

# Community Grants Fund (CGF) Annual Report

## April 2025 – March 2026

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## Overview

In 2025-26, there were 2 funding rounds planned for neighbourhoods with funding panels, and a single funding round for Leith.

Liberton/Gilmerton, Portobello Craigmillar, Craigtinny Duddingston and City Centre neighbourhoods were fully allocated in the first round.

All remaining neighbourhoods were fully allocated in the second round except for Western which required a third funding round to avoid an underspend of over £8,000.

Leith was fully allocated in one round via a participatory budgeting process known as [LeithChooses](#).

## Funding Summary

Total Available	Total Requested	Total Eligible	% Oversubscribed	% Spent
<b>£405,679</b>	<b>£1,238,455</b>	<b>£1,023,484</b>	<b>205%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Neighbourhood	Available	Requested	Awarded	% Oversubscribed	% Spent
Almond	£27,569.05	£64,600.00	£27,569.05	134%	100%
City Centre	£26,101.78	£91,869.00	£26,101.00	252%	100%
Craigtinny Duddingston	£22,940.96	£56,421.00	£22,941.00	146%	100%
Forth	£25,258.16	£85,674.00	£25,258.16	239%	100%
Inverleith	£23,934.38	£45,376.00	£23,935.00	90%	100%
Leith	£44,707.16	£213,945.00	£44,707.16	379%	100%
Liberton Gilmerton	£29,701.75	£55,543.00	£29,702.00	87%	100%
Morningside	£25,303.89	£48,513.00	£25,313.00	92%	100%
Pentlands	£44,786.01	£134,052.00	£44,785.50	199%	100%
Portobello Craigmillar	£26,564.59	£124,257.00	£26,564.00	368%	100%
South West	£43,236.74	£122,355.00	£43,236.50	183%	100%
Southside Newington	£28,487.57	£83,355.00	£28,487.57	193%	100%
Western	£37,086.98	£112,495.00	£37,086.00	203%	100%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£405,679.02</b>	<b>£1,238,455.00</b>	<b>£405,685.94</b>	<b>205%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Application and Award Summary

Total Applications	Ineligible/Withdrawn	Unsuccessful	Successful	Success rate
<b>358</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>58%</b>

Neighbourhood	All	Eligible	Successful	Success Rate (All)	Success Rate (Eligible)
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Almond	26	25	18	69%	72%
City Centre	23	20	11	48%	55%
Craigtinny Duddingston	18	14	11	61%	79%
Forth	27	22	13	48%	59%
Inverleith	13	13	9	69%	69%
Leith	48	29	10	21%	34%
Liberton Gilmerton	18	15	11	61%	73%
Morningside	15	14	10	67%	71%
Pentlands	40	37	25	63%	68%
Portobello Craigmillar	35	29	8	23%	28%
South West	33	31	15	45%	48%
Southside Newington	24	19	14	58%	74%
Western	38	34	21	55%	62%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>58%</b>

## Applicant Types

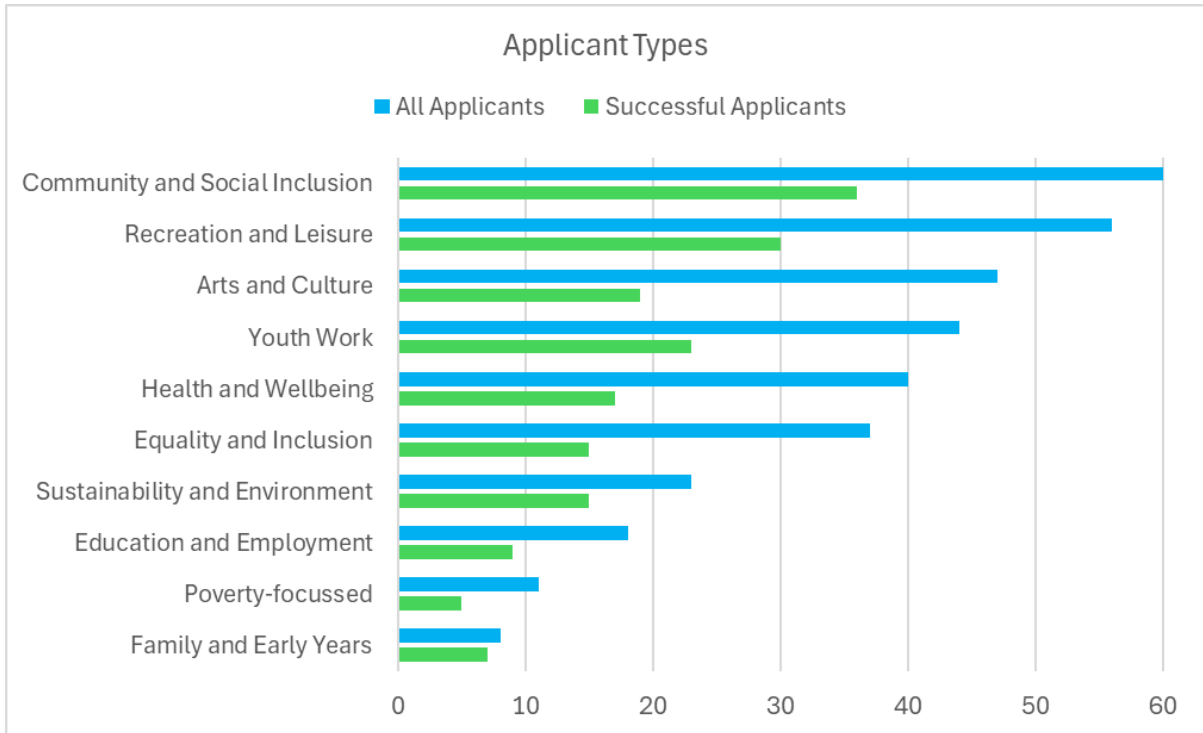
The CGF supports a diverse range of community groups and charitable organisations. Many of these organisations perform a range of functions or services and have been categorised according to their key services/functions.

1 in 5 organisations that have received funding have a community voice, community cohesion or social inclusion focus such as community centre associations and community councils.

1 in 6 organisations that have been awarded funding through the CGF are recreation or leisure organisations, mainly sports clubs and fitness groups.

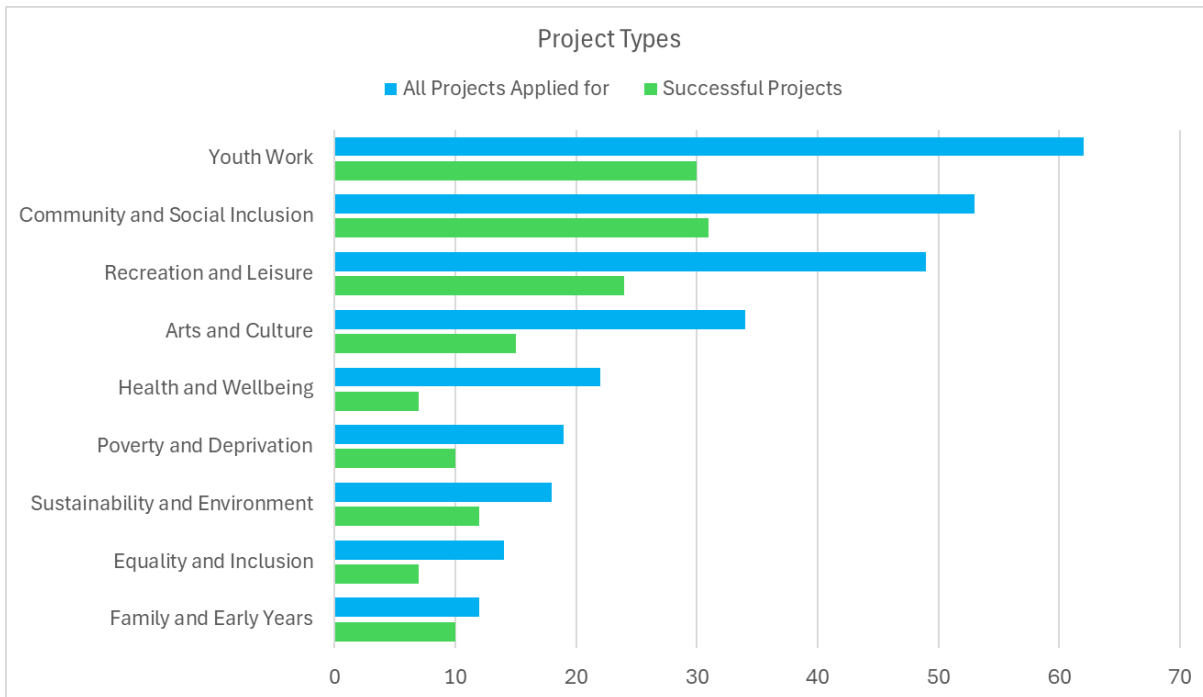
The fund largely supports small local community groups and charities. Of the groups and organisations that have received funding this year:

