



Item 8

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership.

Hillhead Area Partnership.

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Area Budget 2026/27: Applications for Funding.

Purpose of Report:

To provide the Area Partnership with details of the area budget allocations for 2026/27, the current budget position and to make recommendations on new applications for funding.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) Note:
 - (a) the area budget allocation for 2026/27
 - (b) the current budget position.
 - (c) the introduction of a new area budget application form; and
- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

Introduction.

1. Glasgow City Council set its budget for 2026/27 on [24 February 2026](#). Within the budget, the overall funding for Area Partnerships was increased by £63,000, to be apportioned on the basis of the SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
2. On [12th March 2026](#), the Council's City Administration Committee approved allocations to Area Partnerships. The Hillhead Area Budget for 2026/27 is **£62,702**.

Hillhead Area Budget 2026/27.

3. Area Partnerships were able to allocate a portion of their 2026/27 budget, subject to Council Budget approval, in advance for services or activities that were to be delivered in early April 2026, prior to the first meetings of the Partnerships in 2026/27. The Hillhead Area Partnership committed £10,033 from the 2026/27 Area Budget at its meeting on 29th January 2026 and £0 has been committed under the Scheme of Delegated Functions.
4. Therefore, a total of **£10,033 (16%)** has been committed to date to various projects serving the Hillhead Ward, leaving a balance of **£52,669 (84%)** yet to be allocated.

Applications dealt with under Delegated Functions

5. No applications have been dealt with since the last meeting of the Area Partnership under Delegated Functions.

Ineligible applications.

6. There were no ineligible applications in this round of funding for Hillhead.

Area Budget Application Form

7. From April 2026, a new online application form will be introduced. The main reasons for this are:
 - a. To provide greater depth and consistency of information available for decision making at Area Partnerships;
 - b. Improve the capture of appropriate information at the application stage to reduce requirements for clarification/additional detail or consideration to be continued to subsequent meetings; and
 - c. Speed up the process from application to decision.
8. The new application form seeks to balance the ease of completing the form with ensuring the proper scrutiny of the use of public funds. For this reason, whilst the new form has more questions, they are more direct and in a logical format. This should help to ensure that the necessary information is captured in

full at the first stage application, reducing the need to request further information and the delay that causes.

9. The application form has been tested by a number of organisations across the city that had previously submitted area budget applications. They were asked to test the form for clarity and ease of completion. The feedback was very positive and some suggested changes were taken on board by the Communities Team. Below is a summary of the feedback and some quotes from those organisations that tested it:

 **What people liked**

- Easy to use / clear / straightforward
- Save-and-return or autosave features
- Good flow
- Easy document uploading
- Form felt more focused and aligned to the project

“Very easy to complete – and a logical order as well. The questions about eligibility and convenient link to the guidance was also very useful.”

“The form is pretty straightforward and with it being online seems much more simplified than a word document.”

 **Ease of use and accessibility**

- 88% said it was *easy to complete*
- 100% of respondents were happy with the accessibility of the forms.

“The form was very easy to complete, size was perfect, font clear, a massive difference to what we have done before.”

“Yes easy to complete and navigate through”

 **Other comments**

- 78% felt the experience was positive
- 33% felt the new form was a major improvement

“Good form and better / more user friendly than the previous Word document. Going through the web sections the overall application didn’t feel long or as if I would need to repeat myself in different sections.”

“I felt the form was very similar to all other council applications, which is great as it helps ‘uniform’ most things.”

10. The form will be introduced for the 2026/27 financial year with a transition period when we will accept applications using the current form. It’s acknowledged that there may be organisations who could face difficulties completing an online form. The Communities Team will put in place appropriate support to ensure this is not a barrier to applying for funding. The new form will be widely advertised and reviewed after a 6-month period.

Area Budget Applications.

11. **Appendix 1** provides a summary of applications that have been received and require consideration. Each application has been assessed and a recommendation is offered, which may include specific conditions, in addition to the standard Glasgow City Council conditions of grant.

Recommendations

12. The Area Partnership is asked to:

- (1) Note:

- (a) the area budget allocation for 2026/27;

- (b) the current budget position;

- (c) the introduction of a new area budget application form; and

- (2) consider the recommendations on applications received for Area Budget funding in 2026/27, as detailed in appendix 1.

Budget 2026/2027 - £62,702
 Committed Amount - £10,033
 Balance - £52,669

Applicant and Project Title	Project description	Project costs	Recommendation
<p>Visibility Scotland</p> <p>ForSight – Access for All</p> <p>PRN – 276/24</p>	<p>Funding is requested to transform the entrance and interior hallway/reception area making it open and accessible to all visitors.</p> <p>ForSight- Access for All will commence on the 16th of June and be completed by October 2026. Phases 1 and 2 are complete. Phase 3 begins in June and Phase 4 at the end of July.</p> <p>Visibility Scotland are currently unable to welcome wheelchair users into their reception area, as the internal ramp is too narrow and tight to allow for safe and easy navigation. Furthermore, there are several steps to negotiate before gaining entrance to the building. The steps and internal layout are also problematic for our vision-impaired service users to navigate. It is not fit for purpose.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u> Phase 3 – External work - £18,000 Phase 4 - £139,896</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 318 Glasgow Citizens (100 from Hillhead)</p>	<p>Total costs - £157,896</p> <p>Other funding – £50,000 from Bradbury Foundation (confirmed)</p> <p>£75,000 - £80,000 from the Wolfson Foundation (Pending)</p> <p>£10,000 from Turtleton (Pending)</p> <p>Area budget request - £6,000</p>	<p>Award £6,000</p>

