



## 2020 Guidelines

# Enabling families to cope with the impacts of poverty

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These guidelines give information on what Henry Duncan Grants can support during 2020.

### Themes 2020 – 2024

To make the biggest impact it can, Henry Duncan Grants focus on a different theme each year, with grants (of up to five years) aimed at:

*2020 – Enabling families to cope with the impacts of poverty*

*2021 – Improving mental health and wellbeing*

*2022 – Supporting children and young people facing challenges*

*2023 – Increasing opportunities for disabled people and people with long term conditions*

*2024 – Supporting people experiencing inequality or discrimination*

Corra will offer support to funded groups to come together with others working on the same themes to network and share learning.

## Introduction

We want to help work towards a fair and just Scotland in which no one lives in poverty. However, in 2020 many families in Scotland are still living with the impacts of poverty every day, including around a quarter of children, and a fifth of working age people<sup>1</sup>. We have the privilege of seeing the ways in which people and communities respond to this. Many of the solutions created by communities – often through grassroots charities – offer support that is accessible, inclusive and that overcomes the stigma people sometimes experience. This is essential to helping free people from the grip of poverty.

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<sup>1</sup> Poverty and Inequality Commission <https://povertyinequality.scot/poverty-scotland/>

## Who can Henry Duncan Grants support?

We can support charities that:

- Are operating in Scotland.
- Have an annual income of up to £500,000.
- Are delivering activities which have a specific focus on enabling families to cope with the impacts of poverty.

## What type of work can Henry Duncan Grants support?

We want Henry Duncan Grants to enable organisations to deliver support that makes a real difference to people's lives. This might be by continuing existing, tried and tested work or to try out new approaches. Whatever you ask us to support, we will want you to be able to tell us the difference the money will make and how people's lives will be better as a result.

During 2020 we want to fund work that supports families<sup>2</sup> dealing with the day-to-day impacts of poverty. The level of funding is not enough to end poverty, so we want to focus on solutions that help to loosen its immediate grip, in particular:

- Developing or sharing skills, such as budgeting, nutrition and cooking.
- Financial information, advice and support to help maximise families' income.
- Practical support at critical times, for example the arrival of a baby, someone in the household becoming unwell, or a reduction in family income.
- Opportunities for families to take part in activities together.

A key focus for us is to listen to people affected by poverty and other issues. We are particularly interested in supporting charities to test or deliver ideas that have come from people living in poverty. These might be approaches that already work well, or they could be completely new ideas.

Henry Duncan Grants are mostly used for day-to-day costs. They can be used towards a project, or the costs of running a charity. This includes paying staff, rent and overheads (heating etc). The grants can't be used for capital costs, but they can help with buying small pieces of equipment such as a laptop or printer.

Grants will be made with little or no restrictions.

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<sup>2</sup> We can support charities which work with individuals as well as families, but priority will be given to services or projects where the majority of benefit is for households where there is at least one child, young person or pregnant woman.

## When can you apply and how much for?

There will be two rounds of funding during 2020, both focused on enabling families to cope with the impacts of poverty.

Charities can make one application for a standard grant during 2020. Groups with an income of up to £50,000 can *also* make one application for a micro grant during the year.

### **Standard grants – open to charities with an annual income of up to £500,000**

- Grant of up to £8,000 per year.
- Apply for up to five years funding.
- Can evidence people with experience of poverty being involved in the design, delivery and evaluation of the work to be funded.
- Annual reporting.
- Can apply to one of two funding rounds:

#### Closing date for applications

Monday 1 June 2020

Monday 21 September

#### Decisions announced

Thursday 6 August 2020

Thursday 10 December 2020

### **Micro grants – open to charities with an annual income of less than £50,000**

- A one-off grant of between £100 and £1000.
- Short application form.
- No closing dates – apply any time up to Tuesday 1 December 2020.
- Quick response – we'll let you know the decision within four weeks.
- No formal reporting – we'll just check in to find out what you did and the difference it's made.

## A few more details...

- Work and services must be clearly focused on the current theme. Before applying please consider whether the main aspect of your work is a clearer fit with themes in future years (as detailed on our website).
- Our focus is on work that can have an immediate impact and grants will usually see families benefiting within a few months.
- Charities with an income of up to £50,000 can apply for both a standard and/or a micro grant.
- Only one standard grant can be held by a charity at any one time. Therefore if you are successful with a multi-year grant, you cannot apply for another standard grant until your first grant has finished.
- We are unlikely to fund charities which hold more than 12 months unrestricted reserves.
- Application forms should be accessed through our website and we encourage everyone to use the online form. If you need the form in a different format, please get in touch with us on 0131 444 4020 or by emailing [hello@corra.scot](mailto:hello@corra.scot)
- If you received a grant in 2019 from the previous Henry Duncan Grants programme, you will need to have sent us your end of grant report before you can apply this year.

## Good practice

Corra Foundation is committed to principles of effective governance, transparency and good practice. We look for charities we support to also be able to show their commitment to:

- Listening to people with lived experience of the issues you work on and ensuring their views are at the heart of your approach.
- Understanding the difference that the work of your charity makes to people's lives.
- Working with others, networking, sharing learning and avoiding duplication.
- Respecting the safety of vulnerable groups via effective safeguarding procedures.
- Operating with openness and clear accountability.
- Complying with any relevant regulation or inspection.
- Implementing equal opportunities policies and valuing diversity, including in relation to recruitment.
- Being a responsible employer.
- Ensuring sound justification for any payments being made to Trustees/Directors on the board.

## What Henry Duncan Grants can't fund

Activities which will not be considered:

- Employability support, including training on CV writing, interview skills and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) courses.
- General counselling services.
- Activities where the main purpose is not supporting families to cope with the impacts of poverty.
- General awareness raising activity.

General restrictions:

- Major capital appeals including building projects, vehicles and refurbishment costs.
- Retrospective funding.
- Activities that include the promotion of religion.
- Mainstream activities and statutory requirements, for example of hospitals and medical centres, schools, universities and colleges.
- Bursaries or scholarships.
- Animal welfare.
- Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations.
- Grants or equipment that will be provided as a gift to individuals.
- Expeditions or overseas travel.
- Sponsorship or marketing appeals.

## We're here to help

The team at Corra is always happy to talk, whether it's about an application, or a grant you already hold. Please get in touch by emailing [hello@corra.scot](mailto:hello@corra.scot) or calling us on **0131 444 4020**.

If you'd like more detailed information you can book a one-to-one call, video chat or face-to-face funding advice session. **We're not able to look at draft applications so it's best to chat to us before you complete the form.**

Details of our funding advice sessions are on our website at <https://www.corra.scot/category/event/> or you can sign up to our newsletter to make sure you get regular updates (please sign up by following the link on our homepage [www.corra.scot](http://www.corra.scot), or email [hello@corra.scot](mailto:hello@corra.scot)).

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