- 43% are run solely by volunteers
- 39% have fewer than 10 staff
- 67% operate only in their local community



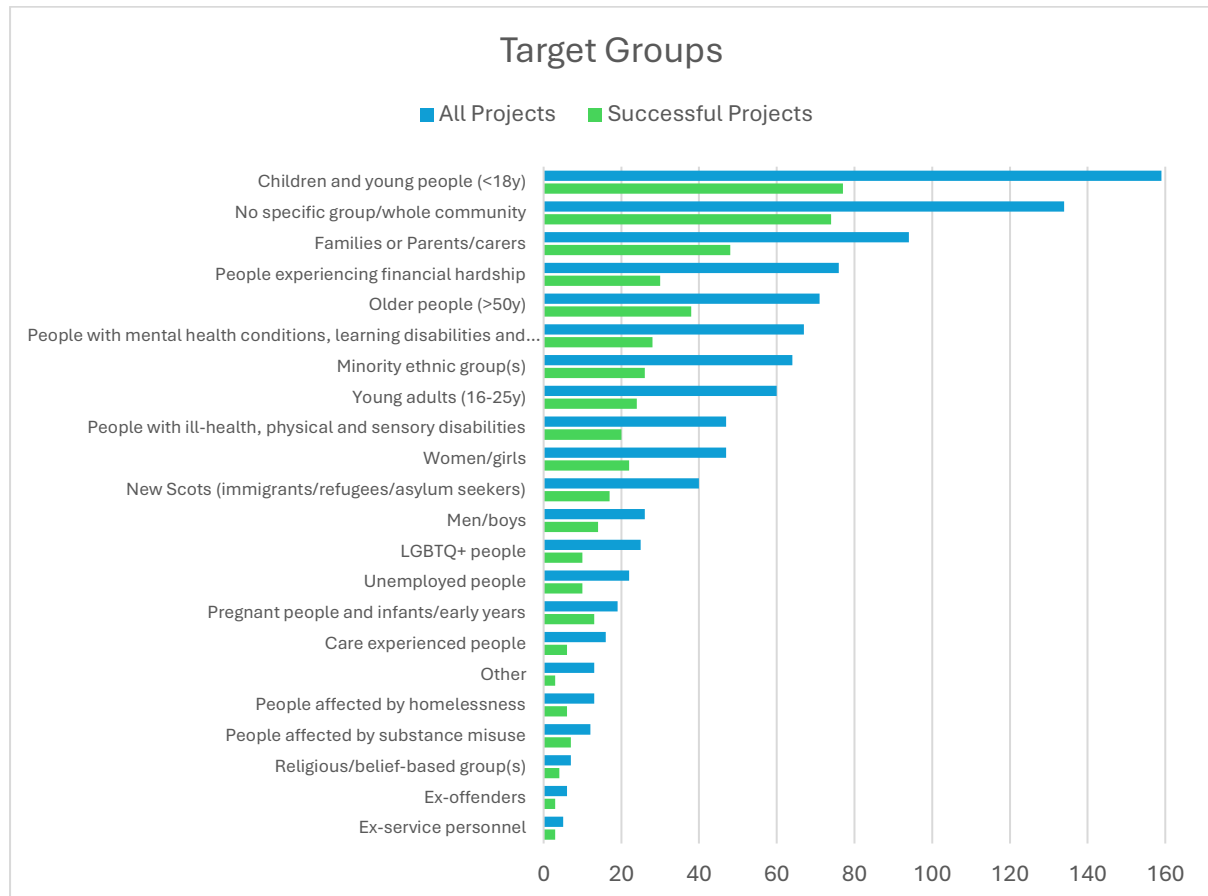
## Project Types

The CGF continues to support a wide range of projects. Most projects fall into more than one project category. This year 18% of funded projects were in the Community and Social Inclusion (mostly community events and activity/social groups) and 17% in the Youth Work category (mostly holiday clubs and sports activities for children and young people).



Projects applied for were aimed at up to 3 target groups. Most projects were aimed at specific groups but open to all which is why 'No specific group/whole community' is among the most common target groups applied for and successful.

Approximately 44% of funded projects aimed to benefit children and young people under the age of 18. The next most common beneficiary group after 'No specific group/whole community' was 'Families and Parents/Carers' (27% of funded projects aimed to benefit this group).



In terms of scale, most funded projects were small to medium projects benefitting under 1000 people in the neighbourhood (approximately 2-5% of the population, depending on the neighbourhood).

**Project Scale (all)**

Scale	Count	%
Medium	162	45%
Small	122	34%
Focussed	29	8%
Large	25	7%
Neighbourhood-wide	20	6%

**Project Scale (Successful)**

Scale	Count	%
Medium	75	43%
Small	62	35%
Large	17	10%
Focussed	11	6%
Neighbourhood-wide	11	6%

## Funding panel attendance and diversity

134 elected members and community organisation representatives signed up to be part of a funding panel this year. Overall, attendance at panel meetings was relatively low (53%).

This is the first year that panel members have been required to attend induction sessions. Attendance at these sessions was 62% and those who were unable to attend were asked to watch a video.

### Panel Meeting Attendance

Neighbourhood	Number of Panel Members				Average Attendance %
	Total	Attended or Submitted Comments for R1	Attended or Submitted Comments for R2	Attended or Submitted Comments for R3	
Almond	6	4	4		67%
City Centre	12	6			50%
Craigenlinny Duddingston	13	4			31%
Forth	12	5	6		46%
Inverleith	8	4	6		63%
Liberton Gilmerton	15	4			27%
Morningside	11	6	5		50%
Pentland	15	7	7		47%
Portobello Craigmillar	9	7			78%
South West	14	8	4		43%
Southside Newington	8	7	7		88%
Western	11	6	7	4	52%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Average attendance overall</b>					<b>53%</b>

#### Key

No meeting - fully allocated

### Panel Induction Attendance

Neighbourhood	Total	Attended training	Attendance %
Almond	6	6	100%
City Centre	12	5	42%
Craigenlinny Duddingston	13	7	54%
Forth	12	10	83%
Inverleith	8	4	50%
Liberton Gilmerton	15	4	27%
Morningside	11	7	64%
Pentland	15	7	47%
Portobello Craigmillar	9	5	56%
South West	14	10	71%
Southside Newington	8	6	75%
Western	11	8	73%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>79</b>	
<b>Average attendance overall</b>			<b>62%</b>

## Equalities Monitoring

97 Funding panel members and steering group members completed an equalities monitoring form.

- 52% of respondents were 55 or older and 1% under 24.
- 94% identify their ethnicity as White.
- 64% identify their nationality as Scottish.
- 56% have no religion and 37% are Christian.
- 23% have a disability (physical or mental health condition/illness lasting 12 months or more).
- Of those with a disability, 64% have reduced ability for day-to-day activities.
- 12% identify as queer, gay, lesbian or bisexual; none identify as transgender.
- 55% are male and 42% female (3% preferred not to say).
- 23% have caring responsibilities:
  - 48% are a primary carer for a child/children under 18
  - 9% are a primary carer for a disabled adult
  - 13% are a primary carer for an older person
  - 39% are a secondary carer

## Feedback

### Applicant Feedback

Applicants whose applications were assessed by a funding panel were asked for feedback about this year's grants process - 47 applicants responded (between 1 and 8 applicants from each neighbourhood).

Overall, applicants have a positive view of the Community Grants Fund. They feel that the fund has a clear purpose and supports small-scale localised activity by community groups that leads to improved local outcomes. One applicant said:

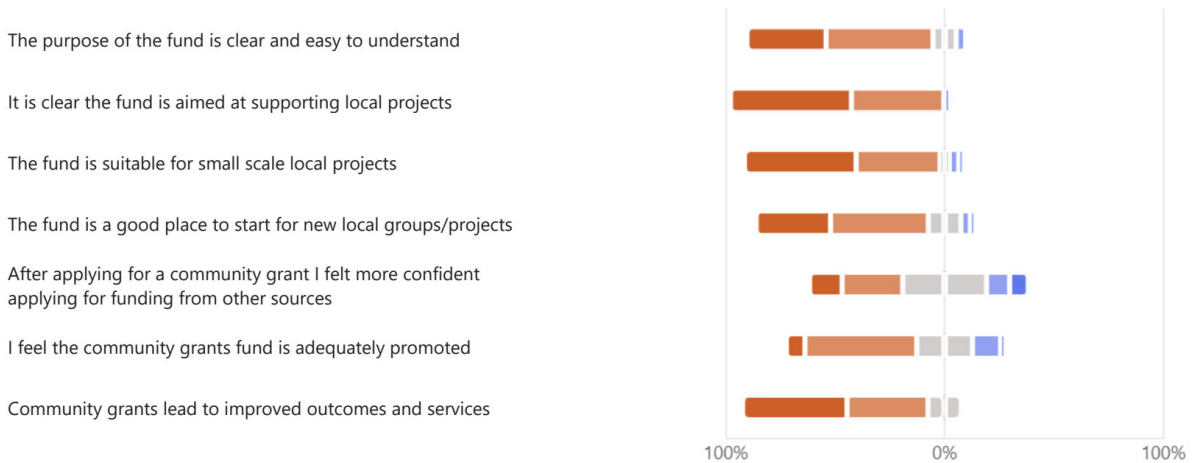
*"I think it is easy to access and helps small groups fund their local project which otherwise wouldn't be able to be done."*

There were mixed views about whether applying for a community grant increased applicants' confidence to apply for other funds. Most of those who disagreed or strongly disagreed that their confidence increased were unsuccessful applicants, many of whom were not aware they could access additional support from officers with their application.

Applicants largely felt the application process was clear, simple and easy to understand but some voluntary groups had difficulty. Most applicants agreed or strongly agreed that the funding panel decision-making process was fair but several expressed concerns about partial grants, lack of transparency, poor communication/feedback and biased decision-making.

Time between application and decision too long  
 Favours larger organisations  
**Clear guidance/support available**  
 Officers should decide  
 Disproportionate application  
 Builds confidence  
 Too many conditions  
 Unclear criteria Encourages innovation  
**Local focus** Not transparent  
 Proportional application Partial grants  
**Supports small local groups**  
 City-wide impact is difficult  
 Accessible/minimal barriers **Poor communication**  
 Biased decisions Supports start-ups  
**Positive community impact**  
 Helps us grow Local decision-making  
 Supports essential work  
**Feedback unclear/insufficient**

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree



● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

The application process is clear and simple

I was able to find all the information I needed online

I found the online applicant briefing session useful

I found the pre recorded applicant guidance video useful

The application guidance document is easy to understand

The application form is easy to complete

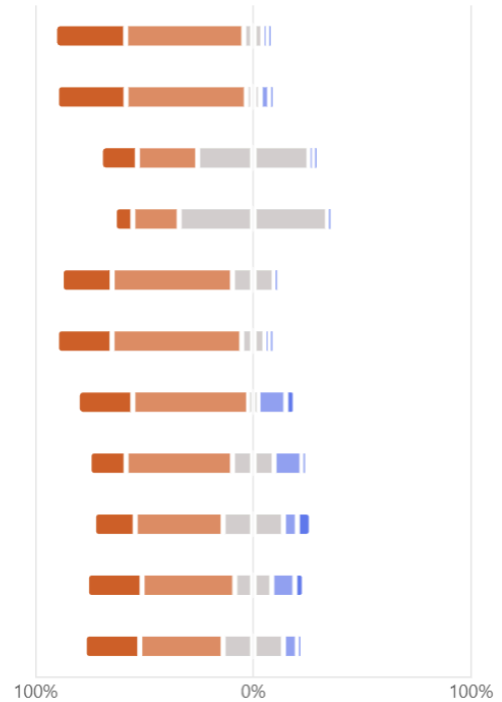
I was aware of the opportunity to speak to Council staff about my application

I understand how decisions are made

The decision-making process feels fair

Council staff communicated with me clearly about the progress of my application

I am pleased with the level of feedback I received from the funding panel about my application



## Funding Panel Feedback

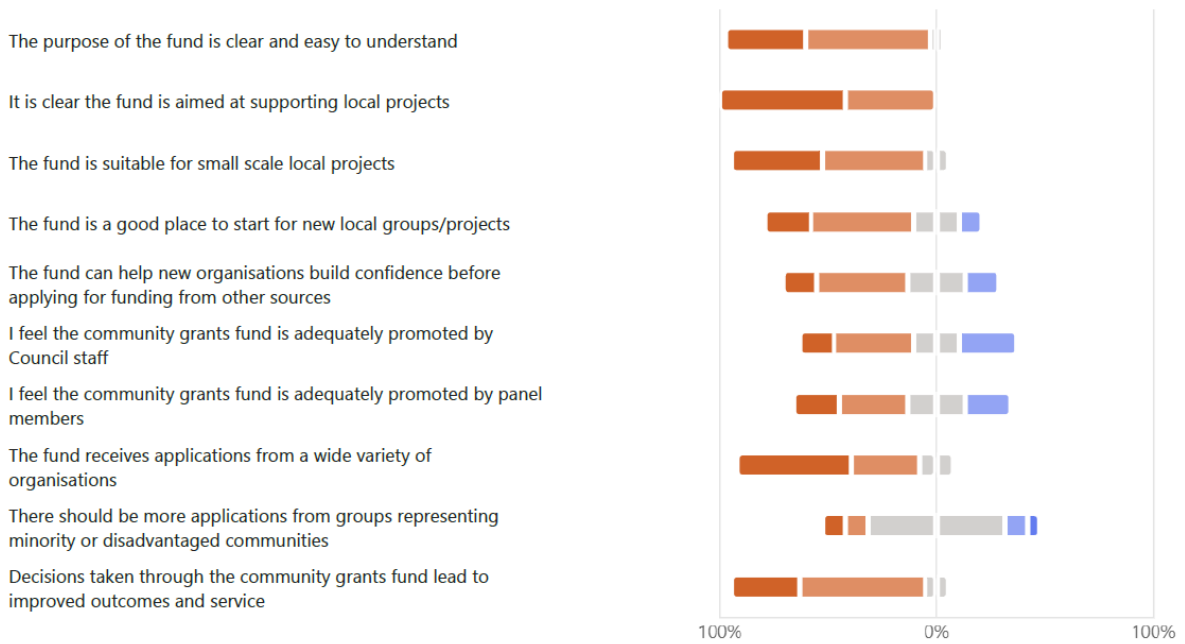
19 out of 134 funding panel members responded to the feedback survey.

1 in 5 respondents have been on a panel for more than 10 years, and almost half represented community councils.

