Stewartry Area Committee

PRIORITIES, ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

TACKLING POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES BUDGET – SMALL GRANTS

**PRIORITIES**

The priorities for funding are projects which support:

* **Digital connectivity**
* **Food insecurity and clothing**
* **Fuel poverty**

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Projects supported via the Large Grants in 2024 (in whole or in part) are ineligible.
2. Applications can only be accepted from Constituted Organisations.
3. Requests for 100% of the total cost of the project from D&G Council sources may be considered.
4. Applications will only be accepted for projects which will be delivered within the Stewartry area. Organisations wishing to deliver a multi-area project must apply separately and distinctly to each Area Committee, outlining the specific impact on each particular area applied to.
5. Applications for collaborative projects will be welcomed and encouraged. 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.
6. Projects which are currently being delivered by Dumfries & Galloway Council, the NHS or jointly with additional partners through the Integration Joint Board (IJB) will not be considered. This includes projects supported by Tackling Poverty and Inequalities funding currently.
7. Applications from religious groups will only be considered for projects which do not include religious activities.

**CRITERIA**

1. Applications to this fund must demonstrate how the project/service directly contributes to the [Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Poverty and Inequalities Strategy Objectives and Priority areas of work](https://communityplanning.dumgal.gov.uk/media/25574/Dumfries-Galloway-Poverty-and-Inequalities-Strategy-2021-2026/pdf/Dumfries-and-Galloway-Poverty-and-Inequalities-Strategy-2021-2026-FINAL.pdf?m=637799343653570000)
2. Applications are encouraged from new and/or previous recipients for projects which will further mitigate against the cycle of poverty.
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. In particular, how your project will help to increase incomes of the individuals and families supported and/or how it will reduce their costs.
4. Organisations should demonstrate they are not reliant on this funding source.
5. The Lead Officer for the Fund, in consultation with local Ward Members, will make the final decision on the amount of funding which is granted to each project. Assessments are made on a first come first served basis until the fund is fully allocated or by the 31 March 2025.
6. All successful grant applicants must promote the support from Dumfries and Galloway Council and agree to attend any networking event held by Dumfries and Galloway Council and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway during the term of the project, where recipients may be invited to share their experience.
7. Projects must conclude by the **end of September 2025** with final Monitoring Reports to be submitted by **1 October 2025.**

**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>

**CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence should be submitted to GrantApplications@dumgal.gov.uk