



## Falkirk Council

# Community Empowerment Grant Guidance for Groups

**Falkirk Council have received funds from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. In conjunction with Falkirk Council CLD and CVS Falkirk this funding is available to Community groups across Falkirk. Funds are available to support revenue costs or for Community Asset Transfer. This funding is open all year round until the start of 2025.**

### What is the criteria?

Outlined below is the three funds on offer and the criteria for each fund.

	Criteria	Purpose	Max award
Start up	Non constituted groups, new groups or those starting up.	To assist with any initial startup costs, e.g., Bank account set up, hall hire, getting a constitution in place.	£2,000
Small Grant	Groups who are constituted.	To assist with any barriers to sustaining or developing your group/service.	£8,000
Community Asset Transfer (CAT)	Groups who are going through CAT or looking to begin this process.	To cover any costs associated with CAT e.g., Legal fees, additional survey, expert advice.	£12,500

A requirement of this funding is that groups take part in a capacity building activity with either Falkirk Council Community Learning Development and/or CVS Falkirk to build capacity, sustainability and resilience within the Third Sector.

## How to Apply

Applications are available online on the Falkirk Council website and paper copies in local libraries and community centres which can be returned via post.

Should you be unable to access the form from these sources please contact [spf.communities@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:spf.communities@falkirk.gov.uk).

This fund can be applied for in conjunction with other funding opportunities e.g., Community Choices. It must be clear that any funding requested is for different elements. **N.B This fund can be used as match funding for alternative awards.**

## Awards Process

An awards panel comprising of community planning partners, Third Sector organisations and Falkirk Council, will review all applications and inform groups of the outcome of their submission within 8 weeks of receipt of completed, eligible application.

Award panel decisions are final, there is no appeals process.

Any monies awarded must be spent within one year of receipt of award letter.

## Contact Information

For any enquires regarding the Community Empowerment Grant please do not hesitate to get in touch, we are here to help with any questions you have and to support in any way possible. Please email us at [spf.communities@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:spf.communities@falkirk.gov.uk)

Falkirk Council Community Learning Development Team are here to help groups with any capacity building or to offer support to complete applications, please contact them at [communitydevelopment@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@falkirk.gov.uk)

CVS Falkirk is a Third Sector Interface (TSI), supporting third sector organisations within Falkirk District. If you require capacity building or organisational development support to complete the form, please, get in touch with CVS Falkirk & District at [info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk](mailto:info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk)