

# Fund Criteria:

## Nation of Sanctuary Croeso Fund



The Nation of Sanctuary Croeso Fund provides vital support for people displaced by conflict and/or persecution and seeking sanctuary\* in Wales.

*\*The City of Sanctuary prefers the term 'people seeking sanctuary' in most contexts, as this focusses on people first as opposed to their immigration status. It emphasises that people are **seeking sanctuary** (safety and protection), not specifically asylum and so has a broader application.*

This fund is also a fundraising fund intended to support people seeking sanctuary now and into the future. All donations to this fund will support Welsh charities, community groups and organisations already working with people seeking sanctuary in Wales, to provide vital aid and help to settle them into their new surroundings.

We will prioritise applications from groups who can demonstrate a strong knowledge and understanding of working within in this field longer term. This Fund cannot support groups working within already established and settled minority communities or groups looking to work with people seeking sanctuary that do not have a track record of doing so.

We have spoken to groups working in this area and have opened a survey to ensure that the criteria for this Fund reflects the most critical needs of people seeking sanctuary. The Fund aims to support gaps where other funding is not otherwise available, or where increased demand evidences the need for expansion of a service.

We know that the situation is very fluid and everchanging, the survey will therefore remain open with new learning influencing adaptations to the criteria. We encourage you to add your voice by completing the survey, or to contact the team by email if you have any questions or knowledge that will help to inform our understanding - [grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk](mailto:grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk)

**Our learning has highlighted the most urgent and increased needs for people seeking sanctuary are:**

- Addressing the trauma they face by providing emotional support to improve mental health and wellbeing
- Support with integration and a sense of belonging

Therefore, the Nation of Sanctuary Croeso Fund accepts applications from groups already working with people seeking sanctuary to provide support services to address these issues. For example:

- Befriending services
- Interpreter/language services
- Community/hub activities for people seeking sanctuary and their families to come together
- Trauma/emotional support
- Additional frontline support to address an increased demand

NB. this list is not exhaustive, it is meant to demonstrate the *type* of projects this fund will support.

## Grants available

Organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 per annum to support costs related to work supporting people seeking sanctuary within the identified themes above.

**Please note that the amount you are applying for should not be more than 20% of your annual turnover in the latest set of published accounts.**

We recognise how important it is for groups to be able to plan for the future and that having secure funding can give you the confidence and reassurance to develop your project over the long-term. Nation of Sanctuary Croeso Fund offers groups the opportunity to apply for single year or multi-year funding of up to 3 years.

To be considered for a three-year grant please complete the additional section of the application form, indicating how you plan to develop your project over the period of funding being applied for. Your application will still be considered for one year funding if you are not successful with a multi-year award.

## Who can apply?

This Fund is open to constituted community-based charities and organisations specifically working with people seeking sanctuary in Wales. These include:

- Constituted Groups
- Registered Charities & Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
- Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Community Interest Companies
- Social Enterprises

## Important information for organisations applying: The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. It requires organisations in Wales to think about the long-term impact of their decisions, to work better with people, communities and each other, and to prevent persistent problems such as poverty, health inequalities and climate change.

We're keen to encourage organisations to think about not just the community in which they live

and work, but also how their work aligns with and complements the services and activities of other groups and organisations both voluntary and statutory. We'd like you to think about how your organisation can work together with others to add value, working in partnership rather than in competition. In your application, please explain your plans for the future as well as for the present, we would like to see how groups are thinking about the long-term impact of their decision making to work with and alongside others.

## We cannot currently fund

- Bursary projects that provide onward grants/cash/equipment to individuals
- Groups who **only** work with BAME beneficiaries and not specifically people seeking sanctuary – we have a separate fund for BAME groups which you can read about [here](#).
- Food/supplies/equipment/clothing projects where items are distributed to individuals/families – we have other funds that will, please look at our grants page [here](#) for information on other funding available
- Projects that replicate statutory services

## How to apply?

Applicants must complete an online application form which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs incurred before receipt of our grant offer letter, and the signed terms and conditions have been returned.
- Grants are not available towards general fundraising or to support fundraising for other groups and charities.
- Grants must be fully spent within one year of receipt of our offer letter, unless you are awarded multi-year funding.

## Important information about this fund criteria

This fund criteria may be subject to change.

To ensure the funding really goes to where it is needed, we will continue to consult with the Welsh Government and organisations that directly support people displaced by conflict and/or persecution and seeking sanctuary, to assess their immediate and ongoing needs.

We will be as flexible as possible to ensure funding reaches these organisations as quickly as is possible, which may mean we need to change the fund criteria in the future.