

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

COMMUNITIES MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING FUND FOR ADULTS

YEAR 4

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS BY MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (the Fund) for adults will be open for applications on Monday 30 September 2024. Applications for funding should be made via regional Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs).

Please note, although the official opening date is Monday 30 September, some TSIs may open their application process earlier. We would encourage you to contact your TSI directly to confirm.

Background

The Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults was established in October 2021 and to date has distributed around £51 million with more than 4700 grants made to local projects across Scotland. A further £15 million is available to community organisations for 2024/25.

The Fund has a strong focus on prevention and early intervention and aims to build and develop capacity within community organisations to support the mental health and wellbeing of individuals. It aims to help tackle the impact of social isolation, loneliness and mental health inequalities made worse by the cost of living crisis.

An estimated 300,000 people benefitted from the Fund in the first year alone. Over 1400 community projects were supported in Year 2 (2022/23), with a further increase in Year 3 (2023/24), as more than 1500 grants were issued to support mental health and wellbeing projects across Scotland.

Regional TSIs, working in collaboration with local partners, deliver the Fund locally, distributing funding to grassroots community organisations.

Further background information on the Fund can be found here.

How to apply for support from the Fund

To make an application for support from the Fund you will need to contact your regional TSI and enquire about the local application process. To find the contact details for your TSI please visit the TSI Scotland Network website <u>here</u>.