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## **Child Poverty**

### **Innovation and Supporting Communities Grant 2025/26**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

These FAQs are designed to support the Child Poverty Innovation and Supporting Communities Grant [Child poverty innovation and supporting communities grant | GOV.WALES](#) It is a live document which will be updated as new questions are posed.

**Q1. What evidence should we provide to confirm collaboration from the organisations who will be delivering the project with us?**

**A.** An email from the organisations who you are collaborating with, confirming they are content to deliver the project, is sufficient.

**Q2. Can we request an extension to the deadline for submission date?**

**A.** As advised in the Grant Application Guidance Note, no extension to the deadline for submission of midnight 13 April 2025 will be granted, late applications will not be considered. A Sunday deadline has been chosen following feedback from organisations who work on weekends.

**Q3. What is the definition of:**

Community and Local level – up to £25,000 available per successful application

Regional level - up to £125,000 available per successful application

**A.** Community – an area which is closely spatially located e.g. a town, a village, or neighbourhood, and Local - an area of multiple communities in geographical proximity to one another e.g. a local authority (county council or county borough council) or a broader area which may border more than one local authority.

Regional level - Funding could support an area of more than one local authority (county council or county borough council) in a single geographical region area of Wales and/or within the footprint of an existing regional partnership. For example (but not limited to) a Public Service

Board area, Corporate Joint Committee, Health Board or Regional Partnership footprint).

**Q4. Can applicants who were successful from the 2024/25 round apply for funding?**

**A.** Successful applications from the previous round agreed to final delivery of their projects by 31 March 2025.

We will not fund any project continuation bids from 2024/25. Bids which include elements of a previous project can be included, however, the application would need to demonstrate and provide evidence of the **additional** collaboration and innovation the new bid provides and how it meets the grant criteria for this funding year. A straightforward repeat of a project funded during 2024/25 would not be eligible as 'additional collaboration and innovation' for 2025/26.

**Q5. Is there any eligibility criteria around organisational size?**

**A.** There is nothing in our guidance/criteria that will prevent any sized organisation from applying as organisational size is not an eligibility criteria.

**Q6. A few people have already expressed an interest in working with us. Could we be a named organisation on more than one application?**

**A.** There is nothing in our guidance/criteria that will prevent you from being a named organisation in more than one bid.

**Q7. (a) One of the things we are looking at is collaboration for our project which we are looking to launch, which is pathway out of poverty.**

**(b) We are currently engaged with the research project at X on identifying some of the issues around poverty in our community.**

**(c) Would this grant be the relevant place to go and apply for funding?**

**A.** As we cannot provide advice and guidance about individual applications, our advice would be for you to look at the application guidance to see if your proposal would meet the grant eligibility criteria. If it did, you could apply.

**Q8. Can schools apply?**

**A.** Schools can apply and the application will need to meet the eligibility criteria for the grant.

**Q9. We will be applying for a regional grant. Will your scoring prefer to see a formal evaluation included? The criteria information states evaluations need to be proportional but does not indicate mandatory - can you advise please?**

**A.** With regards to the evaluation, as an Applicant that would be entirely your decision whether you did an external evaluation or an internal evaluation.

We would expect some form of evaluation to be included in all proposals to ensure that the learning around collaboration and innovation is captured and can be shared.

Any evaluation you undertake as part of your proposal should be proportionate to the scale of your proposal, it must include the voices of the people you have sought to help as part of the project and tell us how the project has worked, what it has achieved and the impact it has had on the people or organisations you have worked with.

**Q10. Could the grant be used to purchase food every month for running of a food bank.**

**A.** As we cannot provide advice and guidance about individual applications, our advice would be for you to look at the application guidance to see if your proposal would meet the grant eligibility criteria. If it did, you could submit an application.

We would suggest if the grant were only to purchase food every month, running a food bank, it probably would not meet all the criteria of the grant, but we would not want to predetermine any application, so you need to look very carefully at what it is you want to do and how that meets the criteria.

You may be aware that Welsh Government provides alternative Direct/Emergency Food funding through Local Authorities for food banks so please contact your LA to check if you can access that.

**Q11. Is there a neurodiverse friendly version?**

**A.** We do not have a neurodiverse friendly version however we can arrange for a member of the team to take you through the Application and Guidance. Please email the mailbox at [ChildPovertyInnovationAndSupportingCommunitiesGrant@gov.wales](mailto:ChildPovertyInnovationAndSupportingCommunitiesGrant@gov.wales)

**Q12. What is the age range for the delivery program application for young people (YP)? Is there a specific age limitation, such as up to 18 or 18+**

**A.** There is no age limit on the people this grant can support.

**Q13. Will beneficiaries need to undergo means testing for eligibility based on poverty?**

**A.** No, beneficiaries will not need to undertake means testing for eligibility.

**Q14. Are we required to introduce new projects/activities to distinguish our program from regular programs and make a meaningful impact on the lives of young people in Wales?**

**A.** This is funding specifically targeting collaboration and innovation for tackling child poverty. The new project needs to be distinguished from your regular programme of work and meet the criteria for the grant.

**Q15. Have you any idea in terms of the amount of awards you would expect for the regional pot?**

**A.** This will depend on the applications received. There is no definition for the amount of awards we are going to give out in each pot.

**Q16. Is there a limited number of partners per application?**

**A.** There is no limit to the number of partners you can have within the bid.

**Q17. Are you able to be part of a regional bid with different partners as well as put in your own bid?**

**A.** Yes, you are able to be a named partner and also put in your own bid as long as the bids meet the grant criteria.

**Q18. Can we work with different divisions within the Local Authority/organisations**

**A.** Yes, you are able to collaborate with different divisions/departments within Local Authorities.

**Q19. Is it permissible to include the revenue costs of employing a member of staff to manage the scheme?**

**A.** Yes, you can include revenue costs to employ someone to manage the scheme.

Any staff costs need to directly relate to activity, to increase collaborative activity to support those living in poverty.

Bids will be expected to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the guidance.

**Q20. How do we define 'collaboration'? Is a collaboration between two independent charities seen as an example of collaboration?**

**A.** Collaboration is the process of two or more organisations working together to achieve a common goal. There would not be an issue with two independent charities collaborating.

**Q21. Can you apply more than once to the fund?**

**A.** You can submit more than one bid and be a partner in more than one bid. In regard to submitting more than one bid, we would just like to re-emphasise that we only have a fixed amount of funding to award, this will mean that we will have to make some tough decisions around which projects we can fund, and therefore that will unfortunately mean that there may be projects we cannot fund.

**Q22. Is there guidance on how to evidence value for money?**

**A.** In this section, your application will need to demonstrate your team's experience and success in delivering similar projects, show how your project offers best value for the cost, and you will need to explain how your project will continue to deliver value beyond the grant period (if relevant - how the project will lead to long-term cost savings).

**Q23. Would applications be accepted for projects being delivered on a national scale or whose partners have national coverage?**

**A.** Projects on a national scale or whose partners have a national coverage would be considered as long as the proposal met the grant criteria.