

Southport Recovery Youth Programme Small and Medium Grants Fund 2025

Introduction

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.**

Small Grants funded must meet one or more of the following:

The fund is designed to give one-off grants of up to £1,000 to community and voluntary organisations that will deliver activities which meet 1 or more of the following outcomes:

- Young people are connected through positive relationships
- Young people participate using their voice to enable change
- Young people are aware, build their health and wellbeing and promote inclusion
- Young people learn and improve their skills for themselves and others
- Young people are active citizens in their communities

Medium Grants funded must meet three or more of the following:

The fund is designed to give one-off grants of between £1,000-£5,000 to community and voluntary organisations that will deliver activities which meet 3 or more of the following outcomes:

- Young people are connected through positive relationships
- Young people participate using their voice to enable change
- Young people are aware, build their health and wellbeing and promote inclusion
- Young people learn and improve their skills for themselves and others
- Young people are active citizens in their communities

Individual applications can be made by organisations to each of the above grants. Organisations and community groups **must** be delivering services directly to residents of Southport.

Application Process

1. Application Form- completed fully with a breakdown of the costs, signed and dated including bank details.
2. Documents you will need to provide if requested:
 - Governing Documents – Constitution, Memorandum & Articles of Association
 - Safeguarding Policy
 - Annual accounts statements

Applying

To apply for the small/medium grant fund please visit:

seftoncvvs.org.uk/southport-recovery-youth-programme-small-and-medium-grant-fund/

A word document application is available upon request.

Closing Date for applications: 11.59pm Sunday 25 January 2025

Who is eligible to apply?

Eligible organisations must:

1. Be a constituted voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise organisation, operating on a not-for-profit basis.
2. Eligible legal structures include:
 - Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations (CIO's)
 - Constituted organisations and non-registered charities
 - Community interest companies (CIC's) limited by guarantee and community benefit organisations (where there is a minimum of three unrelated directors)
 - Community Groups
 - Faith based groups
3. Have a bank account in the name of the organisation which requires at least two unrelated people to sign cheques and make withdrawals.

4. Have a robust Child/Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policy & Procedure where applicable and evidence that staff and volunteers are DBS checked.
5. Be a VCF organisation based in and supporting children and young people of Southport.

Who is not eligible?

- Public sector bodies (for example NHS trusts)
- Schools
- Private sector organisations and businesses
- Organisations where their registered or operating address is outside of Southport area

What is not eligible?

- Expenditure not considered to support the above themes
- Grants that are considered to be revenue based e.g. staffing or ongoing costs such as a contribution to running costs
- Start-up costs for new organisations
- Retrospective funding: costs that have already been incurred
- General building work or repairs
- Activities not supporting children and young people living in the Southport area

Examples of what could be funded:

- Projects that support children and young people in developing and improving their confidence, learning and skills.
- The development of new projects and initiatives e.g. purchasing equipment for the creation of a SEND space.
- Projects focusing on inter-faith activities
- Projects supporting diverse communities
- Supporting young people to volunteer in their community
- Projects engaging young people in intergenerational activities
- Projects providing activity to improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people
- Detached youth work in Southport
- Community events hosted in Southport for children and young people
- Partnership work between VCF organisations based in Southport working together to deliver a joint project.

Monitoring and Evaluation

If successful you will need to:

- Complete your activities by 31st December 2026

- Complete a short end of project report evidencing the benefits of the grant and impact on the community, by end of January 2027
- Provide a minimum of one short case study
- Details of expenditure such as receipts or invoices on request

What Happens Next

Applications will be considered by a grants panel and will be assessed on the impact that the project will have on the key themes.

The closing date for applications for this one-off grant is: **11.59pm Sunday 25 January 2026.**

Late or incomplete applications cannot be accepted. This includes applications that do not include the required supporting documentation. Please refer to the eligibility criteria, guidance notes and FAQ's sheet carefully before completing your application.

If you are unsure or have any questions about the supporting documents required, please contact Sharon Cotterall before submitting the application.

If we can be of any help, or you would like to talk to us about your project, then please email southportresponse@seftoncvvs.org.uk with your contact details and we will arrange for a member of the team to get in touch.