

# Gwent High Sheriff's Community Fund

Funding for community and voluntary  
organisations



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# Introduction



This document is about the **Gwent High Sheriff's Community Fund**.

It says:



- What the aim of the fund is.



- Who can apply.



- How much you can apply for.



- How to apply.

# Fund aims



This fund is to make life safer and better for people in Gwent.



It gives money to local projects that work with young people. To help stop crime and bad behaviour.

# Who can apply

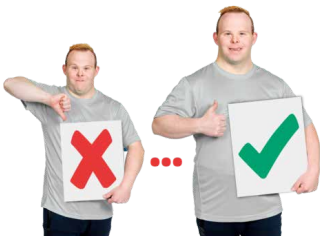
You can apply if:



- You are helping children and young people up to 25 years old.



- You are a community group, voluntary organisation, or charity in Gwent. This includes Newport, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire, and Caerphilly.



You can still apply if your project has received money before. You must show how more money will make your project better.



We are most likely to give money to smaller, local groups where volunteers play an important role.

# The kinds of projects that will get money



To get the money, your project needs to do 1 or more of these things:



- Help young people with the problems they face today. Including teaching them how to stay safe online.



- Help young people learn about crime and its effects. This includes damaging property, using alcohol and drugs, and bullying online.



- Help young people involved in crime, whether they are victims or doing the crime.



- Focus on stopping the causes of crime and why young people break the law.



- Involve young people in positive activities. That give them social support and good examples to follow.



- Help people hurt by crime, like:

- People abused at home.



- People forced to work without getting paid.



- **Vulnerable** people who need extra help.

**Vulnerable** means people who might need help and support to stay safe and well.



# How much you can apply for



You can ask for **up to £5 thousand pounds** for your project. This money is to spend in **2025 to 2026**.

You can use the money for things like:



- Trying out a new project.



- Paying for running costs.



- Buying equipment and materials.

# How we decide who gets funding



We will decide this grant by **participatory grant-making**.



**Participatory grant-making** means local people decide which projects get the money. They choose the projects that will best help the community.



We will look at all the applications and make a list of the best projects.



If your project makes the list, we will invite you to our event called the **Gwent High Sheriff Your Voice, Your Choice 2025**.



This event will happen on **Saturday 8 March 2025.**



**It will be at:**

Tithe Barn  
St Mary's Priory  
Monk Street  
Abergavenny  
NP7 5ND.



Someone from your group must go to the event.

# How to apply



You must fill out an online application form. You can get this on our website:

[www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants-overview/gwent-high-sheriffs-community-fund/](http://www.communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants-overview/gwent-high-sheriffs-community-fund/)

## Important things to know:



- Make sure you can attend the event on **Saturday 8 March 2025**.



- If you get the grant money, the High Sheriff must visit your project in 2025 or 2026.



- You cannot get money for things you paid for before receiving the grant.



- You cannot use this fund to support other groups and charities.



- You must spend all the money within 1 year of getting it.

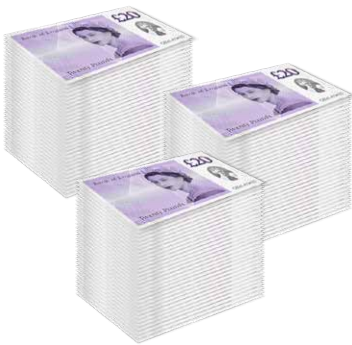


- Your application must show:
  - Why your group needs the money.
  - If your group does not have enough money.
  - If your group needs extra support.

# Funding for more than 1 year



For funding for more than 1 year, the Gwent High Sheriff will make a decision at the event on **Saturday 8 March 2025**.



They will give funding for several years to 1 organisation.

# Core funding



Core funding covers the running costs of your organisation. It can be spent on things like staff wages and bills.

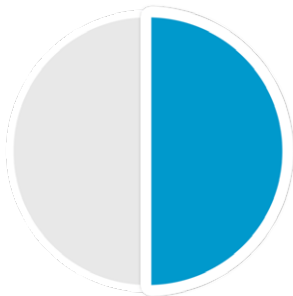


It can be hard to find core funding.

Groups can now apply for funding towards their core costs for up to 3 years. As long as:

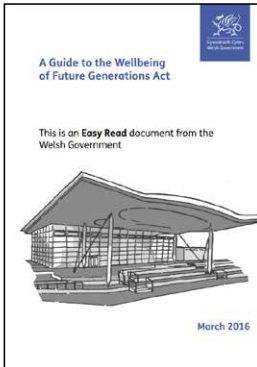


- You can provide your accounts for the last 12 months.



- The amount you apply for is less than half of your yearly income. For example, if you want to apply for 1 thousand pounds a year, your income must be at least 2 thousand pounds a year.

# The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015



This is a law about improving life in Wales for people now, and in the future.

To achieve the aims of this law, we must:



- Think about how our decisions might impact people in the future.



- Work better with people, communities, and other organisations.





- Work together to stop problems like **poverty**, **health inequality** and **climate change**.



**Poverty** is when someone does not have enough money to live on.



**Health inequality** means people don't always get equal chances to have good health. For example, maybe because of where they live.



**Climate change** means the change of the earth's temperature and weather conditions. It is caused by things like oil and gas.



We want organisations to work better together.



We want organisations to think about how their work fits in with other work that is going on.



In your application please think about these things.



Please explain your plans for now, and the future.  
We want to see how you plan to work with others.

# Hard words

## Climate change

Climate change means the change of the earth's temperature and weather conditions. It is caused by things like oil and gas.

## Health inequality

Health inequality means people don't always get equal chances to have good health. For example, maybe because of where they live.

## Participatory grant-making

Participatory grant-making means local people decide which projects get the money. They choose the projects that will best help the community.

## Poverty

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## Vulnerable

Vulnerable means people who might need help and support to stay safe and well.