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## **#ShiftThePower Coronavirus Response Fund**

### **Guidelines**

#### **Introduction**

**#ShiftThePower Coronavirus Response Fund** will help grassroots organisations in Scotland to support vulnerable individuals, families, and communities, including responding to the impact of Coronavirus. The fund will provide grants of up to £10,000 and is open to charities and voluntary organisations with an income of less than £250,000.

The work to be supported will fit one of the following four strategic themes:

- **Children Survive & Thrive** – early years development for children facing disadvantage.
- **Gender Justice** – contributing to gender equality by reducing violence and discrimination based on gender and sexuality.
- **A Safe Place to Be** – supporting people who have experienced homelessness or have been forced from their homes to live safely.
- **Mental Health Matters** – improving mental health provision and tackling stigma around mental health.

You can read more about these themes on the last page.

This is a combined funding pot from Comic Relief and Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

#### **Who can apply?**

You can apply if you are a:

- Charity registered in Scotland.
- Constituted voluntary or community organisation with governing documents which clearly state that:
  - The organisation is not for profit, or has a clear clause ensuring that all income is applied to the organisation's purposes and not distributed to members, shareholders or owners.
  - There is a dissolution clause/lock in place requiring assets are distributed to an organisation with similar charitable aims in the instance of closure.

We cannot accept applications from:

- Organisations with an income of more than £250,000 in the last year (based on most recent complete financial accounts).
- Individuals.



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- Organisations that are not established as not for profit.
- Organisations based outside Scotland.
- One organisation applying on behalf of another.

If you currently hold a #ShiftThePower grant, and also want to apply to this round, we suggest you email us on [shiftpower@corra.scot](mailto:shiftpower@corra.scot) briefly explaining how you would like to use any new grant and we can advise you on eligibility.

### How much can you apply for?

£1,000 up to a maximum of £10,000.

### What can you use the money for?

We understand that every organisation has different needs and ideas, particularly in response to Coronavirus. This fund will support projects that are community and people led – you can include project and core costs. You can also include costs associated with adapting your working practise to Coronavirus guidelines such as professional cleaning services and buying PPE equipment.

Please note, we are unable to fund the purchase of any equipment or fixed assets that would be capitalised in your financial accounts. This is likely to include any item with a purchase value greater than £1000 e.g. a vehicle.

### What we can't fund

The following are outwith the fund guidelines:

1. Major capital appeals including building projects, motor vehicles and refurbishment costs.
2. Retrospective funding.
3. Promotion of religion.
4. Activities which are party political.
5. Mainstream activities and statutory requirements, for example of hospitals and medical centres, schools, universities, and colleges.
6. Work that takes place outwith Scotland.
7. Bursaries or scholarships.
8. Animal welfare.
9. Contributions to funds which will be used for grant making to other organisations
10. One-off events, unless part of a larger project.
11. Sponsorship or marketing appeals.



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12. Using the funding to help raise additional funding e.g. employ a fundraiser or organising a fundraising event.

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Comic Relief spends money raised by its fundraising campaigns, Red Nose Day & Sport Relief.  
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## More about the themes for #ShiftThePower Coronavirus Response Fund

### Children Survive and Thrive

Helping children survive and thrive during the first years of life (0-5 years old). This could include:

Supporting parents, carers, and communities to be active champions and develop understanding of positive early childhood development. Testing new ways of supporting young children to achieve their potential before they go to primary school. Reducing harm by working with children and families who are at a high risk of neglect, abuse, adverse childhood experience, and inequality. Training and development for families, staff, and volunteers in an early-years setting. Work that is needed because of the impacts of Coronavirus.

### Gender Justice

Contributing to gender equality by reducing violence and discrimination based on gender and sexuality alongside increased opportunity, empowerment, and understanding for women, girls, and LGBTQI+ community. This could include:

Supporting women and girls to be safe, healthy, educated, and in control of their lives. Reducing gender-based violence, harmful practices, and persecution based on sexuality. Peer-led research on good practice in women-led activism and movements for social change. Training and development for staff and volunteers on gender and sexuality. Advocacy work that shifts public attitudes and improves understanding on the influence of gender stereotypes. Work that is needed because of the impacts of Coronavirus.

### Mental Health Matters

Empowering people with mental health issues or challenges to share their stories, live free from stigma and discrimination, and build positive relationships and experiences, including increased opportunities and access to support. This could include:

Improving the mental health and support networks of people experiencing, or at risk of, poor mental health, especially those from marginalised groups. Increasing the accessibility and relevance of mental health support services to the people who need them. Peer-led research on good practice in mental health recovery and support. Work that shifts the attitudes that create stigma and discrimination around mental health. Work that is needed because of the impacts of Coronavirus

### A Safe Place to Be

Enabling people who have faced or are facing homelessness to resolve their situation and get support. Also supporting those who have been forced from their homes to build a new life, free from conflict,



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persecution, or trafficking. This includes those affected by domestic violence, refugees, and asylum seekers. This could include:

Peer advice networks between people who have experienced homelessness. Opportunities for people to have their voices heard in how services work. Supporting strong local community connections for people who have faced homelessness. Work that challenges stigma and discrimination around homelessness. Activity to create safe and supportive communities for refugees and asylum seekers. Work that is needed because of Coronavirus.