

Funding for Groen Groeit Mee – Factsheet



Groen Groeit Mee (growing green space, GGM) is the ambition to ensure that recreational green space, nature, water and landscape grow in step with the rising number of homes in the province of Utrecht. To achieve this ambition, we are working towards a continuous green–blue framework extending from the urban areas into the countryside and vice versa.



Financial strategy, three principles

1 The GGM area development business case

- GGM as an integral part of the overall area development business case.
- GGM objectives embedded in other programmes, such as those on agriculture, woodlands, mobility and climate.

2 Funding and financing

- In addition to a possible contribution from the province of Utrecht, we look for (other) beneficiaries who contribute to funding in proportion to the benefits they receive.
- Area development is a collaborative task that brings together the interests and objectives of all parties, thereby enabling joint funding.

3 Stimulating and supporting

- The foundation for GGM investments: public funding (EU, State, province, water authority, municipality).
- The Province of Utrecht proactively supports municipalities with knowledge and resources for integrated planning and insight into funding opportunities.
- Other parties also have responsibilities: the 'carrot' (creating win–win solutions) and the 'stick' (potential contributions under the Dutch Environment and Planning Act (Omgevingswet)).
- GGM can support partners in the province with landscape and financial expertise.

How can the province of Utrecht help?

Dedicated GGM funds: total EUR 6 million

- EUR 1 million per example area (Hollandsche IJssel Area, Kromme Rijn defence line landscape, Southern Eem Valley, De Roode Haan).
- EUR 1 million for new residential areas.
- EUR 1 million for co-benefit opportunities.

For all funds: Use is based on concrete projects and agreements recorded in a cooperation agreement.

Groen Groeit Mee tender scheme: total EUR 10 million

- Focused on concrete projects.
- Co-financing is required.

Subsidies from the province of Utrecht

- [Overview of applicable subsidy schemes.](#) (in Dutch)

Access point for national contributions

- Allocation of funds under Measures Package 1 (UPLG), totalling EUR 54 million including VAT, for strengthening the green-blue framework in rural areas.
- Working towards securing additional contributions in the context of the housing deals (BO MIRT and BOL).

Access point for EU funding schemes

- [See the EU funding guide for Groen Groeit Mee.](#) (in Dutch)

What do we expect from municipalities?

Delivering co-financing

- Identification of opportunities and co-benefits within the municipal budget.
- Application of the principles of the Municipality of Utrecht Growth Framework (Groeikader gemeente Utrecht).
- Application of the new Dutch Environment and Planning Act to secure additional contributions from project developers.

Implementation capacity in order

- Leadership assigned where appropriate (this may also lie with municipalities).
- Make use of the resources offered by the province of Utrecht.

Integrating GGM into housing-development planning

- At the start of the dialogue between the province of Utrecht and the municipality, organise a working session with all relevant disciplines at the table to explore the task at hand.

