



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

COVID-19 – Welsh Government Grants

Guidance for Third Sector organisations in receipt of Welsh Government grants

We recognise that the current situation with COVID19 is likely to have an impact on Third Sector organisations' ability to deliver. We also recognise that the crisis is likely to impact on income levels.

Any organisation in receipt of Welsh Government funding will have a grant award letter which sets out the terms and conditions of that funding including any outcomes or targets to be met. The grant award letter will also set out the timescale for the delivery of these targets or outcomes.

If your organisation is experiencing any issues delivering in line with your grant award letter, **please contact your Welsh Government grant manager** in the first instance to discuss how we can help. The name and contact details of your grant manager are also included in the letter.

The Welsh Government Third Sector policy framework includes measures for assistance to the sector. This assistance is targeted according to Welsh Government priorities, and our role in seeking to ensure the Third Sector has fair and reasonable access to public funds as set out in the Third Sector Scheme, which is available at:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-01/third-sector-scheme-2014.pdf>.

Across the range of its functions, the Welsh Government is committed to establishing and maintaining procedures to ensure accepted best practice in the administration of its grant schemes and those of agencies, which administer funds on its behalf.

The unprecedented nature of COVID-19 may have an impact on existing grant schemes and grant managers will be available to provide advice and support to grant recipients during these extraordinary circumstances.

Grant Funding must be used for the purposes intended as set out in the grant award letter, however we do understand there may now be circumstances which will warrant a discussion with your grant manager as you may not be able to meet all the conditions of the grant.

These include but are not limited to:-

- When outcomes/targets may not be met;
- When outcomes/targets may not be met by the agreed timescales including where capital projects are paused due to COVID-19;
- When additional costs are incurred as a result of COVID-19;

- When additional costs are incurred as a result of COVID-19 but may fall into a subsequent financial year;
- When capital projects are delayed and work is likely to continue into the next financial year;
- Where specific deliverables (such as non-virtual events) are either cancelled or postponed (and will not be delivered in the financial year);
- Where you may want to close a grant earlier than planned;
- Where monitoring arrangements (which require physical visits) may not be possible and other arrangements would need to be put in place, and/or monitoring arrangements amended.

If any of the above circumstances are likely to occur you are encouraged to contact your grant manager. They will then be able to consider whether a variation of the terms and conditions of the grant funding is appropriate. Each case will be different and each will be considered on its own merits. If a variation is agreed, the terms of the variation will be set out in a document, usually a variation letter, which you will be asked to sign.

This guidance is temporary and will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it remains up to date and is still needed. Any changes will be made available on the Welsh Government website.

Keep up to date by visiting us at: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus-support-for-the-third-sector>.

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