



Covid-19 Temporary Emergency Fund Group

What we will fund

The Govan Covid-19 Temporary Emergency Fund Group (TEFG) will provide funding of up to £10,000 for partnership proposals and up to £5,000 for constituted community groups and organisations responding to the Covid-19 crisis by directly supporting the local community. In addition, £70,000 has been ring-fenced for allocation across the 7 Thriving Places Thematic Groups. The process for application is set out below.

We will support activity which:

- supports residents who are struggling to meet the additional demands imposed by Covid-19
- is new and has been *established as a direct result* of the covid-19 crisis
- serves all neighbourhoods across Govan ward 5
- can be delivered from late June until the end of August 2020
- meets the identified needs and priorities as identified in **Appendix 1**

Proposals will be assessed under the following themes with *particular focus on Covid-19 support and interventions*:

- **Food for Good** - *Reflecting the themes of skills sharing and cultural knowledge of food; reduced food waste; sustainable projects led and run by the community; social enterprise opportunities/activity; a community bakery; a Govan Food Map; Allotments and a Govan Food Network.*
- **Learning for Life and Work** - *Reflecting the themes of better coordination of employability and employment services and access to those services by people in Govan*
- **Young People**- *Reflecting the themes of 'including the youth voice'; strengthening partnerships and avoiding duplication; personal development programmes and diversionary activities for young people in Govan and subsequent referrals when appropriate to employability skills and employment opportunities.*
- **Environment and Community Safety** - *Reflecting the themes of targeting geographic areas with enhanced joint work on cleansing, grounds maintenance, and in addressing vandalism, and anti-social behaviour. Note the overlaps with environmental issues in the Arts, Heritage and Well Being & Young People Themes*
- **Supporting Children and Families** - *Reflecting the themes of scoping, networking, increasing connections; Kids clubs and family activities; mobile soft play; baby breakfast projects; childcare; links to existing steering groups.*
- **Arts, Heritage and Well Being** - *Reflecting the themes of organisations coming together; Arts Heritage and Well Being Network, developing a programme of community and social events and opportunities for people to socialise (to help reduce feelings of isolation) and learn about local projects and services.*
- **Building Connections** - *Reflecting the themes of enabling organisational connections and information sharing and better joint working.*



Eligibility Criteria

- You must be a constituted organisation with a governing document
- You must have a bank account in the name of the organisation
- Cheque signatories must be unrelated
- The project proposed must **only** benefit people living within the Govan area – for clarity, this is Glasgow City Council’s Ward 5.
- We cannot fund costs already incurred or activities that have already taken place
- Your application must be for a specific activity or to support a service that is a direct consequence of the Covid-19 crisis

Timescales (Round 1)

- Deadline for submission is: midnight on **Sunday 14th June**.
- Queries can be submitted up until 12 noon on **Friday 12th June**
- Applications will be reviewed as they come in and we aim to respond to all applications by **Friday 26th June**.

Application Process

We have 3 ways in which an application can be made to the Covid-19 Temporary Emergency Fund:

1. Single Organisation Application

A single organisation can request funding up to a maximum of £5,000. If however, your proposal is more than this maximum amount and you are unable to reduce the costs, we will consider the full amount, but only approve more than £5000, if available funds allow.

2. Partnership/Joint Application

A proposal that brings together a number of organisations to deliver support can request funding to a maximum amount of £10,000. This will require a lead organisation.

3. Govan Thriving Places - Thematic Groups

The TEFG identified at an early stage that the existing Govan Thriving Places structure; steering group and 7 thematic groups, were key to ensuring that close joint working would take place with partners across Govan enabling better co-ordination of services and helping to address any duplication of activity and funding.

Membership of the TP structure include; residents, community groups, elected members; third sector organisations and a range of public sector organisations.



This structure provides a wide reach across the community in terms of the number of voluntary and community groups that are involved and every member having further reach to their clients and other groups through the work of their own organisation in Govan.

Given the strength of partnership working across the thematic groups an allocation of up to £70,000 of the total grant award has been ring-fenced **in principal** to be distributed across the 7 thematic groups, where needed.

Each thematic group is invited to submit a Theme Group Funding Proposal Form with an attached action plan/programme of activity clearly addressing Covid-19 needs and priorities as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

The action plan/programme of activity should set out the following:

list of partners, the activities to be delivered, timescales, outcomes/added benefits to residents, costs, additional resources and methods for monitoring and evaluating the programme.

You can request a copy of the Theme Group Funding Proposal Form by contacting:
govancommunities@comlinks.org.uk.

Offers & Conditions of Grant

Offers of grants will be made via email and will include the conditions on which the grants are being made. Successful applicants will be asked to confirm their acceptance of the grant within **three** working days for the release of the initial payment. If the grant is not accepted within the specified deadline a reminder will be issued to the lead organisation giving them further time to accept before the offer is withdrawn.

The Offer of Funding for Round 2 is subject to TEFG having the available financial resources and will be dependent upon the submission of an interim monitoring report to The Scottish Government.

The TEFG reserves the right to suspend or stop payment of the Funding if it becomes clear that the organisation receiving a grant is no longer using the funding for the purpose stated within their original application.

Successful grants will be publicised through the Thematic Groups; Housing Associations and local social media.



Q&A / Useful Information

Q. I have already had funding from the Scottish Government – can I apply to this fund?

A. This funding has been secured from The Scottish Government through the Supporting Communities Fund. If your organisation has received any Scottish Government funding to support the delivery of activities and/or services, these should be clearly identified within your application form. The Govan C-19 Fund must be used to **enhance** existing service delivery (i.e. enable you to continue to deliver services for longer) or to fund an **additional** service.

