

Key / summarised questions

What is the minimum capital/revenue split for projects?

There is no prescribed minimum or maximum capital-to-revenue split for individual projects. The Nature Networks Fund (round six) is primarily focused on delivering capital investment alongside activity which supports the active involvement of communities. We recognise that the balance between capital and revenue costs will vary depending on the nature of the project, and some projects may require a higher proportion of revenue funding to achieve their objectives. Applications will therefore be considered on how well the proposed budget supports the delivery of project outcomes, rather than against a fixed capital/revenue ratio.

How much development work can be included within a project?

The Nature Networks Fund (round six) is primarily focused on project delivery rather than project development. Applicants are therefore expected to have a well-developed proposal and be able to deliver outcomes within the funding period. However, some development work can be included where it is necessary to enable delivery. For example, it is acceptable to undertake some development activities in the first year of the project and then move into implementation in years two and three. Applicants should ensure that any development work is proportionate and that they are confident the project can be completed within the programme's fixed timescales, as funding cannot be extended beyond the published end date.

What does a 'joint grantee' mean and can they receive funding directly?

A joint grantee means another body that is jointly responsible for meeting the terms of grant. This is usually the owner of the land or property where they are different to the organisation delivering the project. Joint grantees may be joined in to the full terms of grant or only certain terms where that is appropriate (such as the terms that relate to property).

While we use the term joint grantee, there will be a lead grantee which is the organisation to who we pay the grant and has responsibility overall for delivering the project. If a joint grantee is also involved in delivering a significant part of the project, we expect those arrangements to meet our guidance on delivering the project in partnership, formalised with a partnership agreement.

Are formal landowner agreements required at Expression of Interest stage?

No.

Signed landowner agreements need to be in place before a project receives Permission to Start. You cannot start capital work on land in third party ownership until you have entered into legally binding agreements with the respective third parties.