

# Glasgow City Council

## Integrated Grant Fund 2018/19

### Questions and Answers Briefing

#### December 2017



This briefing is for organisations that are in receipt of Integrated Grant Fund (IGF) for the period **1 April 2015 – 31 March 2018** and provides information on arrangements for 2018/19. You should use this information to brief your Board members and members of staff about how we intend to move forward in 2018/19.

#### 1. Why has the Council decided to extend IGF funding to Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations in 2018/19?

The current IGF programme ends on **31 March 2018**. The Council recognises that the IGF is a valuable resource for the City, that potential IGF funding uncertainty will be difficult and worrying for organisations and that this may adversely impact upon service provision.

Whilst we are not yet in a position to provide details of specific grant awards for 2018/19, the City Government intends that the majority of community and voluntary sector IGF grant recipients will receive a one year extension until **31 March 2019**. The current IGF award would be at existing levels and will provide:

- An element of clarity and stability to organisations; and
- Continuity of service for Glasgow Citizens who use and value the services provided by the organisations that are funded via IGF.

#### 2. When will the Council make a formal decision on IGF Grant Awards for 2018/19?

The Council will agree its Budget for 2018/19 including an overall IGF allocation by **31 March 2018**.

We currently anticipate that a detailed report on IGF with specific grant recommendations will be submitted to the Council's City Administration Committee and Glasgow Community Planning Partnership by **18 May 2018**.

#### 3. Will there be any savings applied to the IGF budget?

Whilst there has been a commitment to continue funding for all third sector awards at the same level, it is yet to be determined (based on the Council Budget) whether there will require to be savings from IGF in 2018/19.

#### 4. Where will any IGF savings be targeted?

The Council is aware of the potential impact that further IGF savings could have.

The commitment to one year awards for the majority of community and voluntary sector IGF grant recipients, means that any savings would mainly be targeted at Council Arm's Length External Organisations (ALEOs), Council departments and large public sector bodies.

This approach however does **not** guarantee that all other IGF awards will remain the same for the 2018/19 financial year.

#### 5. When will we receive confirmation of IGF Grant Awards for 2018/19?

It is anticipated that Grant Awards will be confirmed by **18 May 2018**.

#### 6. Will we need to submit a Funding Proposal Form (FPF)?

The previous FPF covered the period **1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018**. Although in most cases the majority of projects will still deliver the same service, it may be that some of the information will be out-of-date.

All funded organisations will be required to submit a FPF including financial plans and programme outcomes for the period **1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019**. You will receive further information early in 2018 with guidance on completing the FPF and timescales.

#### 7. Will my award be at the same level as 2017/18 or can we apply for more funds?

You will not be able to apply for **more** IGF for 2018/19. It is intended that the majority of community and voluntary sector IGF grant recipients will receive a one year extension of their **current IGF award at existing levels** therefore you should complete your FPF to reflect this.

#### 8. When will payments be made for 2018/19?

The Council will release the equivalent of **3 months funding** for the period **1 April to 30 June 2018** – this will be based on your current (2017/18) IGF Award. Payments to payroll providers will be made by end March 2018 and block grant payments will be released by mid-April.

We hope that this will allow you to continue to deliver your services, however, you should note that payment of this 1<sup>st</sup> quarter does **not** guarantee that your IGF award will remain the same for the 2018/19 financial year.

9. What if my project only received a one year Grant Award from IGF?

A number of projects received one year Grant Awards from IGF. Funding for future years for many of these projects was subject to conditions being met or reviews being completed. Alternatively projects may be short-term pieces of work and coming to a natural end.

If you only received a one year award from your respective IGF Programme you will receive a separate email from the Grants and Initiative Office updating you on the current position regarding any grant award for 2018/19.

10. Are you providing any type of support to help Organisations manage this?

Council officers have recently been working with partners including GCVS, CEIS and Jobs & Business Glasgow to deliver a series of workshops and support for IGF grant recipients. Further information will sent to you early in 2018.

11. What will happen at the end of 2018/19?

The Council's [Strategic Plan 2017-22](#) for Glasgow outlines a number of strategic priorities that the City Government intends to take forward over the next few years. This includes carrying out a review of IGF in 2018/19 with the intention that a reformed Grant Programme will be operational from April 2019. This review will consider:

- New criteria for accessing funding;
- How to widen access to the Fund to include previously excluded groups;
- How the Council can be a fairer funder – examining how we can fund projects for longer than a year and how we facilitate reporting on spending; and
- Other issues raised by the sector.

We want to ensure that we provide a full and genuine opportunity for a wide range of partners and stakeholders to give their views on the future arrangements for grant funding and we will keep you informed about this.