



Mull & Iona Covid-19 Local resilience Fund

Guidance notes

How will the fund operate?

This fund is being delivered across Mull, Iona, Ulva, Gometra and Erraid by a partnership of MICT, SWMID, NWMCWC, THA and Iona Village Hall Community Trust. MICT is the lead partner and administrator of the fund. Applications will be considered on a weekly basis by a panel made up of the partner organisations (MICT, SWMID, THA, NWMCWC and Iona Village Hall Community Trust). Applications can be submitted directly to any of the partner organisations.

The £50,000 fund has been provided by Scottish Government and is administered by Highland and Islands Enterprise.

How much can you apply for?

Applications are invited for amounts as low as £100 up to £3,000. Larger applications will be considered only in exceptional cases.

Who can access the fund?

The Fund is open to any constituted community group that has a bank account in its own name requiring 2 or more signatories. If you are not a constituted group and do not have a bank account, you could still apply under the umbrella of another constituted group. E.G. your local village hall committee, MICT, NWMCWC, THA, IVHCT or SWMID. You will need to agree with the other group before submitting your application.

What will the fund support?

Any new or extended activity (started no earlier than 16th March 2020) in the community that is being delivered solely in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Examples include:

- Food preparation and distribution to those who can't buy it for themselves or are unable to access it due to self-isolation
- Advice for people on accessing benefits and emergency funds for fuel, accommodation etc
- Connecting services and volunteers – transport costs / fuel / volunteer phone and broadband costs
- New activity to meet additional demands for energy - fuel cards for those with no means to pay
- Digital tools to enable people to remain connected – zoom subscriptions
- Online music tuition
- Online singing groups
- Online education for school groups



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Who do I contact if I have questions about my application?

You can contact any of the following people for help or advice:

Moray Finch:	mfinch@mict.co.uk
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Application Process

1. Fill in the application form
2. The completed application should be sent by email to enquiries@mict.co.uk
3. The panel will meet every Tuesday to consider applications and you will be informed by the Friday after the meeting.
4. If approved, a letter of grant offer and acceptance of grant form will be sent to the applicant.
5. Once the signed acceptance form, agreeing to the terms and conditions, is returned to enquiries@mict.co.uk the funds will be released.

Monitoring Process

Successful applicants will be required to provide basic information retrospectively showing how the funding was spent.

As part of our reporting to the Scottish Government we will need confirmation from successful applicants that any grant awarded has been spent in accordance with the approved application and that the expenses form provided with the grant offer letter is completed and all invoices and receipts are attached. Scanned copies of receipts are acceptable.