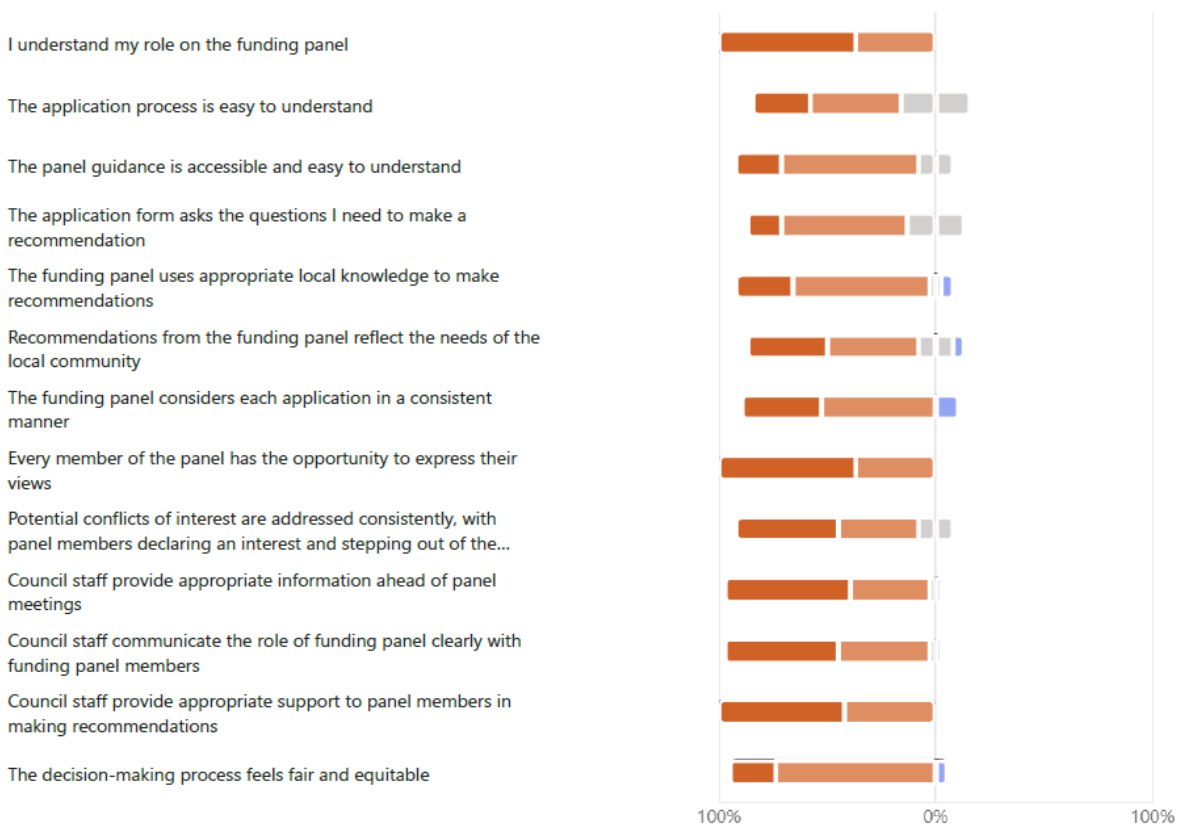
Most panel members who left comments felt the fund is fit for purpose but would like to be able to allocate more money to community groups.

Biased decision-making  
 Expand panel membership  
 Elected member conduct  
 Separate from visitor levy  
 More autonomy Underspend  
 Support disadvantaged groups  
 Unrealistic objectives  
**More money** Longer meetings  
**Fit for purpose**  
 Accessible Cross-boundary projects  
 Simpler application  
 Summarise applications  
 Too many applications  
 More meetings  
**Allow repeat funding**

● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither Agree Nor Disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree



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## LeithChooses Feedback

### Applicants

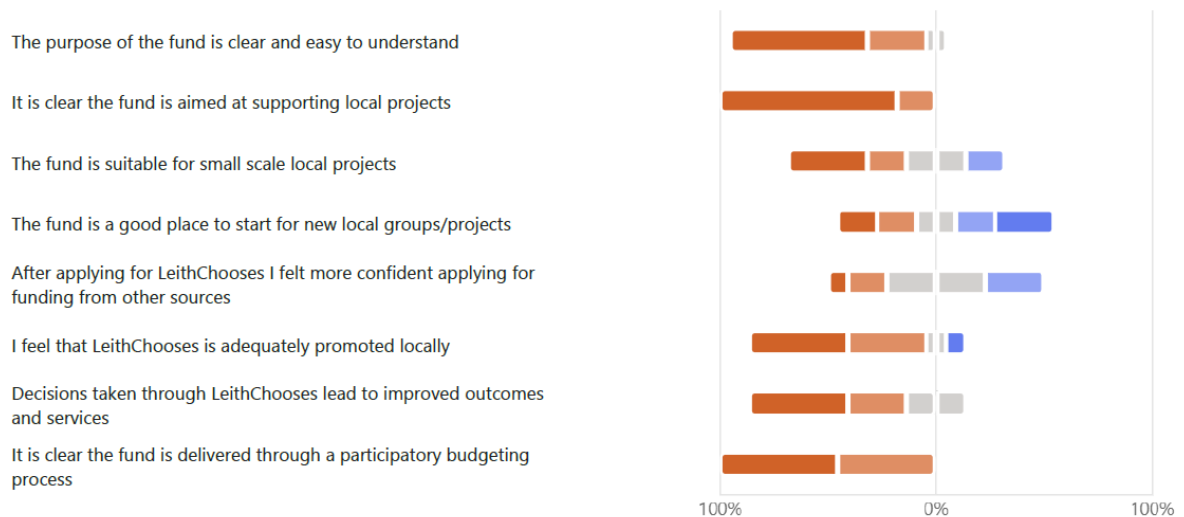
11 out of 48 LeithChooses applicants responded to the feedback survey this year.

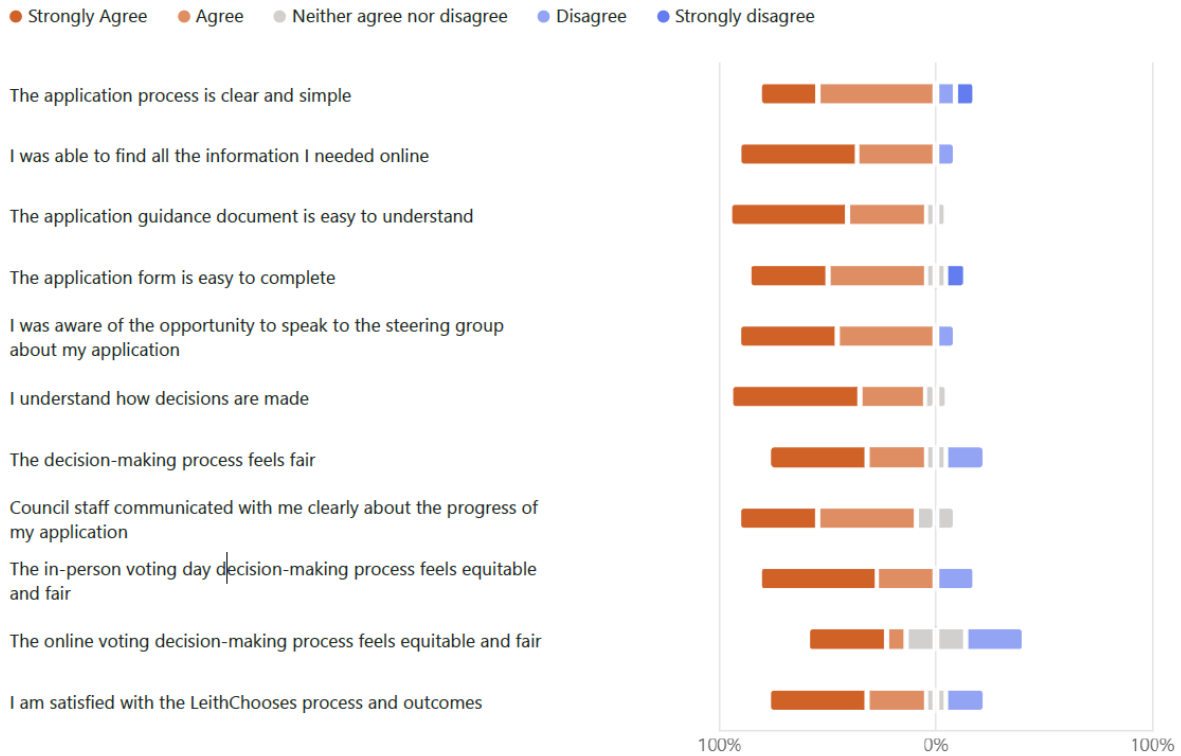
Applicants had mixed opinions about whether the fund supports small/new groups. Many felt it did benefit small local groups but, of those who left comments, more respondents felt that the process favoured established or larger organisations with a larger supporter base. This concern also impacted their opinion about the fairness of the decision-making process. The steering group recognise this shortcoming of the process and are working on solutions to address this in the next iteration of LeithChooses

*“The winners tend to be the big local players - organisations who have paid staff and a base from which they operate. Smaller groups and projects struggle to make a mark despite their best efforts.” – respondent*

