

Midlothian Council Grant Scheme

Guidance and Criteria 2020/21 – 2021/22



Applications are welcome from community groups, charities and social enterprises. To apply you must be constituted and have a bank account. If you are a new group, you will need a statement of purpose and a bank account in the name of the group.

All awards should demonstrate how they meet the priorities of the Single Midlothian Plan. The top three priorities in the plan are to *reduce the gap in learning outcomes, health outcomes and economic circumstances*. Grants will fund activities that further the priorities in at least one of the five themes:

1. Adult Health and Care
2. Community Safety
3. Getting it Right for Every Midlothian Child
4. Improving Opportunities for the People of Midlothian
5. Sustainable Growth

The single Midlothian Plan is available online or in hard copy
www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/89/single_midlothian_plan

Grant funding can be used for things like:

- Volunteer expenses
- Running costs
- Start-up costs for new projects
- Staff costs
- Buying equipment

There are some activities that are not eligible for grant funding. It cannot be used to:

- Repair buildings
- Pay for religious services or religious materials
- Be spent exclusively on consultancy fees
- Pay for material that is designed to support political activity or a political party

The grants cover the period 2020/21 – 2021/22

Grant	Maximum annual award	Maximum 2 year award	Grants will be allocated
Micro	£500	£1,000	Every 6 months
Small	£2,000	£4,000	Annually

Criteria for Micro grants of up to £500 a year

Applications for this grant will need to demonstrate how their activity will improve the quality of life for local people in Midlothian.

Criteria for Small Grants

Applicants will need to indicate ONE of the following funding streams and which of the outcomes in that stream their activity will address:

Grant Stream**Outcomes**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Developing Communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Communities of interest and place have more capacity to act for the benefit of their community.
<input type="checkbox"/> Communities of interest and place are more resilient, cohesive and safer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Local communities are better enabled to thrive through community action, the development of social enterprise and community assets.
<input type="checkbox"/> Anchor organisations (e.g. development trusts) have improved ability to represent their local communities and deliver services.
<input type="checkbox"/> The third sector is supported to grow and is able to influence the community planning process.
<input type="checkbox"/> Key economic sectors are supported to grow. |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Employability, Learning and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals are better equipped to access the labour market.
<input type="checkbox"/> The quality of life of Midlothian residents is improved through lifelong learning.
<input type="checkbox"/> Midlothian residents are better able to be successful learners and are more likely to go on to positive destinations when they leave learning. |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Physical Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals in Midlothian have improved health and wellbeing through participating in physical activity.
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals in Midlothian have an increased number of affordable and accessible opportunities to engage in more healthy lifestyles (physical and mental health and wellbeing). |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable households are better able to manage their finances.
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals experiencing financial crisis have better access to support. |

Decision making

Grant applications will be assessed against the extent to which the project or programme of work will:

1. Meet the outcome of the funding stream.
2. Address unmet need.
3. Reduce inequalities, help people most in need and address the priorities in the Single Midlothian Plan.
4. Make a difference to the people you are working with.
5. Complement or add to existing services and resources.
6. Provide evidence of partnership working and how local people have been involved in the planning of the proposal.
7. Provide details of how the project will be sustained beyond the grant period and, where possible, how it will generate additional income.
8. Promote a sense of place by connecting local people to their community.
9. Be community-led and delivered by organisations with the skills and experience to deliver effectively.
10. Include clear costing and timescales that demonstrate value for money.

Your application will be considered by the scoring panels. You will find out by the end of December 2019 if your application has been successful.

Further Support

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APPENDIX 3

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