

## **Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund**

£15 million National Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund - **£509,542** for Renfrewshire

To provide significant investment into community support for adults, building on the children and young people's community wellbeing supports currently being rolled out across Scotland

Fund will be locally focused – work with local partners and strong connections with community groups - Engage Renfrewshire is the point of contact for enquiries, applications, delivery of grant monies and collection of monitoring

This year's funding to is be fully allocated by the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2022), but anticipating further funding 2022/23 (subject to confirmation)

## Fund Aims and Criteria

Promote and develop good mental health and wellbeing - protect against the impact of distress and mental ill health within the adult population

Tackle issues within the Scottish Governments Transition & Recovery Plan such as; suicide prevention, social isolation and tackling loneliness

Address the mental health inequalities exacerbated by the pandemic and the needs of 'at risk' groups – women, BAME, disability, socio-economic, bereavement, older people, LGBTI, geographic, refugees, trauma,...

Focus on supporting projects with a strong community focus - delivered by groups and clubs, voluntary or community organisations, registered charities, and not-for-profit company or Community Interest Companies.

## Applications...

Appropriate 'light touch' application process to enable access to the fund—some guidance will follow but flexible to local processes

Amount of funding – expectations of some smaller grants (i.e. £10K and under) and flexibility to provide some larger grants (i.e. around £50k)

Potential for smaller amounts to Non-constituted groups

Monitoring, 'light touch' local suggestion of evidence gathering of programme's impact via experiences of participants, i.e. groups provide a story of change for participants, could be via photos, video, poetry, tbc

Scottish Government would like to see local application processes open to applications by 30th November – we intend to be going ASAP!



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