

TOGAIL AGUS CLEACHDADH
Gaelic Projects Fund

Guidelines for Applicants



BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG

Bòrd na Gàidhlig is the Gaelic Development Agency charged with promoting the Gaelic language and culture throughout Scotland and internationally.

The Bòrd was established under the terms of The Gaelic Language (Scotland) Act 2005. The purpose of the Act is to promote the use of Gaelic in Scottish public life and to encourage and support the increased use of Gaelic in the home, community, place of learning and workplace.

THE NATIONAL PLAN FOR GAELIC 2007 - 2012

The Act places a duty on Bòrd na Gàidhlig to produce a National Plan for Gaelic. The first National Plan was launched in March 2007 and sets out a range of initiatives and collaborative projects that will increase the number of Gaelic speakers and secure the future of Gaelic.

The National Plan concentrates on promoting and developing the language to encourage more people to learn and use it, as well as outlining ways of enhancing its status.

The development of the National Plan has been informed by four well-established and interrelated language planning principles which have guided minority languages development in other countries:

- **Language acquisition** – *to increase the number of Gaelic speakers by ensuring the language is passed on and by securing effective opportunities for learning Gaelic*
- **Language usage** – *to encourage greater use of Gaelic, to provide opportunities to use the language and to promote access to Gaelic forms of expression*
- **Language status** – *to increase the visibility and audibility of Gaelic, to enhance its recognition and to create a positive image for Gaelic in Scottish public life*
- **Language corpus** – *to strengthen the relevance and consistency of Gaelic and to promote research into the language*

An immediate priority is to take measures that will keep the total number of young Gaelic speakers at a steady, sustainable level, to help build for the future.

TOGAIL AGUS CLEACHDADH – GAELIC PROJECTS FUND

The Togail agus Cleachdadh Gaelic Projects Fund is directly linked to the National Plan for Gaelic and targets two key areas highlighted within the National Plan. The Fund will assist new and innovative community based projects that encourage the learning and use of Gaelic in **the home** and among **young people** aged 12 – 24 years.

Applicants are advised to consult the National Plan before completing their application to the Togail agus Cleachdadh Gaelic Projects Fund.

FUNDING CRITERIA AND ASSESSMENT

For each application for financial assistance a good case will have to be made before funds are approved.

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will use the following criteria when assessing applications. Does the project:

- Strengthen learning and usage of Gaelic in the **home**?*
- Strengthen learning and usage of Gaelic among **young people**?*
- Demonstrate an innovative approach to encourage learning and usage of Gaelic?
- Demonstrate ability to deliver?
- Provide value for money?

*It is essential that the project meets at least one of these criteria.

HOW TO APPLY

Eligibility

Applicants may be constituted community groups, limited companies, co-operatives or partnerships. If you are unsure of your eligibility to apply for this Fund, please contact the Bòrd na Gàidhlig Grants' Officer.

Levels of assistance

A total of £50,000 has been allocated to the Gaelic Projects Fund for the financial year 2007-08. The maximum level of funding for each project is £2,500. Applicant organisations are encouraged to lever in further funding and assistance from other organisations where possible.

Number of applications

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will accept up to two separate applications from any organisation.

Decision on applications

Applicants will be notified of outcomes by 21st December 2007. If the application is approved, a letter of offer will be issued to the applicant setting out the terms and conditions under which the funding will be paid and the target outcomes that are expected to be achieved.

Reporting and monitoring progress

Bòrd na Gàidhlig will require the applicant to provide interim and final reports on the extent to which target outcomes have or have not been met. Projects receiving funding from Bòrd na Gàidhlig must acknowledge the Bòrd's support on every possible occasion.

Payment of awards

Funding support awarded through the Togail is Cleachdadh Gaelic Projects Fund requires to be substantially spent by 31st March 2008.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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