

NITHSDALE AREA COMMITTEE
PRIORITIES, ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA
POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES BUDGET 2021/2022
SMALL GRANTS FUND

PRIORITIES

1. The priorities for funding for 2021/2022 are:
 - Digital Connectivity
 - Food Insecurity
 - Increasing Dignity & Self Esteem
 - Supporting Independent Living to vulnerable / pre vulnerable clients to help them to stay within their own homes
 - Transport
 - Upskilling/Employability
 - Fuel Poverty
 - Financial Management Projects
 - Projects which prevent individuals and/or families from falling into poverty

ELIGIBILITY

2. Applications can only be accepted from Constituted Organisations
3. Applications which allow organisations to diversify from their core activities to support other anti-poverty projects/services will also be welcomed (e.g. Foodbanks providing funding for Fuel Cards for their clients to cook their provisions).
4. Requests for 100% of the total cost of the project will not be considered.
5. Applications will only be accepted for projects which will be delivered within the Nithsdale area. Organisations wishing to deliver a multi-area project must apply separately to each Area Committee, outlining the specific impact on each particular area applied to.
6. Applications for collaborative projects will be welcomed and encouraged. This is defined as at least two different Constituted Groups working in conjunction to deliver the project or service as described within the Application Form.
7. Projects which are currently being delivered by Dumfries & Galloway Council, the NHS or jointly with additional partners through the Integration Joint Board (IJB) will not be considered.
8. Applications from religious groups will only be considered for projects which do not include religious activities.

CRITERIA

9. Applications to this fund must demonstrate how the project/service directly contributes to the Community Planning Partnership Poverty and Inequalities Strategy Objectives.
10. Applications are encouraged from new and/or previous recipients for projects which will further support clients to escape/be removed from the cycle of poverty.

11. Applicants should clearly demonstrate how the project will make a positive difference to the individuals and families which it will support (both during and beyond the funded period) and how it will help prevent people falling into poverty.
12. Organisations should demonstrate how their project will continue after this one-year funding has been provided, unless the outcomes will be achieved and delivered during this funded period.
13. The maximum available per application is up to £2,000. You cannot apply for any shortfall in funding from previously submitted applications to Nithsdale Area Committee.
14. The Lead Officer will agree any allocation, in consultation with relevant Members and other Officers.
15. All successful grant applicants must agree to attend at least one networking event held by Dumfries and Galloway Council and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway during the term of the project, where recipients may be invited to share their experience.