

# Fund Criteria:

## Wales Respond and Recover Fund

When the Coronavirus Pandemic hit in March 2020, Community Foundation Wales quickly established the Wales Coronavirus Resilience Fund to distribute funding raised locally and in partnership with the National Emergencies Trust. Since then we have distributed more than £2.8 million to third sector groups across Wales in emergency grant funding.

As lockdown is eased, we recognise that for many organisations funding requirements have changed. Whilst we understand that emergency funding will continue to be required for some months to come the need to move on to find 'a new normal' has increased. Groups need to address the challenges of recovering in terms of ensuring they can support their beneficiaries in the right way as well as their trustees, staff teams and volunteers who will all need additional support.

This new fund will therefore cover both elements:

### **RESPOND**

Funding will continue to be available for organisations delivering emergency support to those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, which could include, but is not limited to:

- support for vulnerable people who continue to self-isolate such as activity packs
- community response coordination required for local lockdowns
- additional/volunteer costs for the distribution of emergency supplies and food especially in rural areas
- supplies for foodbanks and organisations working to combat hunger in local communities

### **RECOVER**

Funding will be focused on recovering from the immediate crisis to develop self-sufficiency and resilience, focussing on solutions rather than on symptoms. Work supported must be aimed at strengthening communities and/or strengthening the organisations that provide vital support to communities.

For example:

- Providing opportunities for people to increase employability skills, training courses, young people's volunteering projects, work placements for young people and apprenticeships
- Sustainable growing projects, food education and cooking projects
- Support to improve mental health, reduce health inequalities and reduce isolation amongst those most acutely affected by the pandemic
- Projects that redress the balance of inequality by providing infrastructure support, digital inclusion, volunteer training, community transport and organisational development for groups representing the most marginalised people in our communities
- Projects which can provide advice and support services to ensure people can access all of the support they may be entitled to
- Activities that bring people together within fractured and/or rural communities
- Team support to strengthen organisations that can rebuild community resilience

## Grants Available

- Grants of up to £5,000 are available for applications addressing projects under **RESPOND**
- Grants of up to £20,000 are available for applications addressing projects under **RECOVER**

Grants are available to organisations with an income of below £1 million within the last financial year. However due to the limited funding available, groups with an income of below £500,000 will be prioritised. Organisations can apply to both elements of this Fund but **NOT** for the same project. Please contact us if you are unsure if your organisation fits within this criteria.

## Who can apply?

Constituted community groups, charities and social enterprises running projects to support the community to address the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic in Wales.

Grants will only be made to groups and organisations that can evidence that they are working safely and adhering to government guidance regarding the virus.

As funding becomes more limited, we will prioritise projects for people living in areas of significant disadvantage and with low income.

## What you can apply for

- Project costs and running costs for organisations will be supported, including staff costs, volunteer expenses and transport costs. Small capital costs are also eligible, providing the capital items are directly linked to supporting the above groups.

## What the Fund cannot support:

- individuals
- businesses

The Government is making provision for support for individuals and businesses.

## How to apply?

You should identify to which element of this fund your project best fits and complete the relevant application form. The **RESPOND** application form is aimed at groups continuing to address urgent need (see above) and the **RECOVER** application form is aimed at groups that are looking forward by providing activities to bring communities together to ensure future strength and resilience (see above). Organisations can apply to both elements of this Fund but **NOT** for the same project. Application forms can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs already incurred prior to receipt of the grant offer letter and signed terms and conditions.
- Projects that fall within statutory sector responsibility will not be supported e.g. anything that falls within the school curriculum.

**The Fund is dedicated to Wales and includes funding raised via our appeal and the national appeal launched by the National Emergencies Trust. A proportion of the funding is from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Please pay special attention to the grant offer terms and conditions and a new privacy notice which applies to the DCMS funding.**