

Taic Freumhan Coimhearsnachd 2026-28 Funding Guidelines

Pre-assessment application screening

Each application should be screened before assessment to ensure it follows the rules of the scheme set out in the guidance. If it does not follow the rules below, the applicant should be asked to correct any errors by **10am on Wednesday 7 January 2026** or the application may be declined without assessment.

- Organisation requesting £5,000 or under, or under £10,000 if project longer than 12 months; Individual requesting £5,000 or under
- Funding request at or under 80% of total project costs
- Full projected income and expenditure outlined
- Project begins between April and December 2025
- Project ends during or before August 2027
- Required supporting documentation submitted
- Application signed by a person from the organisation and confirmation provided of Fair Work compliance

Individual assessment

Any panel member should register any interest they may have in any of the scheme's application as soon as possible. If a panel member has an interest in any application, they should record this when prompted by Fluxx and they will not be provided access to assess that application.

Each individual panel member should score applications via Fluxx in accordance to the guidance below. It is expected that a score of at least 60% overall is required for an application to be eligible for a funding recommendation.

Each assessment criteria should be scored out of 5, with guidance below on what each score represents. However, if there is specialist guidance provided then that should be considered as a priority.

5 – Very strong

4 – Strong

3 – Good

2 – Weak

1 – Very weak

A final score is then calculated by Fluxx by multiplying each criterion's score out of 5 by the weight of each criterion, and adding these together, as exemplified below:

Example of application scoring

Criteria	Score	Weight	Weighted score
Project quality and eligibility	5/5	25%	25%
Meeting the aims of the fund	4/5	25%	20%
Ability to deliver	3/5	15%	9%
Monitoring and evaluation	2/5	10%	4%
Finance and Value for money	3/5	20%	12%
Environment, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	4/5	5%	4%
TOTAL		100%	74%

Criteria

Project impact

Project quality and eligibility – 25%

- How clearly set out is the project idea/scope?
- How beneficial could the project be for Gaelic usage in the local community if it was funded?
- How well does the project seek to involve the local community?
- Does the project have clear goals in what it hopes to achieve?
- If this is a continuation of a previous project, is it clear how the project will build on previous results?

Meeting the aims of the fund – 25%

- How well does the application meet the specific aims of the fund listed?
- How many people will use Gaelic as part of the project?
- Will the project create new opportunities to use Gaelic?
- Will the project have a legacy in terms of Gaelic usage?
- Does the application support specific actions of the [Bòrd na Gàidhlig Corporate Plan 2023-28](#)?

Delivering the project

Ability to deliver – 15%

- Does the application demonstrate that those delivering the project have sufficient skills and knowledge to deliver the project successfully?
- Has the applicant successfully performed Bòrd na Gàidhlig funding contracts previously?
- How much of the project will be delivered through the medium of Gaelic?
- Does the individual/team delivering the project have good Gaelic ability?
- Is it clear from the application how the work will be undertaken?
- Is the budget reasonable to deliver the project fully?
- Is the project timeline reasonable to deliver the project fully?
- If the applicant has received Bòrd funding previously, have they fulfilled their duties in acknowledging funding?

If the project is not delivered through entirely or mostly delivered the medium of Gaelic, then the maximum score is 4.

Project monitoring and evaluation – 10%

- How strong are the applicant's plans to assess their work?
- Does the applicant have clear and achievable targets?
- Is it clear how the applicant will collect feedback from beneficiaries?
- Has the organisation performed its duties in terms of returning reports and providing information to the Bòrd for projects that have previously received funding?

Finance / Value for money – 20%

- Will many people benefit in relation to the funding requested?
- Is the budget for the project reasonable and does it look to minimise costs where possible?
- Is there appropriate funding from other sources or fees from participants?
- Does the application demonstrate that this funding would be managed and used effectively?
- How does this project show improvement over previous projects that have been awarded funding?

Environment, Equalities, Diversity & Inclusion – 20%

- How much of an environmental impact will the project have (particularly with regard to travel)?
- Does the application show how the project will attempt to minimise its environmental impact?
- Does the organisation have an environmental policy or statement?
- Does the application provide opportunities for young people in care, and if so, how well does it consider their needs?
- Does the application show awareness of responsibilities in terms of equalities and provide opportunities to engage with Gaelic for people under protected characteristics?

If no answer is provided score 1.

If the application shows appropriate consideration of the questions but that it will not specifically offer opportunities in relation to Corporate Parenting and equalities, then score 2.

If the application does not consider all of the environment, equalities and Corporate Parenting the maximum score is 4.

Panel assessment

After the panel members have assessed each application, they will meet to reach an agreement on whether support is recommended for the application.

- If so:
 - What sum is being recommended?
 - Are there any conditions or key performance indicators (KPIs) to be recommended for the agreement?
- If not, why is the application not suitable?

These recommendations, along with the average scores of panel members, will be put to the Senior Management Team.

For each application that the assessment panel recommends to the Senior Management Team, they may recommend a funding offer that is lower than the requested sum to the extent that the panel believes the amount provided:

- 1) Is more suitable for the Project than the sum requested
- 2) Delivers value for money for Bòrd na Gàidhlig
- 3) Will still allow the project to continue (even if in part)

If more funding is recommended for awarding to projects than budget will allow, the recommendations to the Senior Management Team should be made on the basis of the panel's total score for projects and any other relevant factors (e.g. ensuring a proportionate range of projects geographically, a proportionate range of different types of project).

Senior Management Team decision

Bòrd na Gàidhlig's Senior Management Team will make the final decision on all applications, whether to award funding, what sum to award, and any conditions or KPIs for successful applications.

These decisions may disagree with recommendations of the panel, either in full or in part, without being required to follow the priority of applications set out by the panel.

The Senior Management Team may request further information to reach a decision, or may agree an application "in principle", whereby a condition must be fulfilled before support is agreed for the project. An agreement in principle may be time-limited, where if the condition is not fulfilled in a given time period the application is declined.

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