Stewartry Area Committee

PRIORITIES, ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

TACKLING POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES BUDGET 2024-25

**PRIORITIES**

The priorities for funding will be for projects which particularly address those in bold below:

* **Digital connectivity**
* **Food insecurity and clothing**
* **Fuel poverty**
* Support for securing and sustaining tenancies
* Access to transport
* Access to employment
* Financial management
* Support for young people in relation to transport and mental health.

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. To be eligible for this funding, any applications must demonstrate their projects and services directly contribute to the Community Planning Partnership Poverty and Inequalities Strategy Objectives [Poverty - Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/poverty)

1. Applications will only be accepted from Constituted Organisations.
2. 100% of the total funding costs from Dumfries and Galloway Council for projects may be considered. Applications should highlight all external funding which has been both applied to and secured towards the costs of their overall project.
3. Applications will only be accepted for projects which will be delivered within the Stewartry area.
4. Applications from religious groups will only be considered for projects which do not include religious activities.

**CRITERIA**

1. Applications are encouraged from new or existing projects which will support clients to escape/be removed from the cycle of poverty.
2. Projects must make a difference and should not aim to mitigate the level of poverty being experienced but should provide a notable step change to improve the lives of those it will support.
3. Applicants should clearly demonstrate how the project will make a positive difference to the individuals and families which it will support (both during and beyond the funded period) and how it will help prevent people falling into poverty.
4. Organisations should demonstrate how their project will continue after this one-year funding has been provided unless the outcomes are achieved and delivered during this funded period.
5. Applications which allow organisations to diversify from their core activities to support other anti-poverty projects/services will also be welcomed (e.g. Foodbanks providing funding for Fuel Cards for their clients to cook their provisions).
6. Applications for collaborative projects will also be welcomed. This is defined as at least two different Constituted Groups working in conjunction to deliver the project or service as described within the Application Form.
7. The minimum award that can be applied for is £1,000. The maximum award is £7,500.
8. Members of the Stewartry Area Committee will make the final decision on the amount of funding which is granted to each project.
9. Applications will be monitored throughout the term of the project delivery and must agree to the conditions of the Monitoring arrangements upon signing the Grant Agreement Acceptance Forms. This includes the completion of client Case Studies highlighting the positive outcomes made by their project.

**HELP AND SUPPORT**

If you require support or have any queries, please contact your local Ward Officer in the first instance <https://dumgal.gov.uk/wardworking>

**TIMETABLE**

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| 17 May 2024 | Open for Applications |
| 12 July 2024 | Deadline for Applications (8 weeks) |
| 2 August 2024 | Compliance checks completed (3 weeks) |
| 23 August 2024 | Scoring Panel Assessments (3 weeks) |
| **18 September 2024** | **Area Committee Meeting - decisions** |