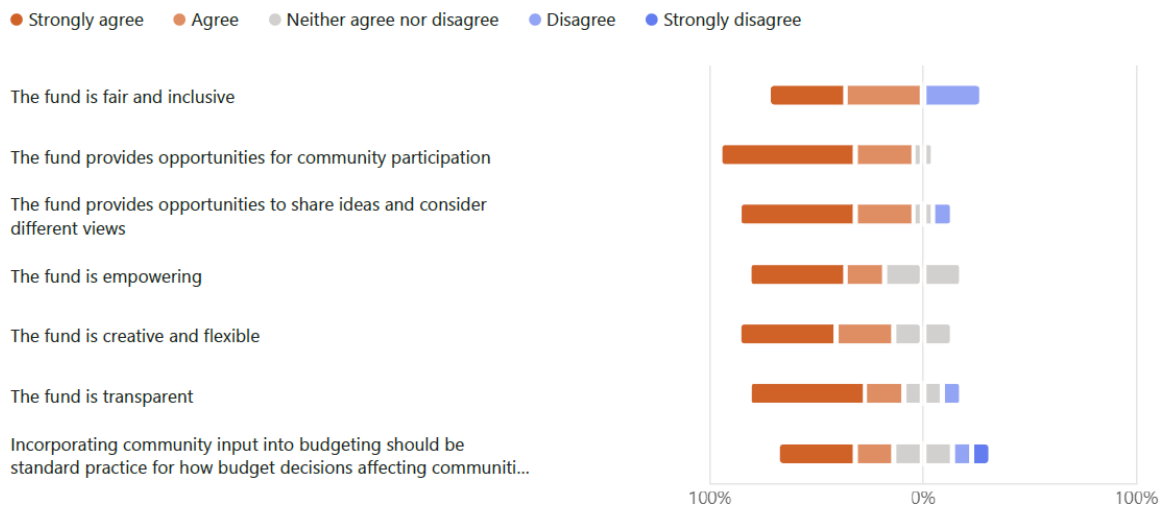
Voting system open to misuse  
 Strong community voice  
 Positive community impact  
 Raises the profile of projects  
**Favours organisations with large supporter base**  
 Voting day is too resource-intensive  
 Necessary external funding  
 Reflects local need  
**Supports small local groups**

● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree





In addition to the questions other CGF applicants were asked, LeithChooses applicants were also asked to what extent they agree that the LeithChooses process adheres to the principles of participatory budgeting. Overall applicants agreed that it does adhere to the principles. There were somewhat mixed views about whether participatory budgeting should be standard practice for council budgets.



## Voters

28 voters responded to the feedback survey; 4 out of 5 respondents voted both online and in-person.

Voters have a very positive view of LeithChooses, citing its positive impact on the local community and how the voting day brings people together and increases community cohesion.

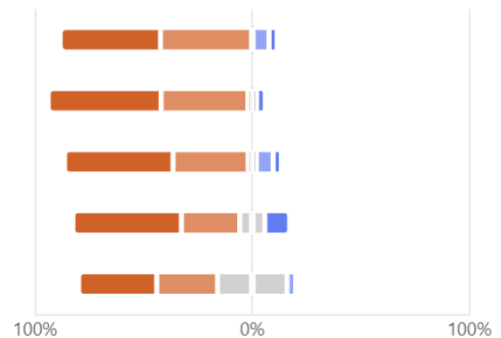
Improvements that voters would like to see include:

- increased transparency regarding the outcome (for example a ranked list of successful and unsuccessful projects)
- less information to read
- simpler voting form with fewer click-throughs

Benefits local groups/projects  
 Increase transparency (ranking/number of votes)  
 Use approach in other neighbourhoods  
 No improvements needed  
 Increases awareness of local groups/projects  
 Thank you  
**Positive community impact**  
 Community cohesion  
 Fewer click-throughs to vote  
 Community voice is empowering  
 More funding needed  
 Too much to read

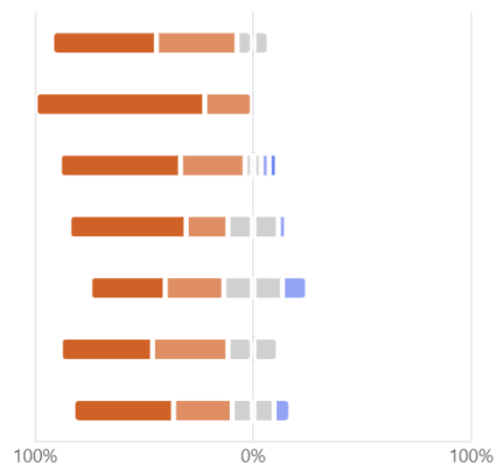
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- The online voting process is accessible easy to understand
- I was able to find all the information I needed about the applicants
- I was able to find all the information I needed about how to vote
- The online voting day decision-making process feels equitable and fair
- I have an increased knowledge about the issues affecting groups and individuals in their own communities and other communities



● Strongly Agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly Disagree

- The purpose of the fund is clear and easy to understand
- It is clear the fund is aimed at supporting local projects
- The fund is suitable for small scale local projects
- The fund is a good place to start for new local groups/projects
- I feel that LeithChooses is adequately promoted locally
- Decisions taken through LeithChooses lead to improved outcomes and services
- It is clear the fund is delivered through a participatory budgeting process



● Strongly agree ● Agree ● Neither agree nor disagree ● Disagree ● Strongly disagree

The fund is fair and inclusive

The fund provides opportunities for community participation

The fund provides opportunities to share ideas and consider different views

The fund is empowering

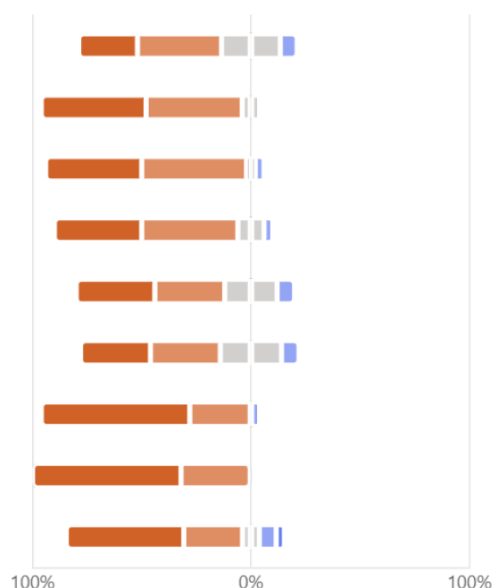
The fund is creative and flexible

The fund is transparent

Incorporating community input into budgeting should be standard practice for how budget decisions affecting communiti...

I know the result of the process and who was awarded funding

By voting in a participatory budgeting process I feel I have more control over the issues that affect me



## Awards by Neighbourhood

### Almond

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
AN0125	LIFT@ Muirhouse Millennium Centre	Food for thought, full bellies make for happy bairns.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	3600
AN0225	Cramond Heritage Trust (2017)	To contribute to the refurbishment of the centre, which will in turn create more awareness to visitors and ultimately lead to more visits	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1935
AN0425	Queensferry Community Association (SCIO)	The Summer Fun Programme is designed to provide young people with free, engaging opportunities and experiences over a three-week period. The aim is to promote inclusion, reduce isolation, and break down financial barriers that might otherwise prevent participation. Through a range of fun and meaningful activities, the programme will create a supportive space where young people can connect, build confidence, and enjoy a memorable summer.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2803
AN0625	Muirhouse Youth	Blair Drummond Safari Park Trip	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	1134.5

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
	Development Group				
AN0725	Davidson's Mains Parish Church	Support outreach and encourage social engagement with young people.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
AN0825	1st Craigmmond (Kirkliston) Scout Group	Purchase new camping equipment for the 1st Craigmmond (Kirkliston) Scout Group.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1403
AN0925	Barnton Park Lawn Tennis Club	Community Access Defibrillator	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1300

## City Centre

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
CC0325	Chabad Lubavitch of Edinburgh Limited	Chabad Edinburgh's weekly community dinner will provide nutritious meals, social connection, and vital support to elderly individuals facing poverty and isolation, fostering inclusion and well-being.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	500
CC0525	Care Support Scotland Limited	Calton Road Community Garden is an inner-city sanctuary garden available for local residents and business staff.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1000
CC0625	Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust	The Arts Club at the Crannie Community Hub offers free, weekly creative sessions for Edinburgh's Old Town residents, promoting social connection, wellbeing, and community engagement through accessible arts and crafts activities.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2316
CC0825	Positive Help	Expanding Our Impact – The Activity Buddies Project	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	2500
CC1025	LGBT Youth Scotland	Edinburgh Pride Youth Space provides a safe, inclusive, and fun festival space for LGBTQ+ young people to express themselves, celebrate and come together.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	4000
CC1125	LINKnet Mentoring Limited	"UK Work Experience- a Must" project offers voluntary work placements to minority ethnic people who do not have UK work experience to gain much needed work experience to enable them to secure employment.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	1750

