



Covid-19 Temporary Emergency Fund Govan

What we will fund

The Covid-19 Temporary Emergency Fund Govan (TEFG) will provide funding of up to £10,000 for partnership projects and up to £5,000 for constituted community groups responding to the Coronavirus pandemic by directly supporting our local Govan community.

Projects will be assessed under the following themes:

- Building Connections
- Learning for Life and Work
- Young People
- Environment and Community Safety
- Food for Good
- Supporting Children and Families
- Arts, Heritage and Well Being

Eligibility Criteria

- You must be a constituted organisation with a governing document
- You must have a bank account in the name of the organisation
- Cheque signatories must be unrelated
- The project proposed must **only** benefit people living within the Govan area – for clarity, this is Glasgow City Council's Ward 5.
- We cannot fund costs already incurred or activities that have already taken place
- Your application must be for a specific activity or to support a service that is a direct consequence of the Coronavirus pandemic

Timescales (Round 1)

- Deadline for submission is: midnight on **Sunday 17th May**.
- Queries can be submitted up until 12 noon on **Friday 15th May**
- Applications will be reviewed as they come in and we aim to respond to all applications by **Tuesday 26th May**.
- Some applications may not be approved and may be put on a holding list (applicant will be advised) – should funding be available upon completion of Round 2 awards, these will be reassessed.



GTP Thematic Groups

To ensure effective joint working with the GTP Thematic Groups we will ring fence up to £70,000 of the total grant award **in principal** for each of the 7 Thematic Groups with a definitive action plan that addresses COVID19 needs.

The Community Connector for Govan Thriving Places will present the action plan for the thematic group to the TEFG decision making body and report on how it will assist with emergency COVID 19 relief needs. The TEFG reserve the right to award less to one thematic group than another if its work cannot offer immediate relief from Covid-19 issues. In line with defined Action Plans the thematic groups can award direct funding (up to £2,000) to several organisations to support delivery. The Community Connector for GTP will hold short meeting with the GTP Thematic Group Lead to agree the awards and a minute of their meeting will be passed to Linthouse Housing Association for its records. Formal applications are not required for this, however groups awarded money will still have to submit monitoring information and conform to Conditions of Grant. These groups can still apply for to the TEFG as an individual organisation for any proposals that are not linked to the work they are being funded to complete for the Thematic Group.

Offers & Conditions of Grant

Offers of grants will be made via email and will include the conditions on which the grants are being made. Successful applicants will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the grant within **three** working days for the release of the initial payment. If the grant is not accepted within the specified deadline a reminder will be issued to the lead organisation giving them further time to accept before the offer is withdrawn.

Successful grants will be publicised through the Thematic Groups; Housing Associations and local social media.



Q&A / Useful Information

Q. I have already had funding from the Scottish Government – can I apply to this fund?

A. This funding has been secured from The Scottish Government through the Supporting Communities Fund. If your organisation has received any Scottish Government funding to support the delivery of activities and/or services, these should be clearly identified within your application form. The Govan C-19 Fund must be used to **enhance** existing service delivery (i.e. enable you to continue to deliver services for longer) or to fund an **additional** service.

Q. If we are successful with our application, what monitoring information do we need to provide?

A. We are asking that all successful organisations: keep receipts of all spend – these should be submitted alongside a simple Excel document that evidences spend; complete a straightforward monitoring form that will be sent to you and take pictures.

Q. If successful, how do we draw down the funding?

A. Funding will be paid in two instalments, with 50% of the funding being paid at the start of your project. Once you have spent 75% of this advance, please contact us to arrange your next payment. We need to check all of your spend to date before we send this next payment, so please don't leave it all until the last moment.

Q. We are not a constituted group, can we still apply?

A. Unfortunately no. However, we would encourage you to speak with your Thriving Places Community Connector – Yvonne Reilly. She may be able to provide support and match you to another organisation that could support your application, she can be contacted at Yvonne.Reilly2@glasgow.gov.uk.

Q. Will this fund open again?

A. The first round closes to Applications at midnight on Sunday 17th May. It is our intension to open up again to applications in late May when further funding is expected from The Scottish Government. This second round of funding will consider both new applications and the resubmission of previous applications which may not have been successful in the first round.

Q. We were considering a partnership application, can we apply for more than £5,000

A. If there are a number of projects that are delivering similar services, an application can be combined, as long as there is a lead organisation. In this instances funding can be applied for up to £10,000. It must be clear within your application how the funding is being divided across the partnership groups.



