



# COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND ROUND 4

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

### **Q. Who will benefit from funded activity?**

A. The Fund will help to tackle mental health and wellbeing inequalities and increase community-led support options for adults aged 16 years and over, living across Falkirk and District.

### **Q. Is there a minimum grant we can apply for?**

A. There is no minimum grant amount, as we understand that small amounts of money can have a big impact on local communities.

### **Q. What is the maximum grant we can apply for?**

A. If you are an unconstituted group, the maximum you can apply for is £2000. However, for most applicants the following will apply: The Small Grant maximum is £5000; the Medium Grant maximum is £10,000, and for Large Grants the maximum is £25,000.

### **Q. When is the deadline for applications?**

A. Applications must be submitted online, via [CVS Falkirk & District's Grant Funding Portal](#), by 5pm on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

### **Q. When will I receive a decision on my application?**

A. We anticipate receiving a high volume of applications and that we will be able to respond to each with a decision by the end of February 2025. We will be unable to respond to individual requests for updates prior to this date.

### **Q. How many applications can we submit?**

A. The fund is limited to one application per group or organisation for each round.

### **Q. Are there any restrictions on which type of organisations can apply?**

A. The fund is only open to third sector organisations: this includes voluntary groups, social enterprises, community councils and parent councils. Private enterprises and public bodies are not eligible and therefore cannot apply.

### **Q. If successful, when must our award be completed and spent by?**

CVS Falkirk & District must distribute funds to successful applicants before Monday 31 March 2025. We are unable to release any funding after then. Therefore, applicants must confirm that they are able to receive payment in the current financial year and complete their project by Tuesday 31 March 2026. Projects can begin any time after the grant award is confirmed.



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### **Q. Is the fund for revenue or capital funding?**

A. The majority of funding awarded will be revenue funding however applicants may request funding for capital expenditure such as the construction, refurbishment and/or purchase of buildings, amenities or vehicles for up to £5,000 where the benefits of the capital expenditure can demonstrably contribute to the Fund outcomes. This limitation does not apply to the purchase of small items of equipment.

### **Q. Can a large national organisation apply?**

A. It is anticipated that the majority of funding should go to organisations with an annual turnover of under £1 million, to reflect the overall focus of the Fund being for local, grassroots activity. However we will consider applications from organisations whose turnover exceeds £1 million, as long as the work is in line with the aims of the Fund in providing specific community-based activity in the Falkirk and District area.

### **Q. How do I apply?**

A. Please apply online through the [CVS Falkirk & District Grant Funding Portal](#) where you will also find a range of resources and information to help you as you develop your application. We can provide you with a copy of the questions if you would like to prepare your application offline in the first instance.

### **Q. Where can I find further information?**

A. Further information is available in the [fund guidance](#) (an [easy to read equivalent](#) is also available) and on the [CVS Falkirk & District Grant Funding Portal](#).

### **Q. How can I get support to apply to this Fund?**

CVS Falkirk & District will hold two information sessions on the Fund via Zoom - where details of the Fund in Falkirk, without jargon, will be shared with plenty time for questions from participants to be answered. These will be held on:

- Wednesday 2 October, 10am-11am
- Thursday 10 October, 3pm-4pm

To receive an invitation to either of the information sessions please contact our team, by email: [info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk](mailto:info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk). Alternatively, if you need support outwith these sessions please contact our team by phone: 01324 692000, or email: [info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk](mailto:info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk)