

Child Poverty - Innovation and Supporting Communities Grant

frequently asked questions @ 03/07/24

This list will be updated as questions arise and is not in any particular order of priority or importance.

Question	Response
Who can apply?	Public and third sector organisations – e.g. Local Authorities, Public Sector Boards (PSBs), Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs), Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs), charities and faith organisations
Project location/activity covered	Proposed project / activity will need to be taking place in Wales. Activity outside Wales is not supported under this grants scheme.
Are applicants able to apply for all three pots of funding if we meet the criteria?	There is nothing in our guidance/criteria that will prevent you from applying for all three pots of funding if you meet the criteria. However, we anticipate we will be considering criteria such as the geographic spread of the overall grant.
<p>What is the definition of:</p> <p>Community - is this focussing on just one community of need within a county?</p> <p>Local - is this within one county? (more than one community?)</p> <p>Regional - is this a specific geographical area - or Wales wide?</p>	<p>We have provided some flexibility to grow/encourage collaboration and innovation without restrictions of formal set boundaries, however, as a guide we would suggest.</p> <p>Community: an area that is closely spatially located e.g. a town, a village, or neighbourhood.</p> <p>Local: an area of multiple communities in geographical proximity to one another e.g. a local authority (county council or county borough council) or an area that is spatially located and may border more than one local authority.</p> <p>Regional: 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</p>

	<p>area, Corporate Joint Committee, Health Board or Regional Partnership footprint.</p> <p>The focus is on how, at whichever scale is relevant to the bid, the funding can support collaboration between organisations to prevent or mitigate the worst effects of child poverty.</p>
<p>What will Welsh Government need from Applicants if their bid is successful?</p>	<p>Grant funding will be awarded to organisations subject to the terms and conditions issued by Welsh Government and following due diligence checks.</p> <p>Applicants need to be able to provide –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - details of their organisational status - details of their bank account to be able to receive Welsh Government Funding
<p>What does 'delivery of services' mean? Does it refer to the delivery of a statutory service, or would it also apply to our programs? -</p>	<p>The project needs to be distinguished from your regular programme of work and meet the criteria. As set out in the guidance, funding is available to progress, strengthen and add value to collaborative working arrangements that are already in place or to establish new collaborate working arrangements. This can include staff costs to release capacity to facilitate collaborative arrangements</p>
<p>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+</p>	<p>There is no age limit.</p>
<p>Will beneficiaries need to undergo means testing for eligibility based on poverty?</p>	<p>No, beneficiaries will not need to undergo means testing for eligibility.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Yes. The new project needs to be distinguished from your regular programme of work and meet the criteria for the grant. Please also see Alignment with other initiatives section of the guidance.</p>

<p>Would you be able to give any examples of what could potentially be funded under the grant?</p>	<p>As outlined in the Guidance, bids would enable innovation in collaboration between sectors and/or regional partnerships on the issue of child poverty.</p> <p>The grant is available to support public and third sector organisations and faith groups in their efforts to achieve the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the capacity of organisations to form collaborative working arrangements to address child poverty, linked to one or more of the 5 objectives of the Child Poverty Strategy for Wales • Support organisations working together to enhance effective communication, joint working and knowledge transfer in responding to child poverty at the regional, local or community level. • Page 4 of the Guidance advises - projects will need to clearly set out how the strengthening of collaboration through the pilot is intended to impact on improved experiences and outcomes for children, young people and families in poverty in the future. <p>The guidance is provided for recipients to measure their grant bid against the requirements.</p> <p>We are not able to offer specific examples of bids which would be approved.</p>
<p>Can an organisation bid more than once for different projects?</p>	<p>We are not restricting the number of bids per organisation; however, we anticipate we will be considering criteria such as the geographic spread of the overall grant.</p>
<p>Could I discuss our project idea with you please?</p>	<p>To ensure fair competition, I'm afraid we are unable to meet with you at this stage in the process to discuss your application, however, if you have any</p>

