



Third sector resilience fund for Wales – Phase 3 – New Support

ELIGIBILITY – GOVERNANCE MODELS

In order to be eligible, you must: -

- Be an incorporated body based in and operating for the benefit of people in Wales
- Have governing documents containing suitable asset lock and dividend distribution control
- Have the ability to demonstrate suitable oversight and independence from a qualified and quorate Board with a minimum of three directors or trustees
- Have appropriate minimum policy standards in place (eg safeguarding). Support packages will be available to help applicants improve where necessary
- Have one of the following legal forms: -
 - Company limited by guarantee
 - Community interest company (limited by shares or by guarantee)
 - Community benefit society or similar cooperative structure
 - Charitable incorporated organisation
 - Company limited by shares where it is a subsidiary of another eligible legal form
 - Financial mutuals

Unincorporated groups are welcome to apply, but incorporation must be an immediate part of your plans. No funds will be released until you have become an incorporated body.

Further information on the differences between incorporated and unincorporated bodies can be found in this [information sheet](#).

For support in the process you may want to contact your local [CVC \(County Voluntary Council\)](#) or [Social Business Wales](#) if you are planning on incorporating.

ELIGIBILITY – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Organisations who have previously been funded via the previous two Third Sector Resilience Fund programmes are eligible for additional funding through Phase 3. However, previous TSRF applicants will have to demonstrate a significant change in circumstances or a prolonged effect of COVID-19 should they require further funding through the Survive strand of Phase 3. For this reason, preference will be given to applicants who have not received funding previously.

Survive

- This strand is designed to support those voluntary sector organisations that need financial support to survive the current crisis primarily because of an unprecedented fall in their fundraising and donation income. We realise that many organisations will have a mix of fundraising/donation income and trading income.
- We understand that the financial support available to organisations impacted by COVID-19 is continually changing. However, if your financial situation is predominately because of a loss in trading income we will expect you to have considered your eligibility for the grant support made available by Welsh Government and whether it is a better fit than this funding. There may also be certain sector specific funds available to you eg Arts Council of Wales, Sport Wales, etc. However, if there is a reason

why you can't access this support as a voluntary sector organisation then we may still be able to support you.

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate they have suffered or are about to suffer a significant loss of income as a result of COVID19 factors. After pursuing all other options available to them to reduce costs to the minimum essential for survival of the organisation and having sourced specific support from other funds, a shortfall in cash flow remains.
- There is only a finite pot of money and it cannot be expected to cover 100% of an organisation's costs during this period. We want the fund to be as accessible and as bureaucracy free as possible, so are not prescribing too many hard and fast rules about the amount being asked for within the ceiling. However, we would ask that organisations respect the fact that this is an emergency fund and only request what they genuinely need to survive, thus enabling us to offer support to as many as organisations as possible.
- There will be a limit to the number of larger awards that we can make and it might be necessary to reduce the scale of individual awards subject to overall demand.
- There is no formal requirement to show evidence of need, but we will be asking what other measures have been taken to minimise the amount being requested. Having unrestricted cash reserves does not preclude an organisation for applying for support, but there is an expectation that a relevant proportion of those reserves will be used in conjunction with the funding being requested in this application as part of your plan for survival. Unrestricted reserves are there to support you on a rainy day, this is that rainy day.
- There is no expectation that an organisation will have to have applied for loan funding to cover essential spend during this period. However, if they deem it appropriate, use of this scheme does not preclude such loan applications being made to support other needs.
- We will be looking for evidence that an applicant was not in financial difficulties prior to the crisis and that the package of measures that it intends to put in place, including this support will keep it in existence for at least the next six months.

ELIGIBILITY – COSTS

Survive

- Below gives an idea of eligible and non-eligible costs as they relate to the strand. The list is not exhaustive and what can be covered could be down to very individual circumstances. As a broad rule of thumb they are unavoidable revenue spend:

Eligible	Not eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff salaries for those not furloughed and still required for business continuity or service delivery purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital element of repayments on borrowings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rent on buildings where the landlord is unwilling to defer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business rates where support is available elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest on existing borrowings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HMRC payments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pension contributions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplier invoices, including new invoices for continued service delivery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business rates where no other support available	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance premiums	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any costs associated with acquiring the agreed accreditations	

Thrive

Costs should be related to the activity detailed in your proposal. You will be required to compile a forecast during the application process. To be eligible, any spend will need to lead to additional income generation over time or leave a definitive legacy within the business so as it becomes demonstrably more resilient for the future

While the fund is generally aimed at revenue costs, some capital costs can be considered within an overall cap of £5,000. The list below is again indicative rather than exhaustive:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff salaries for new posts related to the proposed activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing staff salaries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing costs relating to new activity funded under Diversify or an improved service under Improve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General marketing costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The costs associated with setting up or improving a fundraising strategy including salary for a fundraiser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital element of repayments on borrowings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs associated with amending your website to include the ability to make sales / take bookings / accept donations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business rates where support is available elsewhere
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a robust impact recording and reporting process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMRC payments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Related legal costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any costs associated with existing activity
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance premiums relating to new activity 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT equipment needed for new or improved activity (within £5k cap) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease on buildings if taking on a new property or minor property improvements (within £5k cap) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any costs associated with acquiring the agreed accreditations 	

Eligible	Not eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interest costs associated with any new borrowings relating to the activity	

If you believe that you are eligible and would like to proceed to make an application, please sign in to WCVA's MAP [online portal](#).