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CC1225	Comhaltas in Britain	Starting your musical journey	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	316
CC1425	Friends of Tollcross Primary School	Creating an open oasis in the heart of Tollcross	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1805
CC1525	Grassmarket Community Project	A year-round therapeutic gardening programme for vulnerable adults to build confidence, reduce isolation, and support biodiversity in Greyfriars Kirkyard's historic Herb Garden.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
CC2025	Simon Community Scotland	Bringing literacy to people involves empowering individuals through literacy skills, which have a wide range of positive impacts on their lives. Literacy is not just about reading and writing; it also encompasses skills like listening, speaking, and using technology.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	4966
CC2125	The Calton Hill Conservation Trust	Community Archaeology project to explore the heritage and archaeology of Calton Hill	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4948

## Craightinny Duddingston

<b>Ref Code</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>CEC Objective</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
CD0125	14th Edinburgh North East Scout Group	A grant to provide transport, toilets and showers for a Scout Troop summer camp.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3000
CD0425	Abbeyhill School Parent Council	Picnic benches for Abbeyhill Primary School	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2650
CD0525	Craightinny Community Gardening Association	Garden Coordinator for Craightinny Community Garden	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1500
CD0625	Lochend Community Growing Project	From Blowin' to Glowing: Shed Roof Restoration!	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1045
CD0725	Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council	Northfield & Willowbrae Community & Environment Fair 2025 and Local Place Plan (further consultation & completion)	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1650

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CD0825	Family Service Unit Scotland	Dramatherapy sessions to support the emotional wellbeing of children and families affected by substance use in Craigenfinny and Duddingston.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	3000
CD1025	Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council	Historic interpretation board	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2150
CD1125	Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council	Royal High Primary School Nursery Wildlife Garden	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1550
CD1225	The Field Group (Duddingston)	Helping keep paths safe for visitors and to deliver restoration of the locally rare meadow habitat.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2896
CD1425	Abbeyhill Colony of Artists	Abbeyhill Colony of Artists, Celebrating 20 years in 2025!	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
CD1525	Urban Eden Owners Association	Urban Eden Public Spaces Murals Regeneration Project	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1500

## Forth

<b>Ref Code</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>CEC Objective</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
FT0125	87th Craigmmond Scout Group (Granton)	New Gas Blown Heating System	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4000
FT0325	Heart of Newhaven Community SCIO	A warm welcome, free to all, sharing a meal and conversation bringing people together	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	3105
FT0425	Granton Parish Church	Raising awareness of Granton Goes Greener's services to widen access amongst local people.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Full Award	1370
FT0525	Caledonia Funeral Aid	A community-based bereavement support project providing emotional and practical help to 50 residents in Muirhouse and West Pilton, reducing isolation and building resilience in one of Edinburgh's most disadvantaged areas.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	2450
FT0625	Stepping Stones (North Edinburgh)	Stepping Stones Summer Programme	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	2115

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FT0825	Muirhouse Youth Development Group	Blair Drummond Safari Park Trip	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Split Award - Full	1134.5
FT1025	Flourish Jewellery CIC	SHINE- A jewellery project crafting change in our communities	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2946.62
FT1125	Citadel Arts Group	Creation of a community play in Royston Wardieburn CC based on EH5 stories from their Social History Group's book	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1000
FT1325	Pilton Equalities Project	A Free Christmas Celebration for older and vulnerable community members	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	700
FT2725	Family Service Unit Scotland	Connecting young people (from the Mentoring Project) to nature through a week of conservation tasks, outdoor fun, environmental education and personal development.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Split Award - Full	1187.5
FT1625	Capital Carers	An outdoor adventure at Go Ape to encourage Young Adult Carers to challenge themselves, develop confidence and self-esteem and improve their wellbeing.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1169
FT2225	Granton Giants Dodgeball Club	Adult and Junior Dodgeball tournaments	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1133.93
FT2425	Tortoise in a Nutshell	A year of creative activity uniting North Edinburgh residents to build confidence, wellbeing and stronger community connections.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2946.61

## Inverleith

<b>Ref Code</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>CEC Objective</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
IN0225	A.R.Ts Afternoon	A free after-school drumming club for young people at Ferryhill Primary (Drylaw), offering 60 hours of free active music making providing opportunities to develop skills, build confidence and engage with their community in a meaningful way..	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4600
IN0325	Friends of Stockbridge School	Additional playground equipment to extend the fun	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	5000

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		trail in Stockbridge Primary School			
IN0425	Blackhall Primary School Parent Council	Development of a pond project and wildlife garden to support environmental awareness for school children and the wider local community.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1560
IN0525	Scotland Yard Adventure Centre	New play equipment for children and young people with disabilities.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4977
IN0825	Stewart's Melville Rugby Football Club Limited	Fun, Inclusive, Community Sports events for Children with Additional Needs	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	773
IN0925	Edinburgh Baseball Club	Support inclusive baseball by providing equipment that allows people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy baseball in Inverleith	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	600
IN1125	Blackhall Children's Sports Committee	A community sports day for children, families and all in Blackhall and surrounds to encourage involvement in sport and the local community.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1900
IN1225	Drylaw Telford Community Association	Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre will pilot a 6-month Monday Café offering free breakfasts, training opportunities, and monthly community lunches to reduce food poverty, build social connections and strengthen community use of the centre.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	3588
IN1325	Edinburgh Capital Lacrosse Club	Funding to defray membership and purchase equipment for a welcoming and inclusive local women's lacrosse club.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	937

## LeithChooses

See [appendix 1](#) for voting figures.

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Title	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
LC0125	Milan Senior Welfare Organisation	Leith Connections	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	5000
LC0225	Pilmey Development Project	Wellbeing in Leith: Supporting Older People Out of Isolation	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4170
LC0725	Dr Bell's Family Centre	Dr Bell's Family Centre: Wellbeing in Leith	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4505.2

LC1325	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	Coalie Coalition Resources	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2572
LC2225	The Living Memory Association	The Wee Hub	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4240
LC3325	Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC)	Efficient and Healthy Cooking	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	5000
LC3525	Edinburgh Community Food Ltd	Tasty Tales of Leith	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	5000
LC4325	Mustard Seed Edinburgh	Roots and Routes: Conversations on Easter Road	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	5000
LC4425	Leith Community Growers	Dùthchas - Growing an Orchard for the People	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4907
LC4625	Kin Collective Family Wellbeing CIC	Kin Begins: Community Wellbeing Pregnancy Support	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	4312.96

## Liberton Gilmerton

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
LG0225	Drum Field Archers	Archery for All on Target	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3279
LG0325	WorkPlusPlay Hub	Supporting working parents and their children, fostering community well-being.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4800
LG0625	Gracemount Mansion Development Trust	Enhancing local spaces for the community	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1956
LG0725	Friends of Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park LNR	Equipment for groups to litter pick in Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	450
LG0825	Transition Edinburgh South	Ensuring Continuity and security for Community-Led Action at Gracemount Community Garden	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
LG0925	Community Renewal Trust	This project will provide trusted, person-centred employability support at Gilmerton Community Centre, addressing a local service gap while building relationships to	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	2545

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		inform future community-led work.			
LG1025	Polish Scouting Association 67DH Regle	Purchasing durable tents, pioneering tools and kitchen equipment to support scouting camps and year-round educational activities for young people	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3380
LG1225	Edinburgh South Cricket Club	Let's Give Sport Back to Girls	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2768
LG1325	Teens+ (part of Capella Charity)	Enhancing Wellbeing and Creativity through Inclusive Facilities at Teens+	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2609
LG1425	Edinburgh Rays Baseball Club	Edinburgh Rays Baseball Club	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	935
LG1525	Trees and Seas Outdoor Adventures	Sea the Change - with Trees and Seas Outdoor Adventures	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4980

