

Community Benefit Small Grant Scheme Alpha Solway Community Fund Application Guidance

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This *Community Benefit Small Grant Scheme* is linked to the National Services Scotland Community Benefit Gateway and is designed to support small grassroots organisations (as per the criteria outlined below) working at community level in Dumfries and Galloway.
- 1.2 Funding associated with the *Community Benefit Small Grant Scheme* has been kindly donated by Alpha Solway, a local business operating in Dumfries and Galloway. This demonstrates Alpha Solway's commitment to supporting local communities in Dumfries and Galloway.
- 1.3 The *Community Benefit Small Grant Scheme* has been developed through a partnership approach consisting of representatives from Dumfries and Galloway Council, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway and Alpha Solway.
- 1.4 There is a total of £35,525 in the fund.

2. Fund Outcomes

- 2.1 The fund is looking for applications that will deliver at least one of the following outcomes:
 - Improved physical wellbeing of young people aged 16 and under
 - Improved physical wellbeing of older people aged 60 and over
 - Improved emotional wellbeing of young people aged 16 and under
 - Improved emotional wellbeing of older people aged 60 and above
 - Reduced food poverty for older people aged 60 and above
 - Reduced food poverty for young people aged 16 and under and their families.

3. Criteria

- 3.1 The following groups/organisations are eligible to apply:
 - Third Sector Organisations
 - Constituted Community Groups
 - Amateur Sports Clubs
 - Not for Profit Social Enterprises.
- 3.2 The following groups/organisations/projects will not be supported:
 - Projects/activities which do not demonstrate a connectivity to one or more of the outcomes highlighted in section 2.1
 - Projects/activities that take place outside Dumfries and Galloway
 - Retrospective funding applications
 - General fundraising appeals

- Political activities or organisations
- Public Sector bodies
- Private Companies and organisations
- Religious activities or organisations.

3.3 Applicant organisation must be based in Dumfries and Galloway.

3.4 Beneficiaries must live in Dumfries and Galloway.

3.5 Applicants may apply for funding up to and including a **maximum of £5,000**.

3.6 Applicants are required to demonstrate how this funding will assist their beneficiaries to 'bounce back' following the Covid 19 pandemic.

3.7 Funding can be used for core costs for projects where it can be shown that a grant will deliver outcomes linked to the fund outcomes.

3.8 The fund will not provide funding for activity which is currently considered a statutory responsibility.

4. The Application Process

4.1 The application form (word document) is available to download from the Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway website <https://www.tsdg.org.uk/funding-update/alpha-solway-cf/>

Please ensure that you have read this guidance before completing the application form.

4.2 Completed application form along with copy of latest bank statement to be emailed to alphafund@tsdg.org.uk no later than 12pm Monday 25th April 2022.

4.3 TSDG will confirm receipt of your application within 5 working days.

4.4 Alpha Solway will review applications to the fund with decisions expected week commencing 23rd May 2022, you will be informed of the outcome of your application in writing.

4.6 All decisions are final.

5. Detection of fraud

5.1 We reserve the right to share personal information to detect and prevent fraud and do not require your consent.