

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](http://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 grant covers the period September 2020 to March 2021 only**

Minimum level of grant - £5,000

Maximum level of grant - £20,000

## **Criteria for Poverty Grants**

Applicants will need to indicate which of the outcomes their activity will address:

### **Outcomes**

- ☐ Disposable income of Midlothian residents is maximised.
  - Cost of utilities have been reduced
  - Costs of participation in education have reduced
  - Costs of participation in leisure, sports and arts experience have reduced
  - Transport costs are reduced
- ☐ Reduction in poverty related inequalities in health and wellbeing
- ☐ Reduction in financial stress for parents
- ☐ Increase in opportunities to upskill and gain qualifications
- ☐ Awareness of entitlement to benefits has increased
- ☐ Reduction in health and wellbeing inequalities caused by poverty

## **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 an assessment panel. You will find out by the end of September 2020 if your application has been successful.

## Midlothian Council Poverty Grant Scheme and Guidance



### **Further Support**

If you need any additional support or further information, please contact:

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