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## Scottish Government National Drugs Mission – Children & Families Fund

### Criteria and Guidelines

#### Introduction

This Scottish Government fund aims to improve support for children, young people and families impacted by drug use, and ensure all children, young people and families have access to services. Funding will be awarded to organisations that are already working directly with children and families affected by alcohol and drugs. The funding should be used to help deliver the commitments in [Rights, Respect and Recovery](#)

Funding rounds will be conducted annually from 2021 to 2025. Applications for up to 5 years funding will be welcomed in 2021. It may not always be possible to satisfy the demand for funding, and this may result in some awards being agreed for a shorter grant period or at a reduced amount.

#### About the fund

The Children and Families Fund is focused on community-based organisations with significant experience in supporting children and families affected by drugs and which deliver frontline services. This fund is intended to help these organisations to sustain, stabilise or increase capacity, extend or improve services and/or meet identified gaps in service provision.

This fund aims to support direct work with children and families affected by alcohol and drugs and welcomes applications that are based on partnership approaches which demonstrate how they will take a Whole Family Approach which is Relational and Rights Based when delivering front-line services which support children and families.

The fund is open to public sector organisations, charities, social enterprises, community groups and other voluntary organisations that have independent governance and an asset lock. The involvement of children and families with lived experience in the project proposal will be key assessment criteria, and we are particularly interested in applications which include coproduction approaches to service design, delivery and review.

We would strongly encourage you to discuss your idea with one of the Corra team as soon as possible. We will be able to help you with any questions you might have and we can check that your ideas are a good fit for the criteria.

#### Strategic placement of proposals within context of The Promise and Alcohol and Drug Partnerships

All applications under this stream must demonstrate how the proposal considers the conclusions of the [Independent Care Review](#) as they relate directly to the children and families the initiative will support. This

will require an understanding of the need for the proposal to align with implementation of the Care Review, as outlined in [Plan 21-24](#) and [Change Programme ONE](#) and how the proposed work will relate to the national and the local context that the organisation is operating within.

Applications must also demonstrate how the work links with the [Whole Family Approach Funding](#) that Scottish Government allocated to ADPs in summer 2021.

The Scottish Government and the Promise are both committed to increasing access to support for children, young people and their families through a whole family approach and expansion of access to help that delivers those principles and approach. **To be funded, applications must demonstrate significant connection, collaboration and contribution to the work their Local Authority area is implementing in relation to both The Promise and the Whole Family Approaches work being taken by ADPs.** As a result, we strongly encourage applicants to have conversations with their local ADP and Promise delivery team (via your local Children's Services Planning Partnership) as soon as possible to ensure a collaborative and joined up approach forms the basis of your proposals.

## Who can apply

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## Important points

- We are particularly interested in projects which are collaborative and delivered in partnership. We are interested in projects which involve both statutory and third sector organisations working closely together to meet the needs of children and families.
- We expect applications to demonstrate how they have worked with ADPs or other public sector organisations, third sector partners and people with lived/living experience to identify how the proposal will address needs and gaps in the area.
- We would like to see significant involvement of children and families in the design, delivery and review of the project. We would be particularly interested in proposals which include co-producing the proposed work with people who will use the service as part of an ongoing and committed partnership.
- We fund proposals that take a relational approach to service delivery, offering support which is unconditional and takes a rights-based approach. Proposals must also demonstrate how they will take a Whole Family Approach, linked to the principles outlined by the Scottish Government's Whole Family Approach working group. The proposals must also show how the service will respond to individual needs and preferences.
- Match funding is not a requirement for this fund. However, because we are keen to see collaborative work that recognises the importance of taking a multi-agency and strategic approach to sustainable funding, we will welcome applications for work which has secured some funding from public sector organisations, for example from local authorities or ADPs. Applicants must be currently delivering frontline services in Scotland to support children and families affected by alcohol and drugs.

- Private sector organisations which are currently providing residential treatment services, and receive referrals from health and social care partnerships, can apply. However, any funding provided will require to be held in a separate bank account and used on a not-for-profit basis.
- All applications to the Improvement Fund will need to provide a letter of support from their local Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Chair and the Chair of the Children’s Services Planning Partnership. We would encourage you to contact your ADP and Children’s Services Planning Partnership early and to take a collaborative approach to developing this application, as we will be looking at things like partnership working, sustainability and strategic alignment as part of the assessment process.

What can be funded:

- Funding of up to £100,000 per year for five years can be used for service development and Improvements which may include additional staffing, co-production costs and contributions to overheads. The fund cannot support large capital projects. Please note that we expect to provide a range of grant sizes and that the amount requested should be proportionate to the turnover of your organisation and the scale of the work proposed.
- Collaborative working between organisations and services will be key in this work. Partnership applications are encouraged, but one organisation must take the lead applicant role and the maximum grant per year will be £100,000.
- If you received funding via the Scottish Government’s Grassroots or Improvement Fund streams earlier in 2021, you can apply to this fund if the work is significantly different, for example it is to support children and families specifically.