## Morningside

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
MN0125	The Open Community Singing Group	'Global Voices - Edinburgh's Open Community Singing Group - welcomes everyone to come and enjoy singing, with no auditions, sheet music or public performances.'	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1679
MN0225	Astley Ainslie Community Trust	An Event held to collect the views and aspirations of the Morningside Community on the future uses of the Aslley Ainslie Hospital Site and to incorporate these into a Local Place Plan for use by the Planning Authority.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4755
MN0325	Pentland District Scout Council	Offer hammock camping as an exciting and unusual part of the scouting programme.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1530
MN0925	Carr Gomm	Community Garden, relaxing space, connection, growing vegetables and safety	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3146

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MN1125	Edinburgh International Table Tennis Club	Play, practise, socialise - new equipment to enhance the experience of table tennis in our local community.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2500
MN1225	Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links	A new permanent outdoor table tennis table on the Bruntsfield (South) Links free for all to use	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	3164
MN1125	Pentland District Scout Council	Penjam 26 is a District Scout Camp in May 2026 to create a stimulating experience for all ages of our Scout	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2220
MN1225	Boroughmuir Thistle Community Club	Girls Football Match Strip Refresh & Coach Education	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1884
MN1325	Morningside Community Council	To carry out the final consultations on Morningside Local Place Plan and to submit a published document	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	420
MN1425	Bruntsfield Area Net Zero Action Initiative (BANZAI)	To expand banzai bikes through the purchase of an additional e-bike, panniers and a child seat, to meet community demand.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Full Award	4015

## Pentlands

<b>Ref Code</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>CEC Objective</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
PE0325	Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland - SCOREScotland	Expansion of community fridge activities to include cooking classes, community meals, and food growing.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	800
PE0525	Currie Rugby Football Club Ltd	Enhancing Training & Safety for Mini Rugby at Currie Chieftains	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1600
PE0725	Wester Hailes Community Trust	This project will install rooftop solar panels on the Mobility Hub in Wester Hailes to generate renewable electricity, reduce carbon emissions, and support an inclusive, community-led space for local tools, bikes, and connection.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Full Award	4950

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PE1025	Pentlands Community Space	Online security training programme for older people	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2426
PE1125	Youth Vision	Youth Vision Summer Programme of outdoor learning and fun.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Partial Award	1852
PE1325	198th Edinburgh Guide Unit	Purchase of new lightweight tents so girls from 198th City of Edinburgh guides can attend County Camp.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	598
PE1425	Seagull Trust Cruises	A tour guide system providing audio description for the blind and partially sighted community while cruising on the Union Canal from Ratho.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2500
PE1525	Friends of Woodlands School	To provide a fit for purpose, safe and engaging outdoor space that fosters growth and development for the learners at Woodlands School.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4921
PE1725	Wester Hailes Growing Communities SCIO	Calders Greenshoots Community Garden off-grid solar panel kit installation.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1799
PE1825	The 114 Braid Scout Group Scout Council	Purchase of new camping equipment for Scouts of all ages and hardship fund creation	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
PE1925	Pentland Primary School Parent Council	Fully inclusive playground reading area that all pupils can have regular access to.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	2599
PE2025	Friends of Hailes Quarry Park	Friends of Hailes Quarry Park Events & Activities: Covered Structure, Store, Supplies, Project Support	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2378.5
PE2125	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	This project will restore Graham's Garden and enhance the Water of Leith Walkway by renewing key structures, planting native bulbs and wildflowers, and engaging volunteers to boost biodiversity and create a more welcoming, accessible space for the community	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1000
PE3825	WHALE Arts Agency	6 months of weekly free, nutritious meals in a warm and welcoming space for all the community.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	1999
PE3925	Firrhill High School Hockey Club	Funding will provide new hockey goals and kit, boosting inclusive participation, wellbeing, and	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1215

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		community access at Firrhill Hockey Club.			
PE2225	South East Scotland Scouting	Providing young people and their families in Clovenstone with access to the opportunities and benefits afforded by access to a local Scout Group.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	700
PE2425	Oxgangs Care	Daily I.T tutorials	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	400
PE2525	St Marys Church Dalmahoy	A community project discovering archaeology around Tormain Hill, learning new skills in an enriching and stimulating environment that encourages wellbeing.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	474
PE2625	172nd Pentland Scout Group	Enabling camping opportunities for young people in Juniper Green and Baberton by providing equipment to 172nd Pentland Scouts	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	966
PE2825	One Parent Families Scotland	Start a Stay and Play for single parent families to reduce social isolation and strengthen local support networks	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	2000
PE3025	98th Pentland Scouts Group	A yearly programme of educational activities for local children to build their confidence and skills for life, removing cost barriers.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	2000
PE3125	Balerno & District Schools Pipe Band	Replacement drums for our school's pipe band to enable wider participation	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1971
PE3425	Community Wellbeing Collective	Sustaining Social Groups in Wester Hailes	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1600
PE3625	The Pentland Community Education Centre	A series of Tea Dances on the 2nd Friday of each month, focusing on bringing the local community together and reducing social isolation.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1717
PE3725	The Edinburgh Twins Club	An evening support group for parents of multiples to connect and offer peer support	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	320

## Portobello Craigmillar

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
PC0625	Evolution Swim School CIC	A targeted summer swim programme providing free lessons to non-swimming children from SIMD 1–3 areas in the Portobello cluster, building water confidence and essential life-saving skills.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2724
PC1525	Sandy's Community Centre	Funding for new, anti-poverty cooking group for Sandy's Community Centre	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	4916
PC1725	Oi Musica CIC	Music tuition for local disadvantaged young people	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	3316
PC2125	Lyra	Lyra Young Ensemble (aged 12+) presents a week of FREE shows for community audiences to come together and celebrate local talent and pride for Greater Craigmillar.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2473
PC2225	Let The People Sing	Craigmillar/Niddrie Recovery and Addictions support groups - Walking Group, Art Group, Music Group and Breakfast mornings	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2891
PC2325	Craigmillar Literacy Trust	Baby Rhymetime & Talking Together- Early literacy & early communication groups for families with babies under 6 months	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1776
PC2525	Re-Act, Refugee Action Scotland	The Happiness Group is a group of New Scots aged 50+ who meet fortnightly to share, learn and explore their new home!	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3610
PC2725	Carr Gomm	Small anti-poverty grants pot for essential items for vulnerable patients in Craigmillar	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	4858

## South West

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
SW0125	Street Soccer Group	Creating positive futures through the power of football.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	4217

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SW0725	Big Hearts Community Trust	Friday Night Lights (FNL) is a Big Hearts initiative for young people aged 11 to 15 who are at risk of engaging in anti-social behaviour and would benefit from a safe, supportive space to build positive connections and make better life choices.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2050
SW0925	The BIG Project	The GROW Volunteer Programme empowers disadvantaged youth aged 15–18 with skills, qualifications, and mentorship opportunities to break the cycle of poverty, become leaders in their communities, and inspire younger generations toward brighter futures.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	5000
SW1125	Parents at Longstone School (PALS)	Development of outdoor learning areas and boosting garden biodiversity at Longstone Primary School	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2489
SW1225	EDINBURGH FORGE CIC	New dust extraction system for Edinburgh Forge community workshop at Gorgie Farm	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4190
SW1325	Friends of Hailes Quarry Park	Friends of Hailes Quarry Park Events & Activities: Covered Structure, Store, Supplies, Project Support	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2378.5
SW1525	B Healthy together	The annual Broomhouse Street Party which will host family-friendly entertainment, free food and local information stalls.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1875
SW1825	Youth Vision	Youth Vision Summer Programme of outdoor learning and fun.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Full Award	1852
SW2425	Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH)	Providing life-changing, preventative mental health support rooted in nature, connection and community.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1608
SW2525	The BIG Project	Inclusive outdoor play for children with additional needs, improving wellbeing, relationships, and school engagement.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1522

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SW2725	Stenhouse, Saughton Mains and Whitson Community Council	A Community Christmas Event for all	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1070
SW2825	Longstone Community Council	Capturing Longstone's living memories for the future.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	563
SW2925	Edinburgh Youth Theatre	Free drama sessions in SW primary schools plus a February drama camp at local Community Centre, building confidence and opening a pathway into cross-community arts participation	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2960
SW3225	The WHY Project	We will provide regular youth club sessions using gym mats and fitness equipment to deliver fun, inclusive physical activities that improve young people's health, confidence and social connections in South West Edinburgh.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3164
SW3425	Broomhouse Primary PTA	Brighter Broomhouse - Creating Opportunities to Get Active	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	3964

