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Renfrewshire's Alcohol and Drugs
Partnership Community Grants



INTRODUCTION

Renfrewshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) brings together partners to reduce the harms caused by problematic alcohol and drug use.

As part of their ongoing commitment to applying a community led approach the ADP will work in partnership with Engage Renfrewshire to deliver a community grants programme (The SURE Fund) supporting grass root responses to preventing and reducing alcohol and drug related harm in Renfrewshire.

This investment is underpinned by a whole systems approach and the principles of local and national frameworks, with emphasis on lived and living experience, person-centred and trauma informed practice, harm reduction and community empowerment.

Community Grants Guidance

Grant Purpose:

To build community resilience and well-being through targeted small scale local interventions leading to longer term positive outcomes for individuals, families and the wider community affected by alcohol and drugs.

The ADP welcomes applications that have a particular focus on (but not exclusive to):

- Recovery based activities (including evenings and weekends).
- Developing opportunities for individuals to take part in activity that could help to develop skills, try something new, volunteer or make connections with other people in the community.
- Proposals that focus on engaging with young people about alcohol, drugs and challenging stigma in an innovative way

Who Can Apply?

- Constituted third sector or community organisations working in Renfrewshire.
- Groups that support people, families, and communities affected by alcohol and/or drug use.
- New or small organisations are welcome to apply (support is available to help with the form).

How Much Can Be Applied For?

- Small grants of up to £20,000 are available.
- You can only apply for one grant per funding round.

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What Can Be Funded?

Projects or activities that:

- Reduce alcohol or drug related harm.
- Support recovery and wellbeing.
- Involve people with lived or living experience.
- Build stronger, safer, and more connected communities.

Examples: peer support such as recovery cafes/peer led spaces , community events, creative activities, awareness-raising, training, family support, volunteering.

What Will Not Be Funded?

- Individuals applying in their own name.
- Statutory bodies (e.g. councils, NHS).
- Activities that promote politics or religion.
- Routine running costs not linked to the project.
- Retrospective costs (spending that has already happened).

What Should Be Provided?

- Completed application form.
- Governing document/constitution.
- Most recent accounts or bank statement.
- Safeguarding policy (for work with children/vulnerable adults).

How To Apply

- Complete the short application form and return it by midday on 13 May.
- Support is available from Engage Renfrewshire to help if you have questions.
- Email to: info@engagerenfrewshire.com

Decision-making

- Applications will be assessed in late May.
- Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate community involvement and strong impact.

Monitoring & Reporting

- Funded groups will need to submit a short report on how the money was spent and the difference made.
- See next page for monitoring timeline.

Timeline for Delivery

Stage 1 - Application and assessment period

- Launch of SURE Fund - applications open for 6 weeks.
- Consultative support available from Engage Renfrewshire.
- Applications close **midday on 13 May**.
- Panel assessments late May.
- Offer letters distributed, group evidence submitted and allocations distributed.

Stage 2 - Delivery Period (12 months from receipt of funding)

- Groups deliver activity in line with successful application.
- Mid-point engagement session with all projects.
- Short interim report submission including spends, successes, challenges and participant feedback.
- All data collated by Engage Renfrewshire and submitted to ADP Steering Group for review, follow up information may be sought.

Stage 3 - End of Project Reporting

- Following successful completion of delivery, end of project report to be submitted.
- Report to cover: activities completed, learning from project, next steps for projects (where applicable), participants feedback, and overall final spend.
- All data collated by Engage Renfrewshire and submitted to ADP Steering Group as an end-of-year evaluation report.



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