Keeping Street Connected Children Safe During COVID-19

Application process for Emergency Response Grants: FAQs

Q. What activities can be funded?

A. This funding is to provide emergency support to street children who are experiencing the impacts of coronavirus (Covid-19). It can include activities which strengthen on-the-ground services such as drop-in centres, shelter and healthcare, and help organisations respond to increased demand; facilitate outreach work with street children; promote awareness raising activities; or provide essential items such as food parcels and sanitation equipment.

This grant will **not** fund activities that do not work directly with street children in response to the Covid-19 crisis, such as advocacy, research, normal running costs of an organisation, or work that has already taken place.

Q. How much can I apply for?

A. Organisations can apply for a **one-off** grant to a maximum of **$10,000 USD**. As this is emergency funding, we