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# Children and Young People Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund 2026/2027



# Aims and Priorities

**Promote good mental health and wellbeing for our children and young people in Highland, accessible within the communities that they live**

**Fostering a strategic and presentative approach to improving CYP mental health**

**Supporting Communities to strengthen their resilience and capacity to build their own solutions**

**Tackle the social determinants of mental health through collaborative approaches to tackle poverty and inequalities**



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# What is Eligible?

**Existing and New  
Projects**

**Children and Young  
People (aged 5–24 or 26 if  
Care Experienced) and  
their Families**

**Accessible, Community-  
Based Services for CYP  
and their Families**

**Reach Seldom Heard  
and at Risk Groups**

**Demonstrably improves  
Mental Health and  
Wellbeing Outcomes**

**Projects and Test of  
Change**



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# Core Funding Principles (All Streams)

## All funded activity must demonstrate alignment to:

### **Scottish Government CYP Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports and Services Framework Principles:**

- Prevention and early intervention focus
- Accessible, visible, and inclusive services
- Relationship-based and trauma-informed practice
- Whole-family approaches
- Co-design with children, young people, and families
- No “wrong door” access and clear pathways

### **Highland Priority Practice (CYP MH&WB Thematic and Quantitative Analysis Report – based on 2025/2026 fund activity):**

Projects should prioritise approaches shown to be effective:

- Safe spaces and trusted relationships
- Group-based / peer support
- Creative and activity-based interventions
- Reducing isolation and building belonging
- Practical supports (transport, food, access)
- Early-stage support (Tier 1)



# Funding Streams Available

## Stream 1: Small Partnership Grants

Support grassroots, preventative, early intervention activity delivered through collaboration between 2+ partners

Grants up to £25,000 maximum (one application per collaborative partnership)

## Stream 2: Locality Partnership Grants (Community Partnership Localities)

Enable place-based, coordinated mental health and wellbeing delivery within each locality, aligned to local needs

Grants up to £50,000 maximum (one application per locality partnership)

**Stream 3: Strategic / Thematic Grants – only available to CYP Mental Health and Wellbeing Steering Group – for activity aligned to Delivery Plan Priorities)**



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# Application Process

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## Small Partnership Grants

**Opens  
09:00 hours  
7th September 2026**

**Closes  
Midday  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Duration  
12  
Months**

## Locality Partnership Grants

**Opens  
09:00 hours  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2026 for  
Expressions of Interest**

**Closes  
Midday  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Duration  
24  
Months**

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**Shortlisted Applications will be invited to  
submit full business case and  
presentation to panel**



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# Resources

[The CYP Mental Health and Wellbeing 2026/2027  
Funding Framework](#)

[Scottish Government Children and Young People  
Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Supports  
and Services Framework](#)

[Highland Children and Young People Mental Health  
and Wellbeing Fund 2025/2026 – Thematic and  
Quantitative Analysis Report](#)



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