



LAURIESTON / HUTCHESONTOWN / OATLANDS / RIVERSIDE

# Reconnect

£30,000 to support local groups and individuals to respond to the impacts of Coronavirus and help our community reconnect.

## Application Guidance

May 2020





# Welcome & Introduction

After more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions it's great to finally be moving towards a more normal way of life but the last year has taken its toll and there's lots to be done to get our community back on track.

Here at the Gorbals Ideas Fund we want to make sure local people, groups and services have the opportunity to play their part in helping the Gorbals community Reconnect.

There's always been a great community spirit in the Gorbals and we want to make sure this spirit returns, so we're working with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership to make £30,000 available to fund ideas that will bring people back together and begin to overcome the impacts of Coronavirus.

**There are two application forms, one for grants of up to £500 and another for grants of £501.00 to £4000.00. Please be sure to complete the correct form.**

If you have any questions about the guidance or your eligibility to apply please contact Jo on 0141 429 3900 or email [info@gorbalsideas.org.uk](mailto:info@gorbalsideas.org.uk).

# What is the Gorbals Ideas Fund?

The Gorbals Ideas Fund (GIF) was established in April 2018 and is led by the community, for the community.

People who live in the Gorbals form our Community Panel and use their knowledge, skills and experiences to design, develop and deliver Participatory Budgeting across the area.

Participatory Budgeting gives local people more control of funding and budgets, making sure everyone can have their say in decisions that affect their life. Participatory Budgeting also gives individuals, groups and services the opportunity to develop and deliver activities that make the Gorbals an even better place to live.

This way of involving people is being used all over the world and we think it's the best way of putting local people at the heart of local solutions and funding decisions.

Our funding comes from the Scottish Government and Community Lottery Fund along with Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, New Gorbals Housing Association and Urban Union.

You can find out more about Participatory Budgeting on our website: <https://www.gorbalsideas.org.uk/participatory-budgeting>.

# What we know about Coronavirus

Anyone can catch Coronavirus, also known as Covid-19. For some people it feels just like a cold, but for others it can be life threatening or even fatal. At the time of writing this guidance around 147million cases had been confirmed across the world, with 3.1 million of those cases resulting in death.

In Scotland over 225,000 cases of Coronavirus have been confirmed, with over 7,600 people dying as a result. This means around 4% of people who had the virus have died, this is very high in comparison to other viruses such as seasonal flu, which kills around 100 people each year.

Some people have been found to be at much greater risk if they catch Coronavirus; people with underlying health conditions, such as Asthma, COPD and those undergoing cancer treatments. People aged 70+, who have diabetes, are very overweight or women who are pregnant are also considered to be at higher risk and everyone in these groups were advised to shield during the height of the pandemic.

## The Impacts of Coronavirus

To stop the spread of Coronavirus there have been lots of restrictions, limiting our ability to do the things we enjoy like attending clubs or visiting friends and family.

With all that has happened it isn't surprising that more of us than ever are struggling with feelings of loneliness, frustration and sadness. For many of us our mental health and wellbeing has been affected, along with our physical health too. Some people have lost their jobs, or had their income reduced due to furlough while outgoings have increased because we're spending more time at home.

It will take a long time for our community to recover from the impacts of Coronavirus, but we think that by involving local people and groups in this recovery, we'll get there faster!

# Reconnect with GIF

Our Reconnect Fund has been set up to encourage local people and groups to think creatively about how we can address the impacts of Coronavirus, while staying safe and well.

There are 4 priorities for the fund:

- Reducing social isolation and loneliness
- Improving mental health & wellbeing
- Improving physical health & wellbeing
- Income inequality and poverty

*See page 13 for a few examples of what you could do within these priorities.*

Everyone in our community has been affected by Covid-19 and we encourage ideas that give everyone in our community the chance to come together, in groups or as a whole.

If you can, try to demonstrate how you will make efforts to involve people who may be less connected, e.g. people who speak English as a second language, single people who aren't in education, training or employment, people with hearing or visual impairments, people who experience poor physical or mental health and those with disabilities.

## Funding Levels

A total of £30,000 is available:

- Constituted groups, services and organisations can apply for up to **£4000.00**;
- Individuals and informal groups can apply for up to **£500.00**.

There is a simple application form for grants of up to £500.00 and a slightly more in-depth form for larger awards. **Please make sure you complete the appropriate form.**

# Who can apply?

Anyone can apply to the fund.

We actively encourage applications from children and young people and individuals who may struggle to have their idea funded elsewhere. We can offer one to one support to children and young people or groups working with children and young people through Panel member Kim, a highly experienced Youth Worker.

If you are under 18 years old, you need an Adult Sponsor to support your application - someone who can help you develop and deliver your idea. You can read more about Adult Sponsors on page 12.

If you live or are based outside the Gorbals you need a Local Sponsor, someone who lives in the area, to support your application. You can read more about Local Sponsors on page 12.

- **Public Bodies and Arms Length Executive Organisations**

The Gorbals Ideas Fund prioritises community-led applications.

We know public bodies and Arms Length External Organisations (ALEOs) contribute a huge amount to our community and often lack funds, however we would ask that you work with a community-led organisation to lead your application, or commit to match-funding your idea.

Participatory Budgeting is designed to build participation in public budgets and spending, so we have the capacity to help you address funding concerns and worries by involving the local community. We would welcome the opportunity to support your organisation through collaboration and co-production with the community. Please contact Jo on 0141 429 3900 to chat about the help we can provide.

# Costs we won't fund

We want to make sure our funds bring the greatest possible benefit to Gorbals people and the community. With this in mind there are few things we won't fund:

- Core costs and shortfalls in funding;
- Work that has already been carried out;
- Ideas that are not open to new local people;
- One-off trips and fun days;
- Marketing and publicity materials that are not related to your idea;
- Specialist equipment that can only be used by one person or for one purpose;
- Consumables e.g. one-off publications;
- Building or renovation works that don't involve and include local people.

Funding cannot be used to buy alcohol or tobacco or to buy gifts for members or other people involved in your activity.

If you have any queries please contact Jo on 0141 429 3900 or email [info@gorbalsideas.org.uk](mailto:info@gorbalsideas.org.uk).

## Can we apply for match funding?

Yes, you can apply for match funding to help deliver a new initiative or idea.

# Completing your application

Firstly, please make sure you complete the right application form. When completing the form give as much detail as you can about your idea and pay particular attention to:

- **The Difference You Want to Make**

This is your chance to tell the Community Panel how important your idea is and why it will help address the impacts of Coronavirus.

- **Costing Your Idea**

Cost your idea carefully and accurately. The Community Panel may come back to you for more details if you don't provide enough information about how you will spend funds or if they think you could get better value for money.

When you have completed your application email it to [info@gorbalsideas.org.uk](mailto:info@gorbalsideas.org.uk) or send it to Jo Speirs, GIF, c/o New Gorbals Housing Association, 200 Crown Street, Glasgow, G5 9AY.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:  
MONDAY 31 MAY at 5PM**

## Application Assessment

All applications are assessed individually by the Community Panel. The Community Panel only assess based on the eligibility criteria and funding priorities.

If the Panel need more information or have ideas on how you could improve your idea we'll get in touch for a chat.

If the Panel reject your application we'll provide a full explanation about why this decision was made.

**The Assessment Meeting for this round: Wednesday 9 June**

# Community Voting

All eligible applications will be put forward to the Gorbals Ideas Fund Community Vote.

Community Voting invites local people aged 8+ from the greater Gorbals area (Oatlands, Laurieston, Hutchesontown and Riverside) to vote for their preferred ideas - the things they think would make the biggest difference to them and the community.