How to apply:

- Applications should be made using our online application form <https://www.tfaforms.com/4924522>

## Timescales

Funds open	Closing date for applications	Funding decisions announced
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Noon Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	February 2022

## Monitoring

You will be asked to report annually. If you receive funding with a grant period of more than one year, grant payments will be made annually and future payments will be dependent on satisfactory reporting each year and on the Scottish Government having funds available at that time. We will also share information (like progress reports) about your project with your local ADP.

## Good Practice

Corra and the Scottish Government are committed to principles of effective governance, transparency and good practice. We look for organisations to 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 organisation makes to people's lives.
- Working with others, networking, sharing learning and avoiding duplication.
- Respecting the safety of vulnerable groups via effective safeguarding procedures.
- Being open to adapting delivery in the face of changing circumstances.
- Operating with openness and clear accountability.
- Complying with any relevant regulation or inspection.
- Implementing equal opportunities policies and valuing diversity, equity and inclusion, including in relation to recruitment.
- Being a responsible employer.

## Frequently asked questions

FAQs can be accessed here <https://www.corra.scot/grants/drugs-services-funds>

## Further information

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

If you have any questions which are not covered in the FAQs please contact us by phone or email. If you'd like more detailed information or support with your application, you can book a one-to-one funding advice session by phone or video chat.

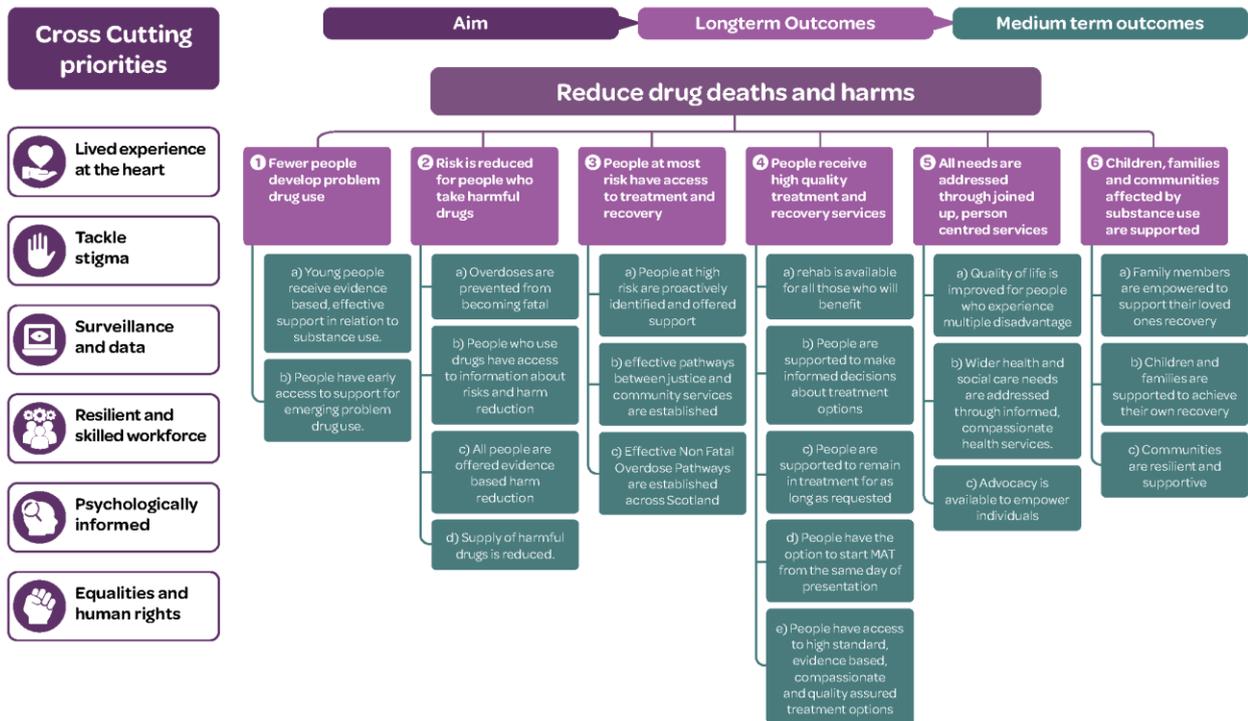
We are not able to look at draft applications, so it is best to chat to us before you complete the form.

## Appendix

The Scottish Government has outlined key cross cutting priorities that will make most impact on drug related deaths and harm. In your application, you should make sure to outline how your project will contribute to these priorities.

# Scottish Government Logic Model and Cross Cutting Themes

Applicants should consider the logic model and cross cutting themes when completing their application form. These high-level outcomes and themes will be used to assess the applications.



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