

Additional Q&A for The Children, Young People, Families and Adult Learning Third Sector Fund

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Q1. If the work you are applying to have funded would support the delivery of more than one policy area, and on your application you therefore choose more than one policy area, will your application be assessed by them all of the policy areas you choose or will it be sent to best fit policy area?

- Scottish Government will send your application to the policy team they believe would be best placed to assess it, and if that policy team needs input from other policy teams in Scottish Government they will speak to them during the assessment period.

Q2. If we justify the expansion of our existing core work, can we apply for more than our current core costs?

- You can apply for funding for existing core work and to expand that work. However, any expansion should be proportionate to your existing core work, and to the current overall turnover of your organisation.

Q3. This type of funding is unusual as it lets us apply for core services. Many of our 'services' are continual 'projects' due to the funding landscape being focused on projects historically. Can we apply for funding for these?

- If it is a long standing piece of work then that would be deemed as a core service as opposed to a project – often work starts as a project and then continues to have the same title even though it has been delivered for many years. The title of the work is less important than how it work fits with your organisation's strategic aims and the ability to deliver these.

Q4. We are still in the process of finalising our 2021/2022 accounts but this won't be done before the fund closing date. Can we send you these draft accounts with our application?

- No, we need to have finalised accounts and understand there can often be a time lapse with this depending on when the organisations year end is. Please just send your most recent finalised accounts, which will have been either audited or independently examined depending on the turnover of your organisation.

Q5. Do you have to do work that covers 'all' of the groups this funding aims to benefit, so children, young people, families **and** adult Learners?

- No, your work may be focused on only one of these groups, and no preference will be given to applications that are for work with all of these groups. The work you do must be a strong fit with the funding criteria regardless of which group or groups of people you are working with.

Q6. Can we apply for work that supports children, young people and adults?

- Yes you can apply for work that supports more than one group of people, and so your work can support children, young people, families and/or adult learners. The work you do must be a strong fit with the funding criteria regardless of which group or groups of people you are working with.

Q7. Will applications delivering work to large numbers of people be given priority? Or will applications providing in depth support to fewer numbers have an equal chance of being funded?

- There will be no preference to those reaching large numbers of people, or to those working with smaller numbers of people. What is important is that the approach you are using is appropriate for the work you are delivering, and that the work is a strong fit with the funding criteria.

Q8. Are there any other types of funding that would make us ineligible for applying to this fund?

- No. There is no restriction on where you get the rest of your funding. However you cannot apply for double funding for the same work, so you can't apply for funding through this fund for work that is already being funded via another route.

Q9. If you're able to demonstrate a strong fit with the criteria then presumably that makes you more likely to be funded than if you were only able to meet some of the criteria?

- It is the case that if an application demonstrates a strong fit with the criteria that have been set of this fund it is much more likely to be funded than an application that doesn't clearly fit the criteria. There are some of the criteria that everyone will have to meet in order to be eligible to apply: having a Scottish charity number, having a legal personality and meeting Scottish Government's definition of national. For policy priorities, funding criteria and policy areas, the focus is more around how strongly the work you are applying to have funded is aligned with these rather than how many of them the work would be supporting.

Q10. We have a dual role, supporting a network of local organisations across Scotland and also delivering some face to face work ourselves. Can your outcomes focus on both people and networks?

- Yes, your outcomes can focus on both the people you directly support and also the networks you support, provided both are part of your core work and are a good fit with the criteria for the fund.

Q11. If you work nationally, are you still required to meet the niche community criteria?

- No, organisations are only required to meet one of the definitions for national and do not need to meet them. So, if you work in four or more Scottish local authority areas, you do not need to demonstrate national significance or reach, or to make a case that you are working with a niche community.