

## **Launch of the Investing in Communities Fund**

### **New £11.5m fund open: Investing in Communities**

A new Scottish Government fund is now open to community groups to help tackle disadvantage, poverty and inequality in communities.

The Fund is open for applications from Tuesday 7th May 2019 until the deadline of Friday 14th June and is delivered as part of the Empowering Communities Programme. The Investing in Communities Fund is a new streamlined communities fund to tackle disadvantage, poverty and inequality that encourages community-led development, design and delivery of sustainable local solutions addressing local issues, circumstances and aspirations across a broad range of community led activity

#### [Information on the Investing in Communities Fund](#)

Eligible applicants include community anchor organisations, community councils and third sector organisations that promote or improve the interests of their local communities, and community social enterprises that re-invest profits generated for the sustainable and lasting benefit of the local communities being supported.

The minimum amount which can be applied for is £3,000 over a six month period, while the maximum is £250,000 over three consecutive years providing stability and recognising the need for longer term planning in some projects.

The funding is for 2019 to 2020. The fund is open for applications **until 6 pm 14 June 2019** with grant offers expected to commence in September this year.

Applications should be submitted via e-mail to [investingincommunities@gov.scot](mailto:investingincommunities@gov.scot) **no later than 6 pm on 14 June 2019**.

**If you have any questions regarding this guidance and/or the application process please send an email to [investingincommunities@gov.scot](mailto:investingincommunities@gov.scot)**

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