Q. If we are successful with our application, what monitoring information do we need to provide?

A. We are asking that all successful organisations: keep receipts of all spend – these should be submitted alongside a simple Excel document that evidences spend; complete a straightforward monitoring form that will be sent to you and take pictures.

Q. If successful, how do we draw down the funding?

A. Funding will be paid in two instalments, with 50% of the funding being paid at the start of your project. Once you have spent 75% of this advance, please contact us to arrange your next payment. We need to check all of your spend to date before we send this next payment, so please don't leave it all until the last moment.

Q. We are not a constituted group, can we still apply?

A. Unfortunately no. However, we would encourage you to speak with your Thriving Places Community Connector – Yvonne Reilly. She may be able to provide support and match you to another organisation that could support your application, she can be contacted at Yvonne.Reilly2@glasgow.gov.uk

Q. I have submitted my application, but have not received any formal acknowledgement, how do I know my application has been received?

A. If you have submitted an application and not received a generic e-mail response within 12hrs, please e-mail: govancommunities@comlinks.org.uk with the name of your project in the subject line and a copy of the original e-mail submission.

Q. How to I submit an application?

A. Completed application forms and a copy of your organisations governing document (less than 5Mb in size) should be e-mailed to govancommunities@comlinks.org.uk



Initial Ranking of Needs and priorities

*Note that this ranking is a starting point following initial consultations and will be reviewed and updated regularly.

Ranking	Area of Need
1.	<p>Welfare & Fuel Poverty</p> <p>Advice and Information regarding immediate access to financial support is needed to meet increased costs during lockdown eg financial assistance to meet increased fuel costs.</p> <p>A recent study by Citizens Advice Bureau, Scotland reported that 1 in 4 households in Scotland were already in fuel poverty before the crisis and that average energy bills are likely to increase by £32 per month.</p> <p>In addition to increasing energy usage at home, Covid-19 is creating uncertainty and insecurity of income for furloughed workers, those facing hardship, those faced by unemployment, those who are sick or those currently experiencing in work poverty. Households are also likely to see an increase in personal debt as a direct consequence of payment holidays on rent/household bills. Support will be needed to help people manage increased payments as we move through the next phases.</p>
2. (joint)	<p>Mental Health and Well-Being</p> <p>Concern continues for the wellbeing of residents, in particular those with existing mental health conditions which may be exacerbated by the current situation. Having access to communication tools, helplines, befriending and other services etc. for this interim period of the lock down will still be vital for many of the residents in the community.</p> <p>A whole range of services and projects have ceased and meeting places for those within the community continues to be restricted – the need to find creative ways to address social isolation and promote mental and physical health is crucial.</p>
2. (joint)	<p>Food Provision</p> <p>The provision of hot and cold food, food parcels, food shopping and household essentials, continues to be a priority for the continued health and wellbeing of Govan residents.</p> <p>Better co-ordination of existing food activity across the community should mitigate against duplication and any potential waste.</p>



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	<p>A more targeted support for the most vulnerable; elderly, socially isolated, people not already connected with local services, people with disabilities and residents of the BAME community should be considered.</p>
3.	<p>Support for Victims of Domestic Abuse</p> <p>The importance of safeguarding adults who are experiencing domestic abuse has not diminished during the covid-19 crisis. Emerging evidence from statutory and voluntary agencies has highlighted the increase of domestic abuse incidents.</p> <p>Organisations dealing with domestic abuse have seen an increase in household tension and domestic violence due to a range of factors exacerbated by the covid-19 crisis; economic stress, fears about the virus, less opportunity to ask for help and lack of visitors to households.</p> <p>Community based groups and organisations can often be the eyes and ears that first pick up the first signs of abuse and therefore in a key position to sign post people to information and support services.</p>
4.	<p>Support Back to Employment</p> <p>Unemployment and the threat of potential unemployment and reduced income is a significant contributory factor in issues such as debt, health and wellbeing, stress and anxiety, poor diets and issues within the home.</p> <p>Supporting people back into employment is one of the key priorities in the medium to longer term.</p>
5.	<p>Digital Inclusion and support to access wi-fi</p> <p>Some work has already been undertaken to support local digital inclusion work as a direct response to the covid-19 crisis. The survey highlighted that many Govan residents are still unfamiliar with the use of the internet especially those who are most vulnerable or disadvantaged and who are struggling with the consequences of lockdown.</p> <p>The lack of internet use and/or access to wi-fi, in a lockdown situation, excludes individuals from the essential access to information, social contact & activities and support, which have become intrinsic to day to day life and in some cases, a lifeline for the most vulnerable including; older people, carers, asylum seekers</p>



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	<p>and refugees, people with additional support needs and families struggling to home school their children.</p> <p>Organisations reporting that many young people across Govan do not have access to devices at home and are therefore unable to engage with school work, support services or with friends/ extended family.</p>
6.	<p>Employability</p> <p>Unemployment and the threat of potential unemployment and reduced income is a significant contributory factor in issues such as debt, health and wellbeing, stress and anxiety, poor diets and issues within the home. Supporting people back into employment to be a key strand of this in the medium to longer term</p>
	<p>Other needs identified through this survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support with bereavement/loss and meeting funeral costs - Targeted support for vulnerable groups: people with disabilities, children with additional needs, carers and the need for respite. - Support for those with addictions and struggling to remain stable, having an impact on the wider community - Education and Learning Support - Provision of telephone support, providing a listening ear and signposting residents - Access to face-coverings/masks - Housing and Homelessness Support