

COMMUNITIES RECOVERY FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Full details of eligibility for the Communities Recovery Fund is available on the [SCVO website](#). This document provides a short overview of the fund.

WHAT IS IT?

- Part of the Scottish Government's £25m Third Sector & Community Recovery programme. CRF is being administered in the Highlands and Islands by HIE.
- A grant fund which supports community focused organisations to deliver services which counter the impacts of COVID-19.
- You can apply for a minimum of £5,000 and up to £25,000 for an individual organisation, or £75,000 for a partnership application.
- Applications can be funded for a period of up to 8 months from 1 October 2020.
- It's open for applications until 12 February 2021 or until the budget is fully committed if sooner.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- **Incorporated** voluntary or community organisations, registered charities and Community Councils.
- Your organisation must have been established, operating and making a positive contribution for your community before 1st January 2020.

WHAT'S ELIGIBLE?

- Continued delivery of emergency response services and activities.
- Transition activity from emergency response to core activity and re-starting services.
- Support for core services which may be experiencing increased demand due to COVID-19.

EXAMPLES OF THE TYPES OF COSTS WE EXPECT TO FUND.

Support to meet service delivery costs for COVID-19 response services, re-designing services or re-opening services. This may include:

- Staff salaries for additional and increased staff costs e.g. co-ordinator/cleaner costs.
- Proportionate contribution to core staff/operating costs (utility bills, rents, rates).
- Volunteer expenses/increased transport costs.
- Additional costs associated with delivering redesigned services such as developing digital resources.
- Additional direct costs related to COVID-19 response activities e.g. food, vouchers for utility bills.



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COSTS FOR COVID-19 COMPLIANCE – SAFETY AND HYGIENE – FOR SERVICE DELIVERY OR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- PPE, protective screens, hand sanitiser/cleaning stations, signage, water system cleansing, e.g. legionella bacteria flushes.
- Small scale capital costs for adaptations to allow for social distancing. measures for example: re-modelling toilets, entry/exit points, one-way systems.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO TELL US IN THE APPLICATION.

- What you're having to do differently as a result of COVID-19.
- How your income has been affected during COVID-19. Please note we can't cover costs for lost fundraising or lost income.
- How your service is making a difference to your community.
- How the service you operate serves and reflects the needs of the people of your community.

COSTS THAT CAN'T BE SUPPORTED

- Operating a subsidiary funding programme.
- Purchase of new or second-hand vehicles.
- Purchase/provision of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
- Activities promoting a religion or political party.
- Improvements/adaptations to privately/public sector owned buildings/facilities.
- Re-payment of loans or historic debt.
- Costs incurred before 01 October 2020.

OTHER INFORMATION

Applications for higher amounts of funding may be considered on an exceptional basis only where these are proportionate and there is clear justification of the need.

Organisations requiring less than £5,000 may wish to consider alternative small grants schemes - details available on the SCVO website.

You could also apply under a partnership application through an eligible group. Your local Third Sector Interface (TSI) will be able to help you identify potential partner organisations. Links are on our website here. www.hie.co.uk/crf

You can apply to the fund if you have already had an award from the Supporting Communities Fund. If the application relates to continuation of the same services, you will have to demonstrate additional need and your application must be proportionate to the costs of your original award.

The Communities Recovery Fund is grant funding to deliver support and services in communities. There is also the Adapt & Thrive Fund which is to help organisations adapt, change, and thrive post COVID-19. Find more information about it [here](#).

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