<p>Can a conversation be arranged to see if our ideas fit the grant brief before we go ahead and complete the application form please?</p>	<p>specific points in which you wish to receive further clarity, please send us the details via email.</p>
<p>X is an outside provider to a School in X, one of the most deprived areas in X.</p> <p>Can the school and X apply for this funding to work with their ACES learners – X would be collaborating with the School to support learners affected by childhood adversity or trauma.</p> <p>Is this the right funding to go for with the School?</p>	<p>This grant is available cross sector to support the implementation of the Child Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>You will have seen within the guidance a core purpose of this grant programme is to capture learning on approaches to developing or consolidating enhanced collaborative working arrangements.</p> <p>This grant funding is available to progress, strengthen and add value to collaborative working arrangements that are already in place or to establish new collaborate working arrangements. This can include staff costs to release capacity to facilitate collaborative arrangements. Bids will be expected to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the guidance.</p>
<p>Please can you confirm whether or not you would consider the following eligible costs for this grant:</p> <p>Individual cost examples provided</p> <p>I understand that core and operational costs would relate to costs that are not directly used on the project.</p>	<p>You will have seen within the guidance a core purpose of this grant programme is to capture learning on approaches to developing or consolidating enhanced collaborative working arrangements.</p> <p>This grant funding is available to progress, strengthen and add value to collaborative working arrangements that are already in place or to establish new collaborate working arrangements. As advised on page 2 of the Guidance, Grant funding is available to progress, strengthen and add value to collaborative working arrangements that are already in place or to establish new collaborate working arrangements. This can include staff costs to release capacity to facilitate collaborative arrangements.</p>

	<p>Any staff costs need to directly relate to activity, to increase collaborative activity to support those living in poverty.</p> <p>Bids will be expected to meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the guidance.</p>
<p>I am considering a bid for grant monies which centres on the development of a digital platform for information and signposting across a particular region.</p> <p>Can you confirm if this bid would be ineligible if it included payment to a private sector company to design and develop the platform?</p>	<p>The guidance states <i>Collaborative activities which include the private sector are welcomed but the funding is not available to fund any direct costs to a private sector partner.</i></p> <p>From the limited information provided it would appear the bid you are considering would include commissioning a project for the <i>development of a digital platform for information and signposting across a particular region.</i> The direct costs to a private sector partner reference would not apply to a procurement exercise which meets the rules of your organisation.</p>
<p>The doc states that core and operational costs of the parties involved cannot be claimed for. Can you confirm if this means we are not able to submit a bid using a full cost recovery model?</p>	<p>We determine <i>core costs</i> would be overhead costs that relate to the Head Office function, central operations, management and identity of the delivery partner rather than to programme services. We would not expect a bid to include full costs to an organisation of such functions.</p> <p>We note your organisation divides all such core costs by the number of staff within the organisation to calculate the contributions to a given project under the full cost recovery model. You state the project you describe would therefore include a <i>one person</i> share of the facilities costs in this <i>one person</i> project budget for your bid. I confirm a bid as described would be acceptable under the guidance.</p> <p>It is key that any such costs are proportionate and reasonable and they can be attributable to the level of staffing for the project. The application form Annex A enables you to be clear of all costs you are including in the bid.</p>
<p>Why is funding to deliver services not eligible?</p>	<p>The purpose of the grant is to enable innovation in collaboration.</p> <p>As set out in the guidance, funding is available to progress, strengthen and</p>

<p>Why is funding to deliver an existing service not eligible?</p>	<p>add value to collaborative working arrangements that are already in place or to establish new collaborate working arrangements.</p>
<p>The guidance states 'funding is not available to fund any direct costs to a private sector partner'.</p> <p>Does this still apply if the partner is both a private company and a registered charity?</p>	<p>From the information we have we would not consider the organisation would be excluded but please provide further information in the application and we will come back if we have any questions.</p>
<p>Can I just check whether any grant applied for, can go towards the costs of an external research consultant, or is there any expectation that the full amount of the grant should be used solely for the delivery of the activity ? If part of the grant can be used for external research consultancy, is there an expectation surrounding the upper threshold for this element ie – less than 10% of the total grant</p>	<p>It is key that any such costs are proportionate and reasonable and they can be attributable to the level for the project. The application form Annex A enables you to be clear of all costs you are including in the bid.</p>