

## Resilient Allotment Communities Grant Application

The Scottish government has made some money available to support small community organisations facing disadvantage to improve their resilience. The Scottish Community Alliance (SCA) whose aim is to represent and support the community sector in Scotland secured this funding and SAGS was allocated a proportion to distribute amongst our members. The purpose of the funding is to improve resilience and address disadvantage. Sags have therefore decided to use the funding to purchase 16 packages of good quality and long lasting tools for loan to plot holders and allotment sites are invited to apply for one of these packages. Good tools are essential for working an allotment but purchasing these is a considerable investment for anyone. By providing tools anyone, whatever their financial circumstances, will be able to participate on an allotment site.

### Apply for a free tools bundle:

Allotment associations are invited to apply for a one-off grant of equipment and tools valued at £1,000 and essential for working an allotment. The tools must be held communally on the allotment site or in a secure area where any member of the site can easily borrow, use and return them. We are able to allocate 16 packages consisting of the following *or a similar package*:

- A wheelbarrow
- 2 Wolfgarten
- Two spades
- Two forks
- 2 Hoes
- 2 rakes
- A fire bucket
- Keiter safe store
- Lock
- Secateurs, 3 sets
- Saw
- Lump hammer
- Axe

- **Deadline for applications – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

- **Eligibility Criteria:**

- To apply your allotment association must be a SAGS member *and* located in the top 20% of disadvantaged areas according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Your association must also have a constitution and elected committee and supply a named person who will ensure any member can borrow these tools.

- **How to apply:**

- By e-mail to [secretary@sags.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sags.org.uk) with the following details:
- Responsible person's name and home address
- Responsible person's e-mail telephone number/s
- Name and address of site and GPS co-ordinates if possible
- SIMD classification of site area, available from the URL or from your local council
- [http://simd.scot/2016/#/simd2016\\_20pc/BTTTTT/14/-4.5565/55.8438/](http://simd.scot/2016/#/simd2016_20pc/BTTTTT/14/-4.5565/55.8438/)

- **Selection Process:**

- Demand is likely to exceed the funding available. All sites within the top 20% of SIMD face significant disadvantage, therefore choosing between applicants is

difficult. We have decided those benefitting will therefore be drawn at random at our conference in Dunblane on June 2018. Neutral person will oversee the draw and the awards announced then and tools will be delivered shortly afterwards.

- **Terms and conditions:**
- All participants must agree to take part in publicity that will take the form of a few photographs and some basic site information to include in our newsletter and the press. In addition applicants must agree to meeting SAGS briefly one year on to discuss how the tools benefitted the site.
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