

Scotland's CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund – Deadline Approaching

CashBack for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses the money and goods seized from criminals to benefit young people in Scotland.

The funding for projects in 2019/20 will support the Scottish Government's aim to tackle inequalities by having a greater focus on young people from areas of deprivation.

Groups can apply for grants to deliver targeted youth work activity programmes which provide diversionary youth work activities for young people aged 10 to 24 years old, who face one or more forms of disadvantage as follows:

- Living in areas of deprivation (priority will be given to projects working in communities within the top 20% SIMD).
- Being unemployed, not in education or training.
- Being excluded, or at risk of exclusion from school.
- Being at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending/re-offending.

To be eligible, projects must meet the four 'Mandatory Outcomes', which are:

- Building capacity and confidence.
- Developing personal and physical skills.
- Changing behaviours and attitudes.
- Improving wellbeing.

In addition, they must meet at least one of the 'Optional Outcomes', which are:

- Increasing school attendance and attainment.
- Increasing engagement in learning, training, work and volunteering (positive destinations).
- Increasing participation in positive activities.
- Diverting them from criminal behaviour or involvement with the criminal justice system.
- Helping them to contribute positively to their communities.

Each local area has its own allocation of funds. The funding cannot support proposals that cover multiple areas.

The deadline for applications is 7 December (1pm).

For more information please go to:-

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/cashback-for-communities/>