**Community Resilience Planning Fund**

Incidents such as flooding, fires, water outages and pandemics don’t happen very often but when they do, communities can be impacted – this includes individuals, families and businesses.

By [making local response arrangements](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/readyfife/ready-communities/community-resilience-arrangements) and/or investing in equipment to support a local response, your community will be ready to respond to incidents when they do happen, reducing the impacts.

If this is something your group or organisation is interested in, Fife Council is committed to empowering and supporting you, including through the provision of funding.

Fife Council’s Community Resilience Planning fund 2021-2022 is available to support projects and activities led by community groups and voluntary organisations aimed at enhancing the resilience of local communities to incidents through enabling a local response.

* Up to £1000 is available per group/organisation, per annum.
* Upon applying you will be asked to provide details of proposed purchases and how these will be used to support your projects/activities aimed at enhancing the resilience of local communities to incidents.

Always remember that local community resilience arrangements do not replace the work of emergency responders but complement the work of these agencies.

**Who can apply and what can funds be used for?**

Please read the following criteria to check your eligibility for this fund.

Get in touch if you have any questions about this fund and the eligibility criteria.

If after reading the eligibility criteria this isn’t the fund for you, take a look at the [Fife Grants](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/community-group-support-and-funding/fife-grants) page or get in touch with your [local area support contact](https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/council-and-democracy/community-group-support-and-funding/community-support-contacts) for support identifying appropriate funding opportunities.

**Criteria**

**You should meet the following criteria – a) *and* b):**

1. Constituted groups/organisations with a bank account in the name of the organisation must operate in Fife and therefore projects/activities must benefit the Fife community.
2. Funding applied for will cover costs associated with your resilience arrangements and/or project across the following categories:
   * **Equipment** - e.g., snow shovels, defibrillators, flood mitigation measures.
   * **Materials –** e.g., posters, leaflets, business cards or costs associated with events/education projects aimed at promoting local response arrangements and resilience in the local community.
   * **Volunteer costs** – training costs associated with local community resilience work e.g., first aid training.
   * **Running costs** – e.g., costs to rent space to operate/host meetings and/or events associated with resilience work.

**You must also meet c) *or* d) below:**

1. Your local voluntary/community group has developed, or is developing, local resilience arrangements to enhance your local community’s resilience in Fife. Funding will be used to cover costs to assist with the activation and maintenance of local resilience and response arrangements. Contact the Emergency Resilience Team if you need support developing local resilience and response arrangements.

***or*,**

1. Your Fife-wide voluntary organisation’s work and/or project contributes to and supports the local response to incidents in Fife.

**Processing your application**

Following your submission date, please allow up to **8 weeks** for your application to be processed and for funds to be transferred. This may take longer if we need to know more about your project/activities before we can fully assess your application. To avoid delays please include all required and relevant information in your application form.

**Deadline for applications**

* Applications must be submitted by 28th February 2022.

**IMPORTANT:**

1. We cannot process applications and/or award funding to cover costs already incurred or to fund activities which will take place before we’ve decided on an application, i.e., retrospective funding (as stated in the Terms and Conditions).
2. It is the responsibility of your group/organisation to ensure you meet the criteria, terms and conditions associated with this fund.