



# Business Partnership Fund

## Guidance Document

### Check what funding is available

We will contribute or match fund the projects that we select and that meet our criteria. Once the full amount of funding available has been awarded, we'll be unable to consider further applications. Southern Water reserves the right to stop the fund at any point. We will update our website to make it clear when all funding has been awarded, if the fund is extended, or if the fund is stopped.

### What Southern Water can fund

- Purchase or hiring of equipment
- Building and installation of materials
- Skills and training
- Professional fees (consultants, builders, contractors)

### What Southern Water can't fund

- Applications submitted from a person under 18-years-old
- Individuals
- Projects for businesses that operate outside of the eligible areas
- Retrospective projects that have already been completed

### Application Process

Applications can be submitted during the round window (as shown on the website). We will review all applications, and the successful projects will be notified and awarded funding shortly after the application window has closed.

For all applications, we will need to carry out:

- Eligibility checks
- Financial and due diligence checks
- Confirm the funding criteria have been met

Once checks have been completed, our panel will review the application. The panel will be made up of experts from across Southern Water.

All applications will need to agree to our business fund terms of agreement to be eligible for funding.

### Successful applications

If your application is successful, we will contact you by email to let you know, together with our business fund terms of agreement for you to sign and return. The agreement will outline the total funding awarded and when you will receive it.

You will be required to provide us with monthly updates once the project is up and running and a full case study at the end which we will feature on our website.

For any queries, please email [businesspartnershipfund@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:businesspartnershipfund@southernwater.co.uk)

## Unsuccessful applications

Unfortunately, we cannot fund all submissions, therefore applications will be benchmarked against each other.

If your application is unsuccessful, we will endeavour to provide feedback wherever possible.

Please note, we don't have an appeal process for unsuccessful applications.