



Kelvin Valley and Falkirk Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Fund ('the Fund'): Applicant Guidance

Background and Context

Through the Scottish Government's CLLD funding programme, investment is available for the financial year 2024/25 via a grant fund open to eligible applicants based in the defined Kelvin Valley and Falkirk area. The Kelvin Valley and Falkirk CLLD fund is for eligible rural communities located across the Falkirk Council, East Dunbartonshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council areas.

The Fund will be delivered by CVS Falkirk & District (the Accountable Body) in partnership with the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk Local Action Group (LAG), to distribute the local allocation of revenue funding for the current financial year. Please note that no capital funding is available to Kelvin Valley and Falkirk applicants on this occasion.

Fund Aims

The Fund has a range of aims and policy alignments that applicants should consider when developing their application. All applicants should demonstrate how their proposed activities will contribute to the four priorities in this round:

- Supporting community facilities and eligible organisations to contribute to the achievement of net zero
- Sustaining, improving, and adding initiatives in rural communities that are most isolated, most disconnected, most in need of investment or most likely to experience inequalities
- Helping communities to address the cost-of-living crisis and eradicate poverty for individuals and families
- Enabling communities to carry out research, engagement, feasibility studies or other activities supporting the development of rural communities

Eligibility:

Applications can be accepted from:

- third sector groups and organisations for example constituted community groups, charities, SCIOs, parent councils and social enterprises
- public sector bodies for example Local Authorities, schools and early learning settings and NHS Boards
- partnership applications where respective partners meet the eligibility criteria are welcomed, but not essential

Scottish Government's [Fair Work First guidance](#) directs that groups in receipt of an award from the CLLD Fund MUST pay all employees the real Living Wage, including apprentices. For more information and guidance, please contact CVS Falkirk & District, by email: info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk



What can and can't be funded:

Please find guidance in the table below on the types of costs that can and can't be funded. These lists are not exhaustive, if you are unsure if a cost from your application would be able to be funded, please contact CVS Falkirk & District by email: info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Can be funded:	Can't be funded:
Equipment	Capital projects
Volunteer expenses	Loans, endowments or interest
Employee costs	Political or religious campaigning
Transport	Profit-making activities
Event costs such as community hall hire	Statutory activities
Training costs	Overseas travel
Items supporting safety and safeguarding	Alcohol

Grants:

Applicants may request a grant of up to £10,000.

Any level of match funding is welcomed but not essential, applicants may also detail any 'in kind' matching for example through proposed provision of volunteer hours to support the project if they wish.

The KVF CCLD Fund will open for applications on **Wednesday 28 August 2024**.

The KVF CCLD Fund will close at **12 noon on Friday 4 October 2024**.

Applications submitted after this time will not be considered for any reason.

All applications must be submitted through [CVS Falkirk & District's Grant Funding Portal](#). Please note that all applicants will be required to [register](#) on the Grant Funding Portal before they will be able to submit their application.

Projects must have spent their grant and completed their activity by **28 February 2025**. Projects must have all spend and final claim into the Accountable Body by **14 March 2025**.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Successful applicants should collect relevant information throughout the project lifetime both for their own records and learning, and to enable completion of all monitoring and evaluation requirements of the Fund. These monitoring and evaluation activities are an essential element of the Fund and provide an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the success of funded community projects and the difference they can make to the lives of people living in rural areas. More information about the monitoring and evaluation requirements of the Fund will be shared with successful applicants when they receive their award.