

# Health Promotion Service

## Covid-19 Recovery Grant Scheme

June 2020 - March 2021



### Aim of the Scheme?

To support local organisations and community groups across Forth Valley in their response and recovery throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. The primary focus is to address a reduction in health inequalities and/or improve mental health and wellbeing. Organisations and groups could apply for up to £500 to support them to recommence activity or start new activity as a response to Covid-19.



### Why is this important?

The grants have addressed mental health and wellbeing issues and/or health inequalities that were exacerbated by the pandemic.

The scheme enabled communities to take forward innovative ideas to respond and recover from the impact of Covid-19 and to ensure that support is there when people need it most.

'We know that the impacts of the pandemic have been felt unevenly across Scotland, with many of the most disadvantaged or marginalised bearing the heaviest weight.'

*Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government ~ Aileen Campbell*

### What have we achieved?

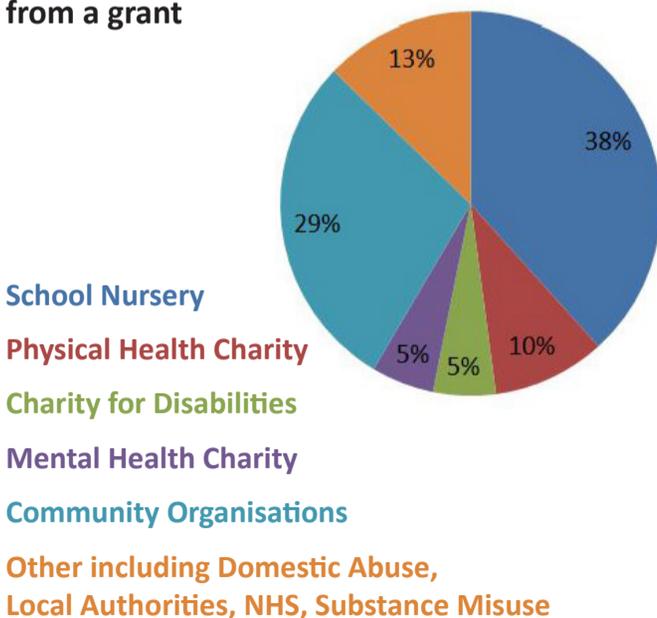
Applications were received from across Forth Valley and supported a wide variety of organisations who work directly with individuals and communities. We have compiled case studies about some of the work made possible by the grant scheme and the impact this had for individuals and communities.

As well as supporting groups and organisations financially, we supported them with other expertise and resources from within the Health Promotion Service and across Forth Valley partnerships. We also facilitated some organisations to work positively together. You can read the case studies produced to date [here](#).

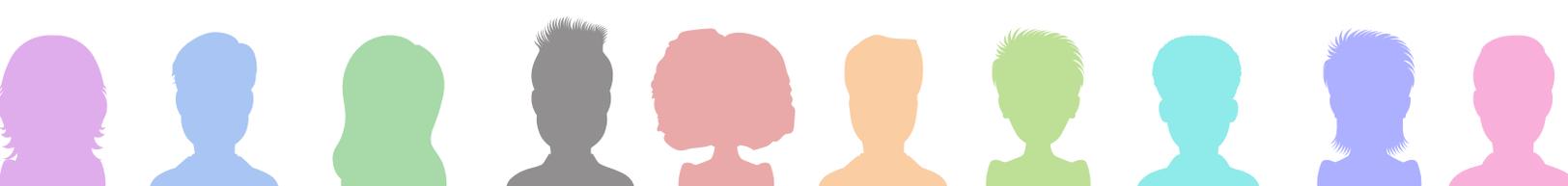
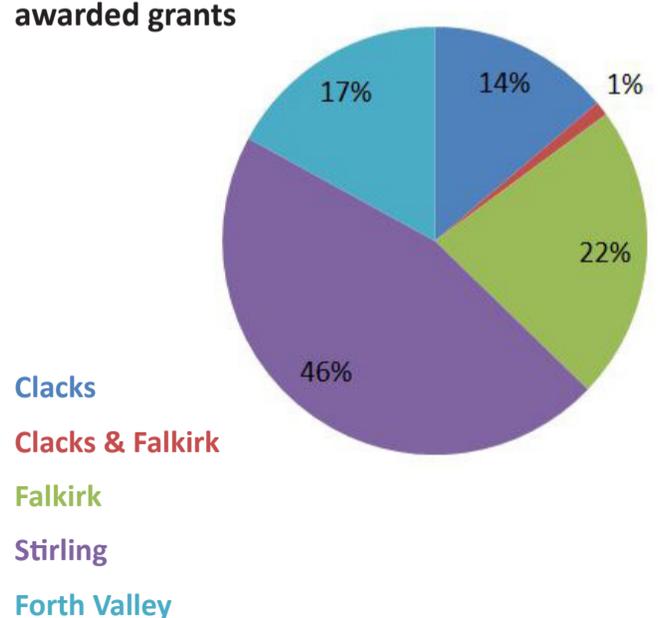


### Breakdown of grants awarded

**Figure 1: Organisations that benefited from a grant**



**Figure 2: Locations breakdown for awarded grants**





**Breakdown of grants awarded continued**

**Figure 3: Breakdown of awarded grants by targeted population**



**What's next?**

The scheme has been relaunched for 2021/22 - the application form and guidance can be accessed [here](#). We would particularly welcome applications from organisations and groups supporting individuals who have been disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 and who were under-represented in our previous scheme.

These priority groups include older adults, Black Asian Minority Ethnic groups, those impacted by domestic abuse, people with disabilities, and people experiencing mental health issues.

**Grant Recipient Quotes:**

'The grant allowed Healed Scars to provide the opportunity for women to attend the 'with Anxiety' virtual course. Participants gained knowledge and learned new skills on how to reduce anxiety that they can use in their day to day lives.'  
*(Chairwoman, Healed Scars)*

'The funding has allowed Tilly Community Larder to almost double its capacity and to reach more people in the community affected by Covid-19.'  
*(Volunteer, Tilly Community Larder)*

'The grant enabled the free transport service for people receiving cancer treatment to recommence. The funds supported the organisation to source PPE of a satisfactory standard and quality and the purchase of 'Bubble Screens', which provided a protective barrier in the Volunteers cars, giving both the patient and volunteer drivers, the confidence to travel safely again.'  
*(Treasurer, Meadowbank Car 4U)*

