

## **The purpose of the grant scheme**

This grant scheme is open to individuals, registered charities, voluntary organisations, community groups, social enterprises, schools, faith organisations, public bodies, statutory agencies and Community Interest Companies who support work which tackles adversity in childhood or to support those who have been affected by adverse childhood experiences. This could include, for example, support for those growing up or living in homes where there is domestic abuse or substance misuse or supporting families and communities to cope with the impact of issues like racism or discrimination. It could also include practical support for families to help them cope with issues like family finance or support for parenting or which helps them to become more resilient; or it could help people access opportunities to connect with others, to take part in activities which can help to improve mental and physical health or which provides support to communities to build on their strength and support each other.

## **Who can apply**

The scheme is open to groups and organisations who work with children, young people, families, individuals or communities to help them manage or address aspects of their life which could adversely affect their futures.

Applications are welcome from the following groups or organisations:

- Individuals
- Registered charities
- Voluntary organisations or community groups
- Social enterprises
- Schools
- Faith organisations
- Public bodies
- Statutory agencies (but not for statutory services)
- Community Interest Company (CIC)

The scheme is also open to joint applications from two or more groups wishing to work together. Where groups are making a joint application, they will need to agree on a lead group to submit the bid and be accountable for the application and any successful grant.

## **What types of costs and activities can be funded**

The following requests are the sorts of activities or services that **will** be considered eligible for funding. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list:

Direct project costs including:

- Purchase of equipment
- Staff costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Project costs such as hire of room

Or funding for a wide variety of projects and activities may be eligible for funding, for example:

- Arts and music
- Sport and outdoor activities including trips
- Practical skills
- Social and emotional skills
- Giving people a voice

### **Ineligible costs**

The following are the sorts of requests that would **not** be eligible for funding. This is not an exhaustive list:

- core funding (organisation running costs)
- costs incurred prior to the grant offer being made
- projects or activity that promote political or religious activity
- funding for fundraising activity
- funding for statutory services

### **Priorities, criteria and assessment**

Each application will be assessed and scored against the following criteria.

#### 1. The objectives

Applicants to the scheme are asked to evidence how this funding will be able to support the following objectives\*:

- How the funding will be used to support children having the best start in life through support their physical health, mental health and wellbeing;
- How the funding will be used to fund activities/interventions that are inclusive and engage children and young people from across different communities; or
- How the funding will be used to fund activities/interventions that will help to support those who have experienced and been impacted by adversity in childhood/trauma to build resilience and protective factors. This can include helping to develop a sense of belonging.

\*larger grants will be required to meet at least two or more of these objectives.

## 2. Engagement

Demonstrate how you will engage with the intended beneficiaries (if relevant to your application).

## 3. Experience

Please outline your previous experience of working in this area.

## 4. Capacity

Please outline the resources and capacity you have to deliver this work.

Please outline the resources you will commit to this activity and the delivery timeline.

## 5. Value for money and any drawing in of additional resources;

How will the proposed activity add value to your existing activities or services?

## 6. Sustainability;

Please provide information on how the activity or service benefits will be sustained beyond the period of the grant funding, e.g. by providing evidence:

- of the positive and long-lasting change that engagement in the project brings to individual young people (for example, from similar types of project run in the past, achievement of qualification(s) or other recognition of engagement)
- the provision of equipment that will be used over a long period of time
- funding being made available from other sources to maintain or repeat the same project or activity

If the support will be delivered beyond the duration of the grant, i.e. 31 March 2022, please indicate how you propose to fund it.

## 7. The viability of your group and proposed activity (including financial viability).

This will be assessed on the basis of the information which you have provided in your application, including supporting documentation (see below).

### **Supporting documentation**

Applicants must submit the following documents with their application:

- Governing document (e.g. constitution or memorandum and articles of association);
- Latest annual accounts;
- Safeguarding Policy – to ensure safety of participants
- Equality Policy
- Welsh Language Policy
- Copy of Public liability insurance
- *An official document issued by the bank which confirms the group's bank account name, sort code and account number (e.g. bank statement or paying in slip) and that it requires a minimum of two signatories."*

### **How much money is available and duration:**

Single grants are available for up to the following maximum amounts:

- £200 non constituted groups no group bank account
- £500 non constituted group with group account
- £20,000 constituted groups with bank account
- £30,000 consortium

Funding is only available for the 2021-22 financial year and all grant must be expended by 31 March 2022. Any expenditure of grant beyond that date will be deemed ineligible and any grant not spent by 31 March 2022 will need to be returned.

### **How to apply**

All applicants for grants will need to access our online funding portal via [25https://policeandcrimecommissionerforsouthwales.flexigrant.com](https://policeandcrimecommissionerforsouthwales.flexigrant.com)

*The application process is open from 15/10/21 to 1/02/22. The deadlines for applications and awarding dates for grants are set out below. Any application form received after this date and time will not be considered.*

- Main Grants (£20,000 & £30,000) - 19 November 2021 - for award by 12 Dec 2021
- Smaller Grants: (£200 & £500)- 11/11/21, 7/12/21, 5/01/22 & 03/02/22

### **The assessment and notification of the outcome of applications and next steps**

All applications received by the stated application deadline will be assessed against the stated criteria before any decision is taken whether or not to grant funding.

All grant requests for over £500 will be considered by a panel comprising representatives from the ACE Support Hub for Wales, Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales and the Welsh Government. The panel will assess the applications and supporting documentation against the stated criteria before making their recommendations by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

In the event of the total applied for exceeding the funds available, applications will be scored by the panel against the stated criteria.

Unsuccessful applications will be notified by email on the email address provided as part of the application by 6/12/21 of the reason(s) why they have not been successful.

Large grant applicants will be notified by email on the email address provided as part of the application by 6/12/2021. Smaller grants will be informed as per the timeline above in November, December, January and February. They will be expected to commence work as soon as possible and all grant-funded work must be completed by 31 March 2022.

Groups will be required to return grant money not used for the approved purpose or used by 31 March 2022.

We will ask you to return any overpayment.

### **Monitoring and evaluation arrangements**

Grant recipients will be required to complete and submit an evaluation report (a proforma will be provided for completion) demonstrating progress against the agreed objectives and detailing achievements and impact of those achievements in line with the offer letter or grant agreement.

Please note that for groups with charitable status, annual accounts must be prepared in accordance with the guidance provided by the Charity Commissioners' 'Accounting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice' or the Commissioners' Statements 'Accrual Accounting for the Smaller Charity' and 'Accounting for Smaller Charities Receipts and Payment Basis', dependent on the group's annual income."

### **Publicity**

The support of the Welsh Government, ACE Support Hub and South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner be acknowledged in any publicity about the work assisted by the grant funding.

All logos will be provided to successful applicants to use on marketing and publicity materials to promote any grant funded activity.