

Foundation Scotland announce funding for Edinburgh charities

Foundation Scotland announces targeted partnerships with Edinburgh charities to deliver significant Covid related support

Foundation Scotland, Scotland's community foundation, has awarded over £1 million through thirteen new strategic response grants. Funded in partnership with the National Emergencies Trust, projects have been identified as those that will enable the funder to deliver on its key priorities designed to assist the third sector in providing specialist support needed through the pandemic.

The community foundation has played a pivotal role distributing key funding through the crisis and the £1 Million support announced is further to the £3.6 million already awarded to more than 900 grassroots organisations nationwide via the Response, Recovery & Resilience Fund.

Launched in March, the community foundation's crisis fund was the first source of community funding to open as Covid-19 took hold of the country and has so far reached over 1 million people in need across the country.

Strategic support will be delivered to local organisations delivering support to those living across Edinburgh and the Lothians. Edinburgh-based Children 1st will receive over £104,000 to help support their essential money advice, family

wellbeing and outdoor activity programmes. Shelter Scotland will receive £30,000 to support homeless people in the city. Community Law Advice Network (CLAN) will also receive a £30,000 grant to help deliver their core services supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people.

Working in partnership with other major Scottish funders such as the Scottish Government and SCVO, Foundation Scotland chairs the newly-established Scottish Emergency Funding Advisory Board (SEFAB) which brings together essential expertise to recognise, assess and identify the key priorities for funding across the country. In total, the funders have identified nine priority funding themes and they work together to ensure all needs are adequately addressed. Examples include support for those with poor or worsening mental health, those with poor access to critical services or care, those experiencing bereavement and support for those in poverty or at risk of poverty or destitution.

Mental health challenges have been widely recognised as a key area of need throughout the crisis. In recognition of this SAMH (the Scottish Association for Mental Health) will receive a Foundation Scotland strategic grant of over £100,000 to deliver a partnership programme offering tiered mental health support to key workers.



Graeme Henderson SAMH

Graeme Henderson, Executive Director of Delivery and Strategic Development at SAMH, said “SAMH is committed to making sure people get the mental health support and information they need, when they need it. Frontline workers have been under considerable pressure in recent months and we would like to thank Foundation Scotland for providing this funding, so that we can help these staff who have worked tirelessly under very difficult circumstances.”

The new strategic grants awarded by Foundation Scotland will deliver financial support to multiple funding priorities.

In total over £1,168,127 will be distributed between the thirteen charities as follows: Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) (£105,000), BEMIS Scotland (£104,000), Shelter Scotland (£30,000), Community Law Advice Network (£30,000), Children 1st (£104,750), Dundee North Law Centre LLP (£30,000), Govan Law Centre (£30,000), JustRight Scotland (£30,000), Legal Services Agency Ltd (£28,265), Castlemilk Law and Money Advice Centre (£30,000), Glasgow Council for the Voluntary Sector (£307,000), Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland (£98,912) and the Scottish Refugee Council (£240,000).



Helen Wray

Helen Wray, Programmes Manager at Foundation Scotland said “We are incredibly proud of these new awards which will make a significant impact across the Third Sector. This level of strategic support will enable these charities to deliver the essential support needed to help some of the most vulnerable who are suffering through the crisis.

“We understand that charities across the country are struggling more than ever to raise the funds they need, and at the same time many are experiencing increased demand for their services. It an unnerving time for many. We would encourage other groups to check our website for further funding programmes. We’re also keen to engage with new potential funders whose donations will enable Foundation Scotland to extend this vital support even further within Scotland’s hardest hit communities.”

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