

“Collaborating for change: Responding to Child Poverty in Powys”

Local Engagement Pilot Initiatives Grant Guidance 2024

1. What is the Local Engagement Pilot Initiatives Grant?

Welsh Government recently confirmed funding for a partnership project between Powys County Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) through their Child Poverty Innovation Grant. Within this project Powys County Council and PAVO allocated funding for a small grant scheme called the **Local Engagement Pilot Initiatives** to support families and children who are experiencing poverty or impacted by the cost-of-living crisis.

This small grant scheme offers a funding opportunity where individual organisations and groups can apply to deliver community focused initiatives and events that will focus support for low-income families, families experiencing poverty or those impacted by the cost of living.

Each successful organisation or group will be asked to provide feedback from the voices of individuals supported by activity / activities that they provide. This will be used to shape future Powys Child Poverty Task Force activity and can also be used by individual organisations to further their work and build evidence for future projects and activities. Suggested engagement questions will be provided to each successful group but will not be prescriptive.

2. What is the purpose of this grant?

This small revenue grant scheme will fund community focused initiatives that support children, young people and families, and enable community based organisations and groups to apply for a small grant to deliver engagement opportunities and events. Each successful organisation or group will be asked to provide feedback from the voices of individuals supported by the activity/activities they provide. This will be used to shape future Powys Child Poverty Task Force activity and can also be used by individual organisations to further their work and build evidence for future projects and activities.

3. Who is this grant open to?

The scheme is open to all sectors. (Community groups, Voluntary organisations, Schools, Early Years settings, Health Board, Local Authority, other Public sector organisations and private businesses) who are delivering activities for children and young people within the county of Powys.

4. What type of initiatives will this grant support?

We will support community focused initiatives that support children, young people and families, by offering a small grants scheme where individual organisations and groups can apply to deliver community-based engagement opportunities. Each successful organisation or group will be asked to provide feedback from the voices of individuals supported by activity. This will be used to shape future Powys' Child Poverty Task Force activity.

The funding is available to:

- Enable organisations and groups to deliver community focused initiatives that are community specific
- Increase engagement at a community level with children, young people and families who are experiencing poverty
- Provide a range of quantitative and qualitative data to inform the work of the Child Poverty Task Force
- Collaborative bids from more than one delivery partner are also welcomed. (A lead organisation will need to be identified for financial and monitoring purposes)

This is for revenue funding ONLY.

Suggested activity could include and is not limited to:

- A family meal activity
- Clothing or equipment swap shop
- Toy exchange
- Seasonal events with free activities
- Excursions
- Play opportunities / activities
- Sport Opportunities / activities
- Art / cultural activities
- Intergenerational activities

5. When must the activities and grant be completed?

All activities must be delivered and funding spent by 31 March 2025.

6. When is the application window open?

The application window is open between 11 November 2024 and 29 November 2024 (closing at 12 noon on 29 November)

7. When do and applications need to be submitted and to where?

Please complete application forms and return these to education@powys.gov.uk by 12 noon on 29 November 2024. Applications will not be accepted after this time.

8. How much funding can we request?

Each application request can range from £50 to £1500 and include a description of the activity/activities that will be on offer and how the activity will support the collection of information from, and engagement with children, young people and their families. If your proposed activity costs more than this then please explain your reasoning behind this and provide the associated costings.

9. What will happen to the information that is gathered through these initiatives?

This information will be used to inform the Powys Child Poverty Taskforce on the needs of children, young people and families in Powys, as well as help design future child poverty reduction activities in Powys.

10. How will funding be allocated?

Funding will be allocated depending on number and quality of responses received. All activities provided must be **free** for children, young people and families to attend.

11. Is this one-off funding or reoccurring funding?

This is one off grant funding and will primarily be used to fund activities to support engagement with children, young people and families but can also include the purchase of resources if the resources is part of the activity offered.

12. What is excluded?

Grants will not be funded to support applications that seek to advance political or faith-based perspectives. Capital funding is not included in this grant.

13. How do we feedback after the activity?

Grant applicants will need to complete a feedback form regarding how many children, young people, and families that they worked with, and the number of sessions provided as well as providing feedback as part of the engagement exercise. The voices of children, young people and their families and carers is vital.

14. Is there anything else applicants need to do?

- Applicants will be expected to confirm that the relevant DBS, insurance, safeguarding policies, risk assessments and training is in place where appropriate. Evidence of these documents MAY be requested from successful applicants.
- You will be required to sign and return a grant agreement on behalf of the lead organisation before commencing delivery of your activity.
- Each funded project will be expected to complete and provide feedback evaluation.
- Please confirm that you have two authorised (and unrelated) signatories for the organisation / budget holders

15. When do we need to spend the funding by?

Grant funding **must** be spent, and projects completed by 31 March 2025.

The closing date for applications will be 12 Noon on 29 November 2024.

Applications will be discussed and considered by a multi-agency panel.