<p>Halo Arts</p> <p>Woodside Free Summer Arts Youth Programme</p> <p>PRN -</p>	<p>Funding is requested to run the Woodside Free Summer Arts Youth Programme for young people aged 6-16 living in the Hillhead ward. The programme will run over the summer holidays. Monday to Friday 10am-3pm at Woodside halls.</p> <p>Activities include – Drama, street dance, visual arts, songwriting, circus skills, photography and music production.</p> <p>Delivery of programme – 13th July 2026 – 24th July 2026.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u></p> <p>Arts Practitioner @ £85 per session (2 sessions a day x 10) - £1,700 Workshop Assistant @ £60 per session (2 sessions a day x10) - £1,200 Hall Hire 10 x 5 hour sessions @ £20 per hour - £1,000 Publicity, Graphic Design, Promotion & Distribution - £500 Coordination/Insurance/Management/Admin - £500 Workshop Materials/ T Bar Lights/ PA-Kit for end of week show - £900</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 125</p>	<p>Total costs - £5,800</p> <p>Other funding – £1,000 from GCVS Community Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>Area budget request - £4,800</p>	<p>Award £4,800</p>
<p>Arlington Baths Club</p> <p>Arlington Street Community Gala – 2026</p> <p>PRN – 085/21</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards the cost of the Arlington Street Community Gala taking place at Arlington Street from 11am – 5pm on Saturday 27th June 2026.</p> <p>The gala will be a free community celebration celebrating the Commonwealth games this year’s participatory sports and games. Activities will also extend to the grassed area and playing courts at Millennium Park.</p>	<p>Total costs - £6,905</p> <p>Other funding – £3,452 from Arlington Baths Club</p> <p>Area budget request - £3,452</p>	<p>Award £3,452</p>

	<p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u></p> <p>Publicity Materials, Graphic Design, Advertising – posters, Social Media - £500 Artist costs (face painters, workshop leaders, hosts, performers) - £1,600 Indoor Activities – Community Cinema, workshops and pool games (staffing/equipment) - £1,500 Management/staffing/planning/insurances/admin - £1,400 Banners/Safety Equipment/Decorations/signage/cable ties/duct tape/ lanyards - £400 Small Stage and PA Hire - £1,505</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 1,000</p>		
<p>Queens Cross Community Foundation</p> <p>Queens Cross Gala Day 2026</p> <p>PRN – 205/13</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards the cost of the Queens Cross Gala Day event at Firhill Complex on the 15th of August 2026.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u> 2 x large rides & event power - £6,300 Children’s rides & Stalls - £2,000 Marquees,weights, stage table & chairs - £2,900 First Aid - £350 Sound System and music license - £900 Activities, entertainment & performers, event support, photographer & volunteer snacks - £7,550</p> <p>Beneficiaries - 450</p>	<p>Total costs - £20,000</p> <p>Other funding – £7,500 from Queens Cross Housing Association</p> <p>£6,000 from various contractors</p> <p>Area budget request - £1,887 (Hillhead) (£6,500 from APs)</p> <p>Pro Rata Application that will also be considered by the</p>	<p>Award £1,887</p>

		<p>following Wards: Ward 16 (Canal) - £2,935</p> <p>Ward 15 (Maryhill) - £1,678</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 400</p>	
<p>The Coach House Trust</p> <p>Equipment Costs</p> <p>PRN – 121/25</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards equipment costs for the Coach House Trust such as gardening tools, installation costs for exterior lighting in the patio area so service users and staff can carry out tasks in the darker days, and their gas heating boiler requires a replacement pipe to a lower gauge.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u></p> <p>65L Galvanised Wheelbarrow x 2 - £75.50 Draper Lightweight Border Fork x 4 & Soil Garden Rake x 4 - £130.76 Garden Spades x 5 & Carbon Steel Draw Hoe x 4 - £68.82 Secateurs x 6 - £87.96 Gas Engineer to replace pipe - £295 Electrician for Exterior Lighting - £345</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 40</p>	<p>Total costs - £1,003</p> <p>Other funding – N/A</p> <p>Area budget request - £1,003</p>	<p>Award £1,003</p>
<p>Queens Cross Housing Association</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards the costs of running a generational project involving the local and wider community to raise awareness of the importance of age-appropriate housing. The area budget funding will be utilised to cover the</p>	<p>Total costs - £8,030</p> <p>Other funding – £1,802.40 from</p>	<p>Award £3,114</p>

<p>Connecting Community with Burnbank Garden New Build Development</p> <p>PRN -</p>	<p>artists fee and consultations.</p> <p>QCHA and Glasgow West Housing Association are working in partnership to create housing specially designed for the elderly with step free access, dementia friendly architecture that provide a safe comfortable living space. The Community will be given a chance to participate directly in shaping one of the development's designs. Decorative metal screens will serve as both an aesthetic feature and as a balcony shading which will be fabricated using the designs inspired by community input. An artist will be appointed through Glasgow Sculpture studio to conduct community consultation.</p> <p>The Artist will work with around 50 children (aged 5-12) during the summer activities hosted by QCHA wellbeing and engage with another 40 members during the community day. The artist will translate the ideas collected and deliver a design that will fabricate on the metal screens.</p> <p>This project will run for 6 weeks from July 2026 – August 2026.</p> <p>Venue – Windsor Hall (G20 7NA) & Burnbank Garden (G20 6HD) have been identified to carry out these consultations.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u></p> <p>Artist Fees (359.20 per session x 3-day consultation + 3 x £359.20 design fee) - £2,155.20 Project Management – (Glasgow Sculpture Studio) -</p>	<p>Queens Cross Housing Association</p> <p>Area budget request - £3,114</p> <p>Pro Rata Application that will also be considered by the following Ward:</p> <p>Ward 16 (Canal) = £3,114</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 45</p>	
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	<p>£3,472.70 Materials for £200/per session x 3 - £600 Venue Hire (£170 per day x 2) - £340 Community Worker Cost (5 staff working 3 days at a cost of £15 per hour) - £1,462.50</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 45</p>		
<p>WestFest</p> <p>Community Roots & Education Programme 2026</p> <p>PRN –</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards the cost of delivering WestFest’s Community Roots & Education programme which will take place in from the 6th of June – 28th June 2026.</p> <p>The programme consists of 4 key elements –</p> <p>1) 16 Free Illustrated Talks Programme at KelvinHall delivered by local historians, representatives from the Clyde River Mussel Project Society, Glasgow Building Preservation Trust and University of Glasgow throughout June.</p> <p>2) 20 x Youth Workshop programmes at the Pyramid in Anderston, KelvinHall, Partick Burgh Halls & Woodside Halls. Sessions will include drama, street dance, circus skills, graffiti art, mask-making, music production, digital art and samba drumming. Eight author storytelling sessions will be delivered by award winning Glasgow based authors – Alan Windram and Esther Kent.</p> <p>3) Adult Creative Art Workshops – Carnival Arts, Visual Art & Big Builds at Partick Burgh Halls running on Saturday mornings. Activities include samba drumming, mask-making, large-scale visual art – creating colourful carnival art and</p>	<p>Total costs - £14,916</p> <p>Other funding – £1,000 from Visit West End</p> <p>£3,000 from Hugh Fraser Foundation (Pending)</p> <p>Area budget request - £3,639</p> <p>Pro Rata Application that will also be considered by the following Wards:</p> <p>Ward 10 (ACY) = £3,639</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 1,500</p> <p>Ward 23 (PEK) =</p>	<p>Award £3,639</p>

	<p>community props.</p> <p>4) Monthly Community Roots Steering Groups & Volunteer Programme running through April to July 2026.</p> <p><u>Breakdown of Costs –</u> Workshop Leaders, Storytellers & Facilitators – 32 sessions at £75 per session + Assistant at £45 per session - £3,840 Illustrated Talks Fees –and expenses - £100 per session x 16 plus materials - £1,850 Group materials - £500 Technical Equipment - £750 Publicity, Design & Marketing - £1,000 Venue Hire + Steering Group Expenses - £1,951 Volunteer Expenses and Training - £1,125 Staff, Admin, Insurance, Photography, Evaluation and documentation - £3,900</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 1,500</p>	<p>£3,639</p> <p>Beneficiaries – 1,500</p>	
<p>Cowcaddens Nursery</p> <p>Transforming Outdoor Nursery Environment: Cultivating Curiosity through Nature</p> <p>PRN – 409/17</p>	<p>Funding is requested towards the cost of revamping Cowcaddens Day Nursery’s outdoor area.</p> <p>The outdoor environment is currently not stimulatingly inviting, and the nursery have observed low levels of engagement with the children whilst accessing the outdoor space, due to vast concrete surfaces and broken equipment there are limited opportunities for children to develop.</p>	<p>Total costs - £6,991</p> <p>Other funding – N/A</p> <p>Area budget request - £6,991</p>	<p>Award £6,270</p> <p>(Max annual award is £6,270)</p>

	<u>Breakdown of Costs –</u> Remove existing trail - £750 Supply and install mini trail 1 - £1449.75 50m-20mm thick wet pour overlay, black - £3991.25 Delivery and Skip hire - £750 Beneficiaries – 150		
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Approved Funding 2026/27 -

PRN	Date awarded	Organisation	Event, Activity or Equipment	Amount Awarded
156/25	29/01/2026	Make it Glasgow	Big Scale Make it Glasgow Community Event	£5,826
092/11	29/01/2026	Glasgow Women's Aid – West End	Playscheme	£2,068
075/11	29/01/2026	Breakthrough Project	Playscheme	£2,139