



LAURISTON / HUTCHESONTOWN / OATLANDS / RIVERSIDE

£20,000 for 2020

Application Guidance

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in the Gorbals Ideas Fund. We've developed this guide to help you understand more about the fund, what you can apply for and how funds are awarded. Funding criteria changes with each funding round so please take the time to read this guidance carefully, even if you've applied before.

There are two applications, 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.

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.

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

What we'll fund

We will fund activity that makes the Gorbals an even better place to live.

We are particularly interested in applications that give local people more opportunities to take part in community life, build social networks and improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

What we won't fund

We want to make sure GIF funding brings the biggest possible benefits 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.

Funding Levels

The total funding pot has increased to **£20,000**:

- Constituted groups, services and organisations can now 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.

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 9.

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 9.

Can we apply for core costs?

Unfortunately we can't accept applications to cover core costs or shortfalls in funding.

If you are having difficulties with funding please contact Jo on 0141 429 3900 or email info@gorbalsideas.org.uk and we'll try to help.

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 appropriate 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, why it is needed in the Gorbals and what change it will make. Describe your idea as clearly and fully as you can.

- **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 or send it to Jo Speirs, GIF, c/o New Gorbals Housing Association, 200 Crown Street, Glasgow, G5 9AY.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:
FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2020**

Application Assessment

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

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 is Tuesday 10 March 2020.

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.

Voting will open on **Saturday 21 March 2020** at 12noon and will close on Saturday **28 March 2020** at 4pm.

Votes are cast online through a secure server with each person voting to spend the whole £20,000.00 funding pot, or as close to it as they can get.

We will host open voting sessions across the area throughout voting week to make sure those who don't have digital access can exercise their right to vote.

Voting will end on Saturday 28th March 2020 at 4pm. Votes will be counted and funding will be awarded to those ideas with the greatest number of votes until the funding pot runs out.

You or a representative must be available to attend the final voting and celebration event on
Saturday 28 March 2020.

If you or a representative do not attend on Saturday 28 March 2020 your application will be withdrawn.

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.

Unsuccessful Applications

If you aren't successful we'll invite you in for a chat to see if there's another way we can 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.

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.



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