

Southport Recovery Youth Programme Small and Medium Grants Fund 2025 FAQ's

Sefton CVS, in partnership with Sefton Council, are providing small and medium grant funding for Southport based VCF sector organisations and community groups that support the priorities of the Southport Recovery Programme.

The fund aims to support the delivery of new or additional youth activities for children and young people age 10 to 18 (or up to 25 with SEND) living in Southport with the following grants available;

- **Small grants available up to £1,000.**
- **Medium grants available from £1,000 to £5,000.**

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the grant scheme open and close?

The scheme will open on Wednesday 10 December 2025 and close for applications on Sunday 25 January 2026 at 11.59pm.

How can I apply?

You can apply by visiting; seftoncvvs.org.uk/southport-recovery-youth-programme-small-and-medium-grant-fund/

The application form is also available in word format on request.

Please read the [grant guidance here](#) before completing your application. The fund aims to support the delivery of youth activities for children and young people age 10 to 18 (or up to 25 with SEND) living in Southport.

How much funding can I apply for?

You can apply for a maximum of £1,000 for small grant or £5,000 for medium grant inclusive of VAT. In exceptional circumstances the award may exceed this amount.

How do I know if my organisation is eligible to apply?

You cannot apply if you are a:

- Public sector bodies (for example NHS trusts)
- Schools
- Private sector organisation or private businesses
- Projects for residential buildings

Can I submit more than one application?

Yes, you can make one application to each fund. Please note individual application forms must be completed for each grant.

Can I work in partnership with another organisation?

Yes, we would be delighted to accept applications from organisations working together. One organisation will need to apply for the funding and distribute to their partner organisation.

What documents do I need to prepare for my application?

You will be required to submit all of the following documents as part of your application:

- The constitution / set of rules of your organisation
- Your organisation's latest annual accounts, or income/expenditure statement for the last 12 months
- A copy of your organisations Safeguarding Policy

What happens if some documents are missing from my application?

If you don't have all the relevant documents for your application, please contact us at southportresponse@seftoncvvs.org.uk before you apply, as you may not be eligible to apply.

What date could I start my project if I am awarded a grant?

The earliest start date would be March 2026, but this would not be confirmed until a grant offer letter is sent.

How long will I have to complete my project?

You have until the 31st December 2026 to complete the project following receipt of the grant.

What does a budget breakdown mean?

A budget breakdown should include a brief description of what you are purchasing and the cost. For example,

Item	Quantity	Total
Room hire @ £20 per hour	X 2 hours for 6 weeks	£960
Sessional Youth Worker @ £20 per hour	2 hours per week for 24 weeks	£960
Refreshments @ £5 per week	X 6 weeks	£120
TOTAL: £2040		

Records of expenditure must be kept and available if requested.

Can I amend my application once it has been submitted?

Yes, we will accept minor changes once your application form has been submitted. If additional funding is required you should include this in your application.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

If your application is successful, you will receive a grant offer letter by email. The letter will ask you to sign a grant acceptance form and terms and conditions and return it to us before we can start to make payment arrangements. All unsuccessful applicants will be informed in writing.

Will I receive my grant payment in one lump sum or is there a payment schedule?

Yes, we will pay grants upfront once we receive a signed grant agreement.

What will happen if I don't submit my application by the deadline?

Unfortunately, we cannot accept late applications. If you are having issues submitting your application, please contact southportresponse@seftoncvss.org.uk before the deadline.

I am still unsure if my project is eligible, can you provide further help?

We would welcome the opportunity to hold a meeting to discuss your project and provide further guidance. Please contact us by email at: southportresponse@seftoncvss.org.uk