## Southside Newington

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
SN0325	MARCHMONT & SCIENNES COMMUNITY COUNCIL	Installation of external defibrillator in the Marchmont & Sciennes area.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	930
SN0525	Southside Community Centre Association SCIO	Cost of Living Support Programme - Benefit check service	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Full Award	4375
SN0725	Goodies SCIO	Men's support groups at Goodies SCIO	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2590
SN0825	Goodies SCIO	Goodies Cargo Bike & Trike Initiative - Training, Coordination & Safety. Sustainable Transport to Tackle Food Insecurity and Poverty	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	1944

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SN0925	Edinburgh Rays Baseball Club	Edinburgh Rays Baseball Club	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	935
SN1025	Beetroots Collective CIC	Workshops about Scottish folktales aimed at local community and LGBTQ+ community from migrant and asylum seeker background.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3060
SN1125	Summerhall Arts	To provide vital equipment to ensure the preservation of this vital safe space and the community focussed activities that we provide.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3300
SN1225	Carlton Cricket Club Limited	Cricket coaching for children in local state schools	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	512
SN1325	Community Church Edinburgh	Refreshing the Newington Toy Library	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	3342
SN1525	The Salisbury Centre	A seeds and growing project including workshops, seed swaps, and regular volunteering sessions in our community garden and seed library.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2500
SN1725	Southside Community Council	Southside Community Christmas event	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	700
SN1825	Southside Seniors Elderly Club	A joyful musical evening and dinner for elderly residents in Southside, designed to combat loneliness, foster connection, and promote emotional wellbeing through shared community experience.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2649.57
SN2025	Edinburgh University Gymnastics Club	Weekly affordable community gymnastics sessions for adults in Edinburgh alongside community outreach events to create a happy and healthier community.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1000
SN2325	Preston Street Primary School Parent Council (PSPSPC)	A Family Ceilidh bringing the whole Preston Street Primary School community together, celebrating Scottish culture and building stronger school connections.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	650

## Western

Ref Code	Applicant	Project Description	CEC Objective	Outcome	Amount Awarded
WT0225	The Corstorphine Trust	Vital technology upgrade funding	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	3855
WT0425	Corstorphine Rugby Football Club	Updated and additional rugby equipment to benefit all sections of the Club.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	4417
WT0525	Corstorphine Scottish Women's Institute (SWI)	Having the right equipment can improve communication and therefore encourage our ladies to share their knowledge and experiences not only to their cohort, but also with new and younger potential members.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	563
WT0625	Corstorphine Community Centre	Meeting, making & music: connecting our community in the moment and the future	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1695
WT0925	The Gift Tree Corstorphine CIC SC834671	Regular community film nights bringing people together strengthens bonds and promotes positive interactions.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	154
WT1225	Friends of Drum Brae Park	Planter and bench installation to increase biodiversity, create a more vibrant green space and improve community wellbeing.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	2000
WT1325	Citadel Arts Group	Creation of a book of memories, legends and the history of Corstorphine to produce an illustrated book and community play.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2000
WT1425	Water of Leith Conservation Trust	This project will train volunteers and remove invasive plants along the Water of Leith at Murrayfield and the Murrayburn, protecting biodiversity, reducing public risk, and restoring riverbank habitats for the local community	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	2320
WT1525	Friends of St Margaret's Park	Equip volunteers and run two inclusive seasonal events to maintain, brighten and better signpost St Margaret's Park through tools, plants, labels, cleaning kit and simple event equipment.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1558

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WT1725	Edinburgh Curling Club Ltd	Create a new Stick Curling League, a curling competition without sliding and sweeping	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	800
WT1825	Saughtonhall Community Association	Secure storage for community hall equipment	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	3040
WT1925	Earth In Common	Starting a community kitchen garden in St Margaret's Park	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Partial Award	3882
WT2025	150th Craigalmond Scout Group	Constructing acoustic baffles to reduce echo, to make it easier for everyone to use this community hall	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1021
WT2925	St David's Carrick Knowe Parish Church	Family meals to celebrate and strengthen the wider St David's Carrick Knowe Church Community	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1300
WT3025	Dean and Cauvin Young People's Trust	We will develop our Wellbeing Hub as an accessible West Edinburgh community space offering wellbeing support and intergenerational engagement for young people.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1130
WT3125	The Rannoch Centre	A year of weekly leisurely carpet bowling for all ages, to encourage social bonding and improve wellbeing.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	525
WT3325	Corstorphine Dynamo Community Football Club SCIO	A West Edinburgh social inclusion project delivering donation-only walking groups and chair yoga from our community hub to improve wellbeing.	Ending poverty in Edinburgh	Partial Award	1475
WT3425	Capital Carers	Eat Out to Meet Out offers inclusive and diverse meal outings that reduce carer isolation, enhance wellbeing, and strengthen peer connections.	Create good places to live and work	Partial Award	1057
WT3525	Edinburgh: Corstorphine Old and New Church of Scotland	A welcoming weekly mother-and-baby support group in the West Craigs area that will bring together new mothers from the existing East Craigs as well as the rapidly growing West Craigs to build friendships, reduce isolation, and support parenting confidence in a warm, nurturing environment.	Create good places to live and work	Full Award	1750

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WT3625	You're Never Too Old	2 social outings for the people we support to experience different venues and meeting other people in the community	Create good places to live and work;	Partial Award	944
WT3825	East Craigs Primary School PTA	To create a community garden at East Craigs Primary School supporting environmental learning, wellbeing, biodiversity, and community involvement.	Becoming a net zero city by 2030	Partial Award	1600

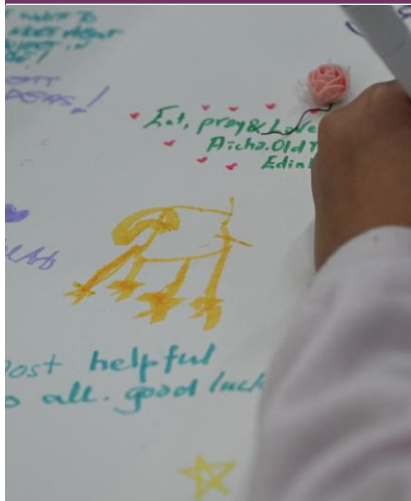
## Appendix 1 – Leith Chooses Summary

# LeithChooses 2025-26 Overview



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## Applications



- 48 organisations applied
- 29 of those were eligible applications
- 10 new applicants
- 6 eligible for a boost vote
- £213,945 was requested from applicants
- £44,707.16 available
- Oversubscribed by 379%

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## In person voting day

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at Leith Community Centre
- 29 applicants hosted stalls
- 405 registered voters (over 8s only)
- 454 attendees (including under 8s)
- 1,823 votes



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## Online voting



- 27<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> February online voting window via consultation hub
- 2,425 voters
- 8,839 number of votes

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## The Volunteers & Steering Group



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## Total figures



### Votes

- 10,662 total votes (in person and online)
- 2,830 total voters (in person and online)

*"I wish this was done in other areas of Edinburgh. It makes me feel part of my community, and keeps Leith vibrant."* – 2025-26 voter

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## Successful applications

### 10 full awards and 1 partial award:

Dr Bell's Family Centre, 'Wellbeing in Leith' £4505.20

Milan Senior Welfare Organisation, 'Leith Connections' £5000

Leith Community Growers, 'Dùthchas – Growing an Orchard for the People' £4970

Edinburgh Community Food, 'Tasty Tales of Leith' £5000

Water of Leith Conservation Trust, 'Coalie Coalition Resources' £2572

Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council, 'Efficient and Healthy Cooking' £5000

Pilmey Development Project, 'Wellbeing in Leith: Supporting Older People Out of Isolation' £4170

Living Memory Association, 'The Wee Hub' £4240

Mustard Seed Edinburgh, 'Roots and Routes: Conversations on Easter Road' £5000

Kin Collective Family Wellbeing, 'Kin Begins: Community Wellbeing Pregnancy Support' £4312.96



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