

Falkirk Food Future



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Falkirk Food Futures is funded by the UK Government through the UK Community Renewal Fund.’ The UK Community Renewal Fund is a UK Government programme for 2021/22. This aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK to pilot programmes and new approaches to prepare for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. It invests in skills, community and place, local business, and supporting people into employment. For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus>



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Falkirk Food Futures Partnership

CVS Falkirk
The Third Sector Interface for Falkirk and District



NHS
Forth Valley



Falkirk Council

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Background



NHS Forth Valley commissioned needs assessment of access to dignified & sustainable food, post initial pandemic



FEL & partners developed Falkirk Food Futures as response to the recommendations within the report.

- ▶ Funded by Community Renewal Fund - UK Government
- ▶ £534k
- ▶ Timeline Nov 2021 - June 2022

Falkirk Food Futures Activity

Grants between 5k-£30k to support community food projects to get good food projects underway; and create new jobs in the food community sector

Education activities and events in Falkirk communities

Work with Falkirk community food networks to help increase skills sharing, advice and support

Digital skills inclusion and training courses, and carbon literacy courses

Workshops to learn about community use and reuse of land for urban agriculture

Encourage marginalised young people in Falkirk to engage with food programmes

Train marginalised young people become good food ambassadors throughout Falkirk

Partners work together so that Falkirk becomes a [Sustainable Food Place](#)

Provide links and support for Covid Emergency Food Volunteers, to access counselling and support services

Outcomes

1. Improving dignified access to nutritious, sustainable, acceptable, affordable food
2. Build capacity and/or capability within their staff or volunteer teams
3. Improve health and wellbeing via improvements in our food system and food environment.
4. Provide opportunities for communities to cook, grow and eat together.
5. Increase availability and use of seasonal, locally grown and produced food
6. Support the local food economy
7. Redistribute acceptable surplus food (not just any food)
8. Reduce food waste
9. Improve access to and awareness of digital networks and platforms
10. Develop community reuse/climate hubs which promote net zero lifestyles

Falkirk Food Futures Fund

- Part of the wider Falkirk Food Futures Programme, which is funded by the UK Government, via the Community Renewal Fund
- Total Allocation of the Falkirk Food Futures Fund is £300,000.00
- Falkirk Food Futures Programme is managed by Forth Environment Link, and its core programme partners are Falkirk Council, NHS Forth Valley, CVS Falkirk and Forth Environment Link
- Programme finishes on June 30th 2020

Eligibility Criteria

Who can apply;

- voluntary and community organisation
- constituted group or club
- registered charity
- Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO)
- not-for-profit company
- community interest company (CIC)
- Community Council
- Community Trust

We also recognise that lots of new or small organisations whom were involved in supporting the emergency pandemic response. If you are one of these and not listed above, please get in touch with our team for a conversation about your application. Note we will considered funding projects from local authority, it would need to demonstrate partnership that is led by a community. Community organisations are the priority for the fund.

Eligibility Criteria

Complete your project and project spending by 30th June 2022. This means you must be able to deliver your project activity, spent your funds and completed your project by no later than the 30th of June 2022.

For any projects with capital costs, that any permissions, leases, legal documents, planning permissions, licences, warrants are in place.

Project must be able to present updates to the Falkirk Food Futures team as requested, this will be in the form of a mid-point review meeting, final summary report, and be happy to be contacted by the monitoring and evaluation consultants working with the Falkirk Food Futures team

Mandatory Outcome

- ↴ **Must achieve the following outcome**
- ↴ Improve dignified access to nutritious, sustainable, acceptable, affordable food
- ↴ Three further outcomes, four in total.

Outcomes to choose from

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What We Don't Fund

- ↓ Proposals that do not clearly demonstrate Falkirk Food Futures processes and outcomes.
- ↓ Purchase of emergency food (supported by different funders)
- ↓ Applications from individuals, sole traders, organisations based outside Falkirk Local Authority area.
- ↓ Memberships of private clubs e.g. gyms, golf and bowling clubs
- ↓ Excessive management overheads and core cost recovery

How are the Grants Assessed

- Local panel - CLD, Voluntary sector, Fairer Falkirk, NHS Forth Valley, Third Sector Interface.
- Individual assessment and collective decision making
- Scoring system
- Full and partial allocation considered
- Chaired by Forth Environment Link

Types of Eligible Expenditure

- ↓ We ask if your project is revenue or capital or both. Revenue refers to projects that are looking for funding to deliver or support project/service activity, types of expenditure typical of revenue-based projects are things like;
- ↓ Staff Costs
- ↓ Office/Space costs
- ↓ Events/Activities related costs
- ↓ Marketing/Media costs
- ↓ Digital costs
- ↓ Volunteer costs
- ↓ Travel costs
- ↓ Training costs
- ↓ Equipment purchases or hire