We use digital voting to gather votes through a secure voting website; [www.vote.gorbalsideas.org.uk](http://www.vote.gorbalsideas.org.uk). To vote you need an email address along with your postcode and date of birth.

Digital Voting will open on Saturday 26 June at 12noon and will close on Saturday 3 July at 4pm. Votes will be counted and successful ideas will be announced on Facebook Live at 6pm on Saturday 3 July.

Each person who is eligible to vote is asked to spend the entire £30,000.00 funding pot, or as close to it as they can get. Funding is allocated to the ideas with the highest number of votes until the funding pot runs out.

- **Those who do not have access to digital voting**

Where possible and in line with government guidelines, we will host open voting sessions across the area to make sure those who don't have digital access can exercise their right to vote.

If we are unable to host open voting sessions we will make sure alternative options are available.

*As an applicant you are encouraged to promote digital voting to the community and those using your service.*

# Successful Applications

If you are successful we will issue a Grant Offer Letter and a Grant Acceptance Form. It is important that you read the Offer Letter as there may be conditions attached to your funding.

If you are happy with these conditions you must sign the Grant Acceptance Form and return it to us. We will then authorise the release of your funding which will be paid by BACS and come from New Gorbals Housing Association.

- **Ongoing Support**

We will provide ongoing support in the form of Connect Sessions.

Attendance at Connect Sessions is a condition placed on ALL successful projects and individuals. The Sessions are informal meetings that bring together grantees past and present to share skills, learning and experience. These sessions will be delivered via Zoom until it is safe for us to meet in person.

# Unsuccessful Applications

If you aren't successful we'll call you to discuss other ways we may be able to help you develop and deliver your idea.

# Get in touch...

If you have any questions about applying for funding, would like more information about anything discussed in this guide or would like some help with an application please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Contact Jo on 0141 429 3900 or email [info@gorbalsideas.org.uk](mailto:info@gorbalsideas.org.uk).

# Information on Sponsors

- **Adult Sponsor**

If you are under 18 years old we ask you to nominate an Adult Sponsor, someone who can help you develop and deliver your idea and overcome any problems you might encounter. Your sponsor could be a family member, friend, teacher or youth worker.

- **Being an Adult Sponsor**

If you agree to be an Adult Sponsor you are agreeing to support the young person's application and give them any help and advice they may need to make their idea a success.

We are here to help throughout the funding period should you or the young person you are sponsoring need any help, advice or support.

- **Local Sponsor**

We have limited funds but we want them to go as far as they can to make positive changes in the Gorbals. We want ideas and activities funded by the Gorbals Ideas Fund to be the start of something new and exciting.

By asking projects and people based outside of the Gorbals to nominate a Local Sponsor it helps us ensure they have a connection to the area, understand our community and are keen to deliver activities in the Gorbals over the long-term.

- **Being a Local Sponsor**

As a Local Sponsor you are agreeing that you know the person or organisation you are sponsoring and will help them understand and engage in the area.

# Examples

- **SOCIALLY DISTANCED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Getting outside has never been more important for physical health and mental well being. You may want to think about developing some socially distanced outdoor activities. You could apply for funds to buy equipment, pay a qualified instructor to deliver an exercise programme or develop tool kits to help individuals and families explore the area.

- **HEALTHY EATING ACTIVITIES**

A healthy diet can really help our overall health. We'd welcome ideas that support people to access healthy foods and learn how to prepare them.

- **PROMOTING RELAXATION AND HAPPINESS**

The last 8 months have had an impact on the mental health and well being of so many of us. We'd like to see ideas that encourage people to look after their mental health, promote relaxation and boost happiness.

- **NEW COMMUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS**

How can we re-build a sense of community and connectedness? How can we encourage people who don't traditionally take part in community activities (e.g. young single people and couples) to get involved? We'd love to hear your ideas on how we can spark new connections across our community and reduce social isolation.



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