

Community Resilience Large Grant for Third Sector Organisations

It is recognised that during emergencies, severe weather events and prolonged power outages VCSEFⁱ groups (Voluntary, Community, Social Enterprise and Faith groups) can and do offer support to communities; for some dealing with crises is their day to day business and for others it is an extension of their activities.

Some of these groups have a unique understanding and trust with the communityⁱⁱ they serve and can communicate more effectively with them than statutory responders.

To support these organisations to help communities in Aberdeenshire prepare and be resilient to an emergency, severe weather or prolonged power outage we are offering this grant.

Who is this grant for?

Third sector, voluntary, SCIO, community groups, faith groups are eligible to apply for this grant.

ANY, not for profit group with a constitution and bank account or affiliated to one that does, where it supports individual or community resilience in an emergency, severe weather or prolonged power outage.

How much can be applied for?

Between £2,000 and £20,000

What can the grant be used for

The fund will support projects that improve the preparedness and resilience of its community to an emergency, severe weather event or prolonged power outage.

We particularly welcome applications which demonstrate the following:

- A sustainable approach
- That their project connects their community
- That their project provides a solution to an identified community problem
- That partnership working is demonstrated

Priority will be given to

Projects which demonstrate innovative approaches to improving the resilience of vulnerable community membersⁱⁱⁱ.

Projects from communities which have been identified as currently having low resilience^{iv}.

Projects which enable a group to continue to operate its services to support vulnerable community members in an emergency, prolonged power outage or severe weather event.

Projects which support the Local Resilience Partnership (LRP^v) or the LRP would directly request support from.

Projects which have not received other SSEN funding.

Other considerations

Three quotations will be mandatory for the purchase of items where the grant exceeds £10,000. Three quotations for grants below £10,000 will be looked on favourably as an exercise in value for money.

Unless the building it applies to is your own, written permission for works to be undertaken will be required by the building owner. Please see the process in Appendix I for Council buildings as an indicative guide.

Evidence of consideration or possession of insurance for items, property or activities may be asked for.

Should items requiring a contract or maintenance agreement be purchased as part of the grant you should document how you anticipate the contract payments to be sustained outwith the lifespan of the grant.

Training is within the scope of this grant, please ensure you document how the training will support preparation for and resilience in an emergency, severe weather or prolonged power outage, making clear the number of people being trained, cost of training and room hire as appropriate.

What won't be covered?

Large Scale flood projects are not covered by this grant.

This grant is not for providing individuals with cash to purchase their own equipment. However equipment can be provided to individuals as part of the grant if there is a clear demonstrated need.

Anything that requires planning permission or owner permission that has not yet been granted. If permission has been granted we will require this in writing.

Payments for activities or equipment which are the responsibility of statutory authorities^{vi} are not included.

Staff costs or salaries are not included in the scope of this grant.

Cost of building works is not included.

Activities taking place outside of Aberdeenshire are not covered by this grant.

Timescales

The funding for this grant will be released in two tranches:

- **Tranche one** Applications to be received by 31st July
- **Tranche two** Applications to be received by 30th November

Application

[Aberdeenshire Council/SSEN - Large Grant Application Form – Fill in form](#)

Questions

For any questions relating to this grant please contact aimi.bluelman@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Glossary of terms

ⁱ VCSEF – Voluntary, Community, Social Enterprise and Faith [groups]

ⁱⁱ Community – a community may be considered as a geographical community or a group with a collective interest

ⁱⁱⁱ Vulnerable community members - individuals may be vulnerable for many reasons for example because of a physical or mental disability, age, ill health, rurality etc and that vulnerability may be known or may arise as a result of an emergency

^{iv} Low resilience – A community having low resilience may be a location with little or no support from a group, or may be a community of people with a vulnerability reducing their resilience to an emergency situation.

^v LRP – Local Resilience Partnership

^{vi} Statutory authorities – Police, Fire and Rescue, Ambulance, NHS, Council