Types of Eligible Expenditure

- ↓ Capital refers to projects that are looking to change/create infrastructure, types of expenditure typical of capital- based projects are things like;
- ↓ Installation of a community kitchen
- ↓ Installation of a community garden
- ↓ Change of use of land or premises
- ↓ **It is unlikely that this fund alone will be sufficient to pay for a capital project solely, but could contribute to a wider funding package that would help you deliver your project. This is because capital projects tend to be costly by nature. Also, it is worth bearing in mind that only 54k of the 300k available is for capital grants.**

Match Funding - In-kind funding

- ↳ Match funding is not required for this fund. However we are interested in hearing about any other funding you have towards the project, confirmed or unconfirmed
- ↳ In kind funding is not required for this fund. However we are interested in hearing about any in kind funding, such as volunteer hours

Keep it Simple

Within the application there are sections for telling us about your project, who your community is, what the need is etc

- ⤵ There are word counts please, don't feel like you have to use all the words and do not exceed the word count
- ⤵ We are not interested in how you write, we only want to know facts, so keep it simple, use bullet points if you like, basically just tell us in your own words.

Application Scoring

Points are allocated for the following elements, and an overall score will be applied.

- ↓ Meet the minimum four Falkirk Food Futures outcomes, and how well.
- ↓ Value for money, efficiency and using resources effectively
- ↓ Ability to deliver in timeframe
- ↓ Assessment of project risks
- ↓ Sustainability and legacy of project
- ↓ Needs of the target community

NOTE: If an application is submitted that is from an ineligible organisation, or does not meet the eligibility criteria it will not be scored.

Project Ideas

This slide is to give a few possible ideas of food projects;

- ↓ Community Garden/Allotment/Market Garden/Food Growing Training/Education
- ↓ Community Kitchen, making meals, batch cooking and sharing, training, social contact
- ↓ Food Sharing Hub/project, such as community fridge, redistribution point for food reuse or re-processing
- ↓ Community Orchard or Nuttery for production of fruit and nuts for community
- ↓ Community Meals, bringing together people to have food, be social, teaching volunteers how to cook meals for large numbers
- ↓ Feasibility study for growing projects, community led food enterprise projects
- ↓ Food logistics' project, for example buying a cargo bike to help with the collection and distribution of acceptable and surplus food
- ↓ Providing IT equipment/Wi-Fi or training that supports people to access online services/functions that means they can do things like place online food orders, learn skills etc

Further Information

- ↓ Fund opens soon, date TBC
- ↓ Fund closes TBC
- ↓ Application process still to be announced
- ↓ <https://www.forthenvironmentlink.org>

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emily@forthenvironmentlink.org

Other Funders

Falkirk Food Fund

The current fund running up to the end of March is the Falkirk Food Fund.

The local Falkirk Food Fund was established to enable food provision groups to continue to support families and individuals. This is part of the Scottish Government's COVID-19 investment package distributed to Falkirk Council to provide financial support for local communities who continue to provide support for food insecurity throughout the pandemic.

The monies are available for new or extended food providers in the community that is being delivered solely in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which supports all members of the community experiencing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

This is a local Falkirk Food Fund intended to allow organisation to access funding for food and other essential items normally provided by food providers. This fund offers support for these costs to carry out food provision activities up to 31st March 2022.

Falkirk Food Fund

The fund is intended to support:

- Food - including dry, fresh, frozen food, formula milk
- Specialist food, for dietary and cultural requirements
- Toiletries including toothpaste, soap, shower gel, nappies. Excludes period products*
- Household products including cleaning materials and toilet roll

This fund will not cover the following costs:

- Costs of paid staff
- Overheads including utilities, rent, insurance
- Volunteer expenses
- Equipment costs

This fund will also not cover fuel expenses associated to food provision, the volunteer expenses fund is available for this, organisations can apply by emailing info@volunteerfalkirk.org.uk .

Period products are also not covered, groups can access these by contacting Fairer Falkirk at fairerfalkirk@falkirk.gov.uk

Organisations request should be based on the number of households they support. Monthly payments are made monthly in advance and worked out based on the formula £12 per household per week x 4 weeks.

In order to understand the support being provided to people in financial hardship, weekly reports are submitted.

If you need any further information on the Falkirk Food Fund contact Nicola Cox, nicola@cvsfalkirk.org.uk.

Other funds

NHS Forth Valley - Community Food Activity Grants

Grants up to £400.00

<https://nhsforthvalley.com/health-services/health-promotion/nutrition/community-food-development/>

NHS Forth Valley - Covid Grants

Grants up to £500

<https://nhsforthvalley.com/covid/local-support/covid-19-response-grant/>

Community Opportunities Resource Pack

Grants up to £500.00

<https://www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/funding-open-for-applications-community-opportunities-resource-pack/>

Volunteer Expenses Fund - Applications for directly COVID related activities can still be accepted until end Jan 2022

<https://www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/volunteer-expenses-fund-2021-22/>

Other Funds

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

<https://www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/communities-mental-health-and-wellbeing-fund-launched/>

Community Choices Fund

Small Grants up to 5k

<https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/people-communities/community-choices/>

Communities Place Based Fund

Grants 5k minimum

[Community Choices - Place-Based Capital Programme | Falkirk Council](#)

Awards for All

£300 -£10K

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-scotland/>