- Q. We have a project idea that really needs more than £5,000 and it is not a partnership application, can we still apply?**
- A. We are keen to ensure that this fund maximises resources across our Govan community and supports a local response to the Covid-19 pandemic. If your project clearly meets one of the prioritised needs identified within our guidance, we advise you to submit the application with the full costs required. Your application will be assessed alongside all applications submitted and taken to the TEFG Steering Group for consideration. Depending on the level of funding requested, we may contact you directly for more information regarding your application.
- Q. I have submitted my application, but have not received any formal acknowledgement, how do I know my application has been received?**
- A. If you have submitted an application and not received a generic e-mail response within 12hrs, please e-mail: govancommunities@comlinks.org.uk with the name of your project in the subject line and a copy of the original e-mail submission.
- Q. How to I submit an application?**
- A. Completed application forms and a copy of your organisations governing document (less than 5Mb in size) should be e-mailed to govancommunities@comlinks.org.uk



Initial Ranking of Needs and priorities

***Note that this ranking is a starting point following initial consultations and will be reviewed and updated regularly.**

Ranking	Area of Need
1.	<p>Food Provision</p> <p>This includes hot meals, food parcels, flat pack meals, transport and delivery, shopping service and would consider choice and dignity over food support for Asylum Seekers and Refugees.</p>
2.	<p>Household Essentials</p> <p>This would partly be covered by a shopping service. However, some residents will need free provision of nappies, toiletries, sanitary and cleaning products.</p>
3.	<p>Welfare & Fuel Poverty</p> <p>Advice and Information regarding immediate access to financial support is needed to meet increased costs during lockdown.</p> <p>A recent study by Citizens Advice Bureau, Scotland reported that 1 in 4 households in Scotland were already in fuel poverty before the crisis and that average energy bills are likely to increase by £32 per month.</p> <p>In addition to increasing energy usage at home, Covid-19 is creating uncertainty and insecurity of income for furloughed workers, those facing hardship, those faced by unemployment or those who are sick.</p>
4.	<p>Mental Health and well-being</p> <p>Concern about the wellbeing of residents, in particular those with existing mental health conditions which may be exacerbated by the current situation. Having access to communication tools, helplines, befriending and other services etc. for this interim period of the lock down will be vital for many of the residents in our communities.</p> <p>Within the community a whole range of services and projects have ceased and meeting places for those within the community have been restricted – the need to find alternative ways to combat social isolation in the short, medium and longer term.</p>
5.	<p>Digital Inclusion</p> <p>The survey has highlighted the need for an increase in the numbers of people in Govan who can benefit from digital tools to help them cope with the impact of Covid-19. Many Govan residents are still unfamiliar with the use of the internet especially those who are most vulnerable or disadvantaged and who are struggling with the consequences of lockdown.</p> <p>The lack of internet use in a lockdown situation, excludes individuals from the essential access to information, social contact & activities and support, which have become intrinsic to day to day life and in some cases, a lifeline for the most vulnerable including; older people, carers, asylum seekers and refugees, people with additional support needs and families struggling to home school their children.</p>



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6.	<p>Activity Packs and Online Craft & Leisure Activities</p> <p>Important to keep households active and support people to adhere to lockdown measures for as long as needed.</p> <p>Could include craft and activity packs, online cooking classes, English classes, physical exercise, music tuition etc.</p>
7.	<p>Access to Information</p> <p>Recognition that there is a lot of activity and support in the community, but some clarity around what is out there and how to access services needs addressed.</p> <p>Providing a central information hub for Govan (wide), perhaps one point of contact were new needs are recorded, requests for resources or advice at an organisational level could be directed.</p>
8.	<p>Employability</p> <p>Unemployment and the threat of potential unemployment and reduced income is a significant contributory factor in issues such as debt, health and wellbeing, stress and anxiety, poor diets and issues within the home. Supporting people back into employment to be a key strand of this in the medium to longer term</p>
	<p>Other Needs identified</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase and provision of PPE for all volunteers and staff providing services during lockdown - Telephone support, providing a listening ear and signposting residents - Recruit, train and support volunteers to support much of the activity needed across the community, during and post lockdown - Access to transport/vans to support food, essential household items and craft pack deliveries - Extend some services to provide evening support - Mobile CCTV patrols where there is no coverage in the ward – aligned to increases in ASB and neighbour complaints