

To give you some ideas for grant applications, some examples of successful awards in Round Three included:

→ *Banchory Peer Education group received an award of £478 towards to cost of a residential weekend to help young people develop their presentation skills.*

→ *LGBT Youth Scotland was awarded £48,619 to provide a holistic and inclusive of model youth engagement and involvement with their client group.*

→ *Kinlochleven Youth Café received £2,083 to help young people to learn to sail and take part in the local sailing club.*

→ *Dumfries YMCA will use their award of £21,885 to continue the operation and development of an existing Tuesday Youth Group, develop a Community Drama Group as a tool in youth work, provide Streetwork, identifying local needs and establish regular holiday programmes for young people.*

→ *Baldernock Community Association has used their award of £3,909 to employ a trained and experienced part-time youth worker to develop the programme of activities for young people attending Baldernock Youth Club.*

→ *The Ripple Project was awarded £15,890 to run a drop-in youth club providing opportunities for young people to mix with their peers, have fun and access information and support.*

→ *Biggar Youth Project received £12,000 to continue and develop a young persons lunchtime drop-in café offering a choice of healthy snacks/drinks plus evening sessions providing a range of activities.*

→ *Nevis Canoe Club will use their award of £2,083 to give local young people from the Fort William area the chance to experience outdoor activities such as canoeing and kayaking.*

Application Forms and Notes of Guidance can be downloaded from the YouthLink Scotland website at:

www.youthlinkscotland.org

Please send completed applications to the address below:

CashBack for Communities Fund
YouthLink Scotland
Rosebery House
9 Haymarket Terrace
Edinburgh EH12 5EZ

As part of the application process you will need to provide quotes and/or information sheets for all items of expenditure, a copy of your most recent audited accounts or budget statement, the application must be signed by a senior officer or committee member and your independent referee has inserted their statement of local priority/need.

Applications can also be emailed to hselby@youthlink.co.uk

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- Do you deliver youth work projects in an area of multiple deprivation?
- Are the young people in your area at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and anti-social behaviour?
- Are the young people aged 10-19 years?
- Are there gaps in local youth work provision in your area?

Then read on to find out how the CashBack for Communities Fund could help you to increase youth work events and activities in your area.

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Thinking of Developing a Funding Application?

Project Activities Should:

- ➡ Target young people from areas of multiple deprivation (as defined in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2006).
- ➡ Fill gaps in provision for young people taking account of defined and identified local priorities and needs – this should add value and build on existing provision.
- ➡ Be open to all young people but target those involved in or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs or anti-social behaviour.
 - ➡ Clearly state the client group.
 - ➡ Support and encourage the involvement of local people (particularly young people) in the development, management and running of the project.
 - ➡ Increase adult volunteering.
 - ➡ Demonstrate that the proposed project is developmental in nature and supports young people to develop soft skills and signpost them to other appropriate activities.
- ➡ Promote good behaviour and a positive image of young people.
 - ➡ Ensure that the issue of accessibility has to be built into the proposal.
 - ➡ Events and activities should be free at the point of access.

Some other tips and hints for making a successful application to the CashBack for Communities Fund

- ➡ Involve young people in the design and delivery of the project from the outset.
- ➡ Clearly demonstrate that young people are involved in the management of your organisation.
- ➡ Three quotes from suppliers will provide best value and it shows that you have prepared your application.
- ➡ Tell us something about the area of deprivation where your project will be based. The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2006 will assist you.
- ➡ Don't be unrealistic about what you can achieve. Make sure you have the capacity to deliver to the number of new beneficiaries quoted.
- ➡ Remember that you will be expected to provide accurate monitoring and evaluation of any award you receive and this will be tracked by YouthLink Scotland and the Scottish Government.
- ➡ As always, all items of expenditure will need to be receipted and accounted for in your audited accounts, so keep good financial records.
- ➡ Each local authority area has limited resources to award, so grants to a maximum of £10k will be priority.

How are grant applications assessed?

- ➡ The CashBack for Communities Fund is unique in Scotland as it is the only source of funding that is peer assessed.
- ➡ Grant applications are received at YouthLink Scotland and quickly checked for accuracy to ensure that all the requested attachments have been submitted.
- ➡ Complete applications are logged and forwarded to individual assessors in the youth work sector who have been trained by YouthLink Scotland on the very innovative Bid Assessment Tool (CashBack BAT).
- ➡ Every application is assessed by at least two independent assessors, who return their completed assessments electronically to YouthLink Scotland. These are then forwarded to your local Assessment Panel who make recommendations of awards.
- ➡ YouthLink Scotland provides technical support throughout this process, however the decisions on awards are taken by the members of the local Assessment Panels independently of YouthLink Scotland.
- ➡ The whole process can be concluded within a three month timeframe that delivers real results to young people in local communities.