

FLVC Voluntary Services Recovery Fund

Guidelines for Applicants

Purpose of the FLVC Voluntary Services Recovery Fund

The FLVC Voluntary Services Recovery Fund (VSRF) will focus on reducing inequalities across society as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many communities suffered disproportionately; therefore, actions need to take place to ensure a fair and just recovery.

Grants will support not-for-profit organisations working at a community level in Flintshire, and can be up to a maximum of £2,000.

How can the funding be used?

The funding will provide the resources for the Third Sector to embed safe practises to carry on delivering essential services across Flintshire. This fund is primarily focused on revenue funding; however, your funding request can contain costs for purchases of smaller 'capital' equipment including consumables (for example PPE, screens etc).

All grants must be spent and projects completed by 31st December 2021.

The Aims of This Fund Are to:

Maintain or increase activities that support the vulnerable during the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

Ensure third/voluntary sector organisations have the resources needed to continue to deliver vital services for their communities.

Enable third/voluntary sector organisations to adapt to meet new needs and respond to new challenges.

Encourage stringent health and safety protocols during all activities that safeguard third/voluntary sector staff, volunteers and beneficiaries.

Who can apply?

Organisations can apply if they are a third/voluntary sector (not-for-profit) organisation, and independent of government, private and public sectors:

- Registered charity
- Constituted group
- Community Interest Company

- Company limited by guarantee
- Industrial and Provident Society (IPS)
- Financial Mutual

In addition:

- The funding must be for activities/services/communities in Flintshire
- Your organisation must have either your own bank account, or a bank account in the name of the 'Trustees of [name of organisation]'
- and have at least 2 authorised signatories

Please note that only **one** request can be made per organisation.

Exclusions

The following organisations are ineligible and cannot apply:

- A political organisation
- A statutory organisation
- A private organisation
- An individual
- A non-constituted group

What cannot be funded under VSRF:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs already incurred prior to the receipt of the grant offer letter and signed terms and conditions.
- Activities that fall within the statutory sector will not be supported e.g. anything that falls within provision of the NHS, school curriculum etc.
- Where there are other Welsh Government grants available for specific activities, it is expected that they will be accessed where possible, rather than VSRF.
- Telephone helpline services.
- Employability and skills initiatives
- Proselytising activities
- Hospices
- Childcare providers
- IT costs may be considered in cases where purchases are essential, if you would like to submit a request with IT costs, please contact the team to discuss prior to submission

How to Apply

Application forms are [available to download from the FLVC website](#).

For further information and assistance with this grant scheme application please contact Heather Hicks, FLVC Funding Officer on E-mail: Heather.hicks@flvc.org or Tel: 01352 744004

Please return the completed application to:

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