

The National Lottery Community Fund in Falkirk

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Discussion Points for Today:

- Simple Grants Recap (Awards for All)
- Young Start Update
- Expectation Setting for our Standard Grants Recap (Fairer Life Chances & Community Action)
- The National Lottery Community Fund Business in Falkirk
- Community Asset Transfer

Our application process

Contact us by
email or
phone about
your project

Apply using
our Digital
Application
Portal / PDF

Application is
considered by
your funding
team

We aim to tell
you our
decision in 12
weeks

Awards for All



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Awards for All: Overview

Community - Focused Projects:

- Simple to apply for £300 - £20,000
- Support projects for up to 2 years
- Very broad: community events, equipment, start up costs, volunteer expenses, small refurbishment projects
- What we can't fund: alcohol, religious/political activities, retrospective costs, fundraising, VAT, statutory activities.



Awards for All: Overview (continued)

Sports & Arts Project (Sports & Arts groups Awards for All) :



- Can apply for up to **£10,000**
- Support projects for **up to 1 year**
- Sports priorities: young people in deprived areas, girls and young women, young people with disabilities
- Arts priorities: remove barriers, diverse communities, areas that haven't received CS funding, pay artists the recommended rates

Young Start



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Young Start: Overview



Help children and young people (aged 8 to 24) across Scotland become more confident, so they can realise their own potential

- Apply for **£20,001 to £100,000**
- Supporting projects for up to 3 years
- Currently refreshing the Young Start programme
- Pause on applications at noon on 19th December 2025
- Launch in Spring 2026

Community Action and Fairer Life Chances

Opened to applications
27 Nov 2024

Focus on people most
affected by Poverty,
Discrimination and
Disadvantage



Community Action



Community

Action:

Overview

- For projects bringing communities together around activities that matter to them to improve wellbeing and develop positive relationships within those communities. They should help people connect with each other and/or the environment.
- It will support projects that are more open, inclusive and led by the people who will benefit from their activities.
- We are broadening our definition of community to mean people who share an identity, interest or experience. Or people living in the same place.

Community Action: Outcomes

Your project must achieve at least 2 of these outcomes:

- build positive relationships
- support people's health or wellbeing
- help people improve their access and connection to nature
- make a positive difference to the environment.

Community Action: What you can apply for

- **£20,001 - £250,000 for up to 5 years**
- **We'll talk to you about what you can apply for**
- **We'll fund new or existing projects**

Examples of what we might fund:

- **Activities that improve wellbeing of the community and bring people together**
- **Community Kitchens, larders, pantries and advice or support activities**
- **Community gardens or growing projects**
- **Environment clear ups, waste reducing activities or and upcycling workshops**

Fairer Life Chances



Fairer Life Chances: Overview

- Focus on supporting people to access services that help them navigate issues they are facing and live healthier lives.
- For projects that support children, young people and families. Or that help people to be healthier or have better access to support.

Fairer Life Chances: Outcomes

Projects must meet at least one of these outcomes:

- Children, young people and families thrive.
- People have better relationships, connections, and physical or mental health.

Fairer Life Chances: Outcome Priorities

Outcome: Children, young people and families will thrive.

We will prioritise projects that support those:

- **Facing poverty or struggling with the cost of living**
- **Experiencing mental health issues**
- **With a disability or additional support needs.**
- **Who socially excluded and experiencing discrimination. Including being homeless or care experienced.**

Outcome: People to have better relationships, connections and physical/mental health.

We will prioritise projects that support those who:

- **Have experience abuse**
- **Are isolated or lonely**
- **Are carers**
- **Have a disability or long-term health condition**
- **Face financial hardship**
- **Experience social exclusion or discrimination.**

Fairer Life Chances: What you can apply for

- **£20,001 - £500,000 for up to 5 years**
- **We'll talk to you about what you can apply for**
- **We expect most of our funding will be for £250,000 or less**
- **We'll fund new or existing projects**

Standard Grants – Expectation

- Oversubscribed
- 6 months of work within 12 months
- If you can, wait until new financial year
- Unable to award grants for an average of more than 2 years at present
- Contact me up to 6 months prior to current grant ending
- Happy to have a chat with anyone about these grants and what this might like like for you

Falkirk Overview

- In recent years, Falkirk has not been an area where The National Lottery Community Fund has been utilised
- YTD - £1.4m in Falkirk
- Not far behind Stirling and Fife local authorities

Community Asset Transfer

- We are seeing an increase in projects currently in the process of a Community Asset Transfer
- Based on a contingency, avoid applying for large capital costs to buildings
- FRI licences are still based on a contingency
- Happy to fund projects that elp get CAT off the ground

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