

Spirit of the Gorbals Sparks! Questions and Answers

Tell me more about the Grants!

1 What are Spark Grants?!

Sparks! is a specific grant making programme from *Spirit of the Gorbals*. It is designed to release small amounts of funding into communities by supporting individuals or groups of local people and neighbours who want to run local projects for the benefit of other community members.

- The projects must be relevant to the principles underpinning *Spirit of the Gorbals*
- Applicants must be resident in the Gorbals
- Individuals can apply for a Spark Grant of up to £250.
- Informal groups can apply for a Spark Grant of up to £500. By an informal group we mean at least three local residents committed to making the project happen.
- Aged 10 – 21 years? Then you can apply for a grant from the Young Deciders either as an individual or as an informal group. There is a specific Young Deciders application form. Please make sure you use the correct form! Under 18s need to provide a sponsor who will operate their CashPlus card and take responsibility for the grant.
- Grants are provided through a CashPlus card that is the responsibility of the Main Contact. If you are granted an award, the funds will be pre-loaded onto that card.
- Any equipment purchased with a Spark Grant is to be made available for community use after the project has finished. This will be agreed through Foundation Scotland at the end of the project.

Any Spark Grant application will demonstrate the following:

- The project will reflect the principles underpinning *Spirit of the Gorbals* and make a positive difference to the lives of some other community members.
- The individual or group running the project will volunteer their time and skills to the project.
- Activities and projects are advertised in different ways (posters, social media etc) and the project or activity is open to all.
- Constituted groups, organisations or businesses are not eligible for Sparks.

2 What type of costs will a *Spark Grant* cover?

Spark grants can support costs for things like equipment, room hire/ let costs, materials, printing, transport and volunteer expenses (including childcare and travel).

3 When is the Application deadline?

We will accept applications at any time but will need up to 6 weeks to process your request.

If you would like to discuss or talk through your idea before making an application please contact Kim Soliman, Foundation Scotland or 0141 341 4968 or kim@foundationscotland.org.uk

Tell me more about the Fund!

What is the *Spirit of the Gorbals* and where is it happening?

Spirit of the Gorbals is part of Spirit of 2012's Glasgow Commonwealth Games legacy programme Fourteen; instigated by Spirit's investment in the Glasgow 2014 XX Commonwealth Games and its legacy around the UK. 14 communities across the UK have been identified as *Fourteen* communities that will each receive a resource budget of up to £250,000 over three years to invest in activity that local people themselves believe will make a difference to well-being and happiness within their community. Fourteen will operate from January 2015 through to December 2017. Locally, in the Gorbals, Fourteen is known as the *Spirit of the Gorbals*.

The programme is being run by the national grant making charity Foundation Scotland on behalf of the Spirit of 2012 Trust. Please contact Kim Soliman, Foundation Scotland for more information.

Who decides where the money goes?

A Panel of local people has been established to oversee the distribution of the *Spirit of the Gorbals* resource budget which will be informed by the ideas and aspiration of community groups and local people. The money will be distributed in a variety of ways over the course of the programme. Interested in volunteering for *Spirit of the Gorbals* please contact us.

Spirit of the Gorbals has have a youth panel called the Young Deciders who distribute grants to young people aged 10 – 21 years. If you are a young person and interested in getting involved please get in touch!

What are the principles that underpin the *Spirit of the Gorbals*?

In the Gorbals, this encompasses the following ideas:

➤ **Passing the baton!**

Spirit of the Gorbals wants to make a positive difference to peoples' lives by:

- Improving individual **well-being**;
- Improving **perceptions towards disability** and impairment;
- **Overcoming isolation**;
- **Connecting people within communities**

Spirit of the Gorbals hopes to achieve this kind of impact through focusing on four **priority** areas:

- **Social action and volunteering**;
- **Grass roots sport and physical activity**;
- **Cultural activity and arts**;
- **Youth development**

These themes underpin everything about *Spirit of the Gorbals*. So do make sure your project addresses one or more of these **outcomes** and **priorities**.

➤ **Nurturing the ideas and aspirations of local people**

Spirit of the Gorbals will support and promote local people to share and celebrate their skills, experience and knowledge and demonstrate their energy and commitment to lead change and development in their communities. It will do this by providing opportunities for people to share ideas, be heard and take action to make a difference to their community.

➤ **Everyone is welcome!**

By encouraging and building friendships, connections and collaboration, *Spirit of the Gorbals* wants to build links and partnerships between individuals and groups that will strengthen community spirit.

So please think about how your project can be widened to include others either as volunteers or participants. *Spirit of the Gorbals* would really like to see if any of the work it supports can encourage greater participation in community activity by those with disabilities or increasing contact between different generations. For example young people could be introduced to a new activity by older members of the community who have years of experience to share. Similarly, young people may have a skill or a talent to share or pass on to older generations.

➤ **The principal of matching**

We understand that a lot of the *Spirit of the Gorbals* activity will be led by volunteers. *Spirit of the Gorbals* is also encouraging applicants to raise some match funding from other sources to further assist with the costs of delivering the project. However this is not a condition of Spark Grants!