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Hello

Welcome to the first 2025 edition of our news bulletin where you'll find latest updates and important information about your Grant/s.

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GLASGOW COMMUNITIES FUND (GCF)



2026-29 Application Process is still LIVE!

The application window is open until **12:00 midday, Monday 7 April 2025**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered.

Information Sessions – In collaboration with GCVS, we delivered 5 online information sessions to assist organisations applying to the Glasgow Communities Fund. These sessions (held on 19th, 21st, 24th, 25th, and 26th February) provided an overview of the Fund's aims, the application process, and available support. Over 450 participants attended, and feedback was very positive.

If you missed the sessions, you can watch the recording here:
<https://youtu.be/PbWsviEzGoE>.

Next Steps

- Applications will be assessed from April to August 2025.
- Funding decisions are anticipated by November 2025.
- Successful projects will typically run from April 2026 to March 2029.

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For the full application pack and guidance, visit the [Glasgow Communities Fund - Glasgow City Council](#) website. For enquiries or technical support, contact the Grants Team at cesgrants@glasgow.gov.uk.

GLASGOW COMMUNITIES FUND 2023-26

Final MS1s – due by 30 April 2025 - It's that time of year again! Grant recipients must submit their **Final MS1 Position Statement for 2024/25 by 30 April 2025**, unless an extension is agreed with your Monitoring Officer.

Payment Process Reminder – Here's a reminder that the payment arrangements for your project award will, in most cases, be determined by the value of your annual grant:

Award Amount	Initial Payment
Less than £30,000	100%
Between £30,001 and £74,999	50% of grant at start of financial year (2 nd Payment requires submission of satisfactory MS1 form)
£75,000 and over	Two months of grant at start of financial year (subsequent payments require submission of satisfactory MS1 form)

Payments will be made from 1 April 2025 unless there is an alternative agreed payment method in place.

GCF Performance Monitoring Framework

Progress Visits – By now, all of you will have met your Monitoring Officer and received a Progress Visit. The officers have loved meeting with you and getting to see the wonderful work that you do. Visits for next year will be scheduled soon.

Annual Monitoring Return (AMR) – We're now at the end of the second year of the three-year GCF programme (1 April 2023 - 31 March 2026). As part of the GCF Performance Monitoring Framework, we'll soon be asking you to submit your AMR, where you can share the progress, impact, and achievements of your project for **1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025**.

A link to complete the AMR will be emailed to you, so please keep an eye on your Inbox towards the end of April.

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GLASGOW'S HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (GHP)



Spring Programme 2025 – The Spring programme will run from **Monday 7 – Thursday 17 April 2025**. We wish you success and sunny weather! Keep an eye out for the Spring Monitoring Survey, coming soon.

Applications for 2025–26 programme – Applications to Glasgow’s Holiday Programme 2025-26 have been assessed. Funding decisions are expected by the end of April 2025, and we will keep applicants updated on progress.

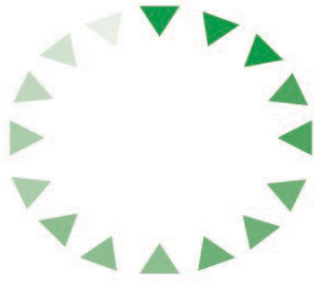
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Violence Against Women and Girls research – Social Value Lab was recently commissioned by the Council, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and Inspiring Scotland to conduct a needs assessment of gender-based violence (GBV) service provision in Glasgow with a particular focus on the North-East of the city. The evaluation report is now available on our GCF webpage here - www.glasgow.gov.uk/glasgowcommunitiesfund under ‘Glasgow Communities Fund 2026-2029 Related Content’ and may be of interest to any potential GCF applicants under the “Challenging Violence Against Women and Girls” funding theme.

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Climate Action Week



Glasgow's Climate Week 2025

Supported by Sustainable Glasgow

Glasgow's Climate Week will help to promote many examples of climate-positive work that are already happening across the city and support connections between people and organisations to further develop ideas. This year, Glasgow's Climate Week will be from **Monday 12th – Friday 16th May 2025**.

The dedicated Glasgow's Climate Week webpage, available [here](#), will be updated regularly so please take a look to find out more about the activities that will be happening across the city during Glasgow's Climate Week.

If you are running an event during Glasgow's Climate Week and would like to see it listed on the webpage then please get in touch at sustainability@glasgow.gov.uk

Glasgow 850



There are only a few days left for organisations to apply for the second phase of the Glasgow 850 Festival Fund, offering another opportunity for existing festivals and events to support the city's birthday year. There are two funding strands available:

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Strand 1 - £30,000 fund - event organisers can apply for up to £5,000 to enhance an existing city festival or programme of activity that will run between June and December, this year - the second half of the city's anniversary year and is designed to support and add value to popular city events and festivals by incorporating Glasgow 850 themes and activities.

Strand 2 - £20,000 fund - applications are invited from incorporated community groups and organisations, to bid for small grants of up to £850, towards local events, projects and activities. This could be for new or existing community events such as gala or family fun days, sports activities or heritage walks and talks.

Applications for both strands are open until **Friday 4 April 2025**. Full terms and eligibility and application criteria is available [here](#).

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



7 April at 12 midday: Glasgow Community Fund 2026/29 Application Window closes.

7 April to 17 April: Spring Holiday Programme

30 April 2025: Last day to submit the Final MS1 Position Statement for 2024/25

April to August: Assessment of Glasgow Communities Fund 2026-29

CONTACT US

We hope you have enjoyed this bulletin. If there is anything you would like to see in future bulletins or if you have any queries about your grant, please contact us at cesgrants@glasgow.gov.uk and one of our team will be in touch with you.

Best wishes, the Grants and Monitoring Team

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