

Bòrd na Gàidhlig
Co-chomhairle Maoinachaidh Ro-Innleachdail
Strategic Funding Consultation
Foirm-freagairt / Response Form

A. Mu do dheidhinn / About you

A1	D' ainm / Your name	Stephen foster
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B. Buidhnean Com-pàirteach Lìbhrigidh / Delivery Partners

B1	<p>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil an lìonra chom-pàirtichean lìbhrigidh a th' ann an-dràsta èifeachdach agus a' toirt seachad luach an airgid ann a bhith a' lìbhrigeadh amasan Plana Corporra Bòrd na Gàidhlig?</p> <p>Do you believe that the current network of delivery partners is effective and provides value for money in their delivery of Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Corporate Plan objectives?</p>
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I believe that there are ways that the network could work more efficiently and that would provide greater value for money.

B2	<p>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil taic ri fhaotainn bhon a' Bhòrd gus taic a chumail ris a' bhuidheann agaibh a bhith ag obair ann an com-pàirt le buidhnean eile, agus mur eil de an taic a bhiodh thu smaoinichadh a bhiodh freagarrach?</p> <p>Do you believe that support is available from the Bòrd to support your organisation to work in partnership with other organisations, and if not what support do you believe would be appropriate?</p>
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I agree that the Bòrd have been very helpful when we are applying for funding

B3	<p>A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil taic ri fhaotainn bhon a' Bhòrd airson taic a chumail ris a' bhuidheann agaibh a thaobh goireasan is trèanadh a thaobh conaltradh is tèicneòlas fiosrachaidh, agus mur eil de an taic a bhiodh thu smaoinichadh a bhiodh freagarrach?</p> <p>Do you believe that support is available from the Bòrd to support your organisation with resources and training in terms of communication and ICT, and if not what support do you believe would be appropriate?</p>
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I have not had need to ask for this support, but it would be useful to know what resources and training would be available.

B4

A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil an cothromachadh maoinachaidh a th' ann an-dràsta eadar com-pàirtichean libhrigidh, sgeamaichean maoinachaidh agus pròiseactan a gheibh taic bho Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' libhrigeadh prìomhachasan a' Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig agus a' dèiligeadh ri feumalachdan na coimhearsnachd Ghàidhlig?

Do you believe that the current balance of funding between delivery partners, funding schemes and Bòrd na Gàidhlig supported projects adequately deliver the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan and address the needs of the Gaelic community?

I believe that there could be a better balance of the use of the funding.

B5

A bheil molaidhean sam bith agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh mar a tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig cumail taic ri bhuidhnean a tha libhrigeadh pròiseactan Gàidhlig?

Do you have any proposals that could improve the way Bòrd na Gàidhlig supports organisations that deliver Gaelic projects?

- Collaboration – should be encouraged, however it should also be coordinated, for example if two bids are similar then BNG should contact the applicants and come up with a shared solution that works for both or get both applicants to work on slightly different aspects....such as developing course/materials, this would avoid duplication.
- Funding –sometimes funding is reduced to the point that the project can't be completed or completed but not to a quality level
- Previous results, it would be good to see applications that have shown good practice and therefore have the potential to being applied for next time from different authorities....rather than just seeing a title and an amount applied for perhaps a final report published allowing applicants to see how successful previous applications have been and gotten on.
- The funding cycle how can you plan for a project, that is longer than 1 year, but you need to apply each year....funding should be open to longer applications
- Don't see the point in holding back 20% until the project is finished....people expect to be paid by the end of the project, not waiting until reports have been sent in....would rather see this money being paid after the 6 month report or at least a decision made to continue the project at this stage, if project is not completed then monies could be paid back
- Guidance to completing the application would be useful....perhaps a session at the start of the funding stream – as is done with the specific grant sessions
- The funding could be put into themes – i.e. development, delivery or support – with again, good ideas/good practice being shared

C. Sgeamaichean taic-airgid / Funding schemes

C1

A bheil thu den bheachd gu bheil na sgeamaichean maoinachaidh aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig an-dràsta a' dèiligeadh gu h-iomchaidh ri prìomhachasan a' Phlana Nàiseanta Gàidhlig agus na coimhearsnachd Gàidhlig, agus mura h-eil, dè na h-atharrachaidhean a bhiodh tu a' moladh gus an leasachadh?

Do you believe that Bòrd na Gàidhlig's current funding schemes adequately address the priorities of the National Gaelic Language Plan and the Gaelic community, and if not what changes would you propose to improve them?

As mentioned previously, a guidance session before funding dates, to clarify what exactly BNG priorities would be for the application would be extremely useful.

C2

A bheil sgeamaichean maoinachaidh Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' toirt cothrom gu leòr dhut fhèin no don bhuidheann agad taic a thoirt do na h-amasan agad ann an leasachadh na Gàidhlig? Mura h-eil, ciamar a mholadh tu dèiligeadh ri seo?

Do Bòrd na Gàidhlig's current funding schemes provide you or your organisation sufficient opportunity to support your goals in Gaelic development? If not, how would you propose addressing this?

Our goals are to tied to BNG strategy and consist of the following: offer more opportunities to speak gaelic Increase numbers of learners Provide a positive image of Gaelic. one issue that we have is the lack of confidence in providing translation for our website/flyers etc, we would be more encouraged if there was a central offer that we could send information too, this would ensure consistency as well as being a financial saving. If a project is successful then it should be rewarded by allowing authorities to ask for more monies to extend/expand the session, rather than just now where monies are decreased each year.

C3

A bheil thu ag aontachadh ris na prionnsapalan maoinachaidh agus a bheil dad sam bith eile a bhiodh tu a' moladh gus an leasachadh?

Do you agree with the funding principles and is there anything else you would recommend to improve them?

see previous answers.

C4

A bheil molaidhean sam bith eile agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh sgeamaichean maoinachaidh Bòrd na Gàidhlig?

Do you have any other proposals to enhance Bòrd na Gàidhlig's funding schemes?

allow applicants to make their case to BNG by giving presentations especially for bigger amounts and larger projects.

D. San fharsaingeachd / General

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A bheil molaidhean sam bith eile agaibh a bhiodh leasachadh mar a tha Bòrd na Gàidhlig a' cleachdadh am buidseat leasachaidh aige?

Do you have any other proposals that could improve how Bòrd na Gàidhlig uses its development budget?

see previous answers