

### Community Benefit Fund: Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. How long will the application process take?

The application process may take up to 60 days, but for larger funding requests this might take a little longer.

#### 2. How much can I apply for?

You can apply for an unlimited amount, but please remember to support your request with evidence of costings and an explanation of what you are asking for.

#### 3. How long would I need to wait before applying again?

You are welcome to apply as many times as you like, whether your initial application was successful or not, as there is no timeframe. However, you must be able to justify why you need the extra money and support it with as much detail as possible.

#### 4. If I am unsuccessful, can I apply again for future causes?

Of course. We welcome all applications and if you need any feedback on why your original application was unsuccessful, we would be happy to forward that on. Please also see our sponsorship guidance for comments which may help explain the outcome of your application.

#### 5. What do I do if we receive the money, but the event is cancelled?

If your event is cancelled, we would expect the funds to be returned to us. However, if you think the event can be rescheduled to a new date, please get in touch to discuss an alternative plan.

## **6. Do I need to provide evidence such as receipts of purchases etc?**

Yes, receipts would be appreciated as it helps us document where our funding has been provided.

## **7. Can I apply for funding if we are already receiving funding from elsewhere?**

Yes, but please provide this information in your application. This would include details on other companies donating as well as your own fundraising efforts.

## **8. Does it matter where my organisation is based?**

Ideally, our preference is to support causes and organisations where Cooke Scotland operates, however, we do consider applications from all areas.

## **9. Are there any preferences in terms of who you support?**

The committees evaluate all applications. However, our priority will always be supporting causes/organisations that benefit the community in the areas where we operate. Ideally, you will be part of a charity, club, organisation, or team.