

Community Facilities Programme – Frequently Asked Questions

Q. The Community Facilities Programme guidance says that priority will be given to applications from projects in Communities First clusters. My project is not in a cluster area, can I still apply?

A. Yes. We will be giving priority to applications from Communities First clusters but we still expect to fund the best applications from projects in other areas.

Q. Who can apply for the Community Facilities Programme?

A. Applications must be community led; any constituted community group such as a community interest company, charity or social enterprise can apply. In certain exceptional circumstances local authorities from former Communities First areas can apply (please see guidance). Applicants are expected to work in partnership with other organisations from the public, private or third sectors. Applications are welcome in Welsh and in English.

Q. What is the minimum/maximum grant available? Can I apply for more than one grant?

A. Grants are available at two levels; under £25,000 with a minimum of £5,000 and up to £250,000 with a minimum of £25,001. Organisations can apply for more than one (to a maximum of three) CFP grant(s) within three years. No organisation will be awarded more than £250,000 in any three year period.

Q. What kind of projects can be funded?

A. The CFP is a capital grant scheme. Grants must be used to fund physical improvements to community facilities. The CFP is not able to fund revenue costs such as salaries or other operating costs.

Q. Will I need match funding? If so is there a minimum amount I will need?

A. Yes your project will need match funding. There is no minimum amount, but projects with match funding secured or applied for will score more points at assessment.

Q. How long will my application take to process?

A. We aim to provide a decision on expressions of interest for applications over £25,000 within 30 working days and on applications for under £25,000 within 60 working days. This can change based on the volume of applications received. In general applications will progress as quickly as possible once the information necessary to process the application is received.

Q. Can I reapply if my application is unsuccessful?

A. Yes, you can make a maximum of three applications for a similar project. If your application is refused three times you will not be eligible to reapply.

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. You can get more information by contacting us at communityfacilitiesproghelp@gov.wales

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