

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How is this Fund connected to the LEADER funding that used to be available?

A: The KVF Local Action Group (LAG) overseeing this Fund used to oversee LEADER funding. Due to changes including Brexit, Scottish Government have reviewed and refreshed this funding stream for rural communities, and it is now called the Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Fund or the Rural Community Led Fund however the overarching funding outcomes remain aligned to previous LEADER priorities and outcomes.

Q: Who is CVS Falkirk & District & District and why are they involved with this Fund?

A: CVS Falkirk & District are the Third Sector Interface for the Falkirk District area and an experienced local funder. In order to distribute this CLLD funding to local areas, Scottish Government requires an organisation to agree to be what is called an 'Accountable Body'. Falkirk Council used to be the Accountable Body but decided to withdraw from this role in 2023. To support the LAG and to ensure this investment was still available in the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk area, CVS Falkirk & District agreed to become the Accountable Body for the funds available in the financial year 2024/25.

Q: Can the CLLD Fund support capital works projects?

A: Due to local changes with how the Fund is managed and administered, Scottish Government have decided that no capital works projects funding will be available for the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk area for the financial year 2024/25. However groups can apply for funding up to £10,000 for movable items of equipment where these are demonstrated to support community activity. At this stage, no decision has been made about the types of funding that will be available in the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk area through the CLLD Fund in future.

Q: Can my organisation have more time to spend this funding as our project would benefit from extending over Summer 2025 or beyond?

A: Whilst we recognise it can be challenging to deliver projects within a relatively short timescale, unfortunately no extensions can be granted. All funds **MUST** be spent by **21 March 2025** in order for awardees to comply with the terms and conditions of their grant.

Q: My organisation/project is not based in Falkirk, should we still apply to the CLLD Fund via CVS Falkirk & District?

A: Yes, all CLLD Fund applications from eligible communities in the Kelvin Valley and Falkirk area should be submitted via CVS Falkirk & District's online Grant Funding Portal.