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Community Empowerment Grant

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use the Empowerment grant to fund capital projects?

A: No, the Enablement grant is solely for revenue costs e.g., staff training, employing specialists, & initial startup costs (this list is not exhaustive).

Q: Can I apply to the Community Empowerment Fund and to Community Choices?

A: Yes, if the applications are for different things but you can apply to either if you are unsuccessful with one of your applications.

Q: Can I apply to Community Empowerment Fund if I have an existing Community Choices Grant award?

A: Yes, if it's **NOT** for the same thing you received Community Choices funds for.

Q: How long is the funding for?

A: This is a one- off fund and should be spent within one year of being awarded.

Q: Who decides which projects are awarded?

A: There is an Approvals panel made up of representatives from the Community Planning Partnership, Falkirk Council & the Voluntary Sector (their decision is final and there is no appeal process).

Q: Can I get help to complete my application?

A: Yes, Falkirk Council CLD staff & CVS will be able to offer support & information.

Q: Can I apply to the Asset Transfer fund and either of the other two funds?

A: Yes, you can apply to the small grants fund and the Asset Transfer fund however these must be for different things.

Q: Is there a deadline for applications?

A: No, you can submit your application anytime.

Q: How long will I need to wait to hear the outcome of my application?

A: If there is no additional information required and you have submitted all the required documents you will have an answer in 8 weeks.

Q: What is the maximum amount groups can apply for?

A: Maximum amounts for each of the three grant schemes is detailed in the guidance.

Q: What if my group doesn't have a bank account how can I get a grant?

A: Falkirk Council will work with you to enable monies to be paid to another organisation to administer for you until such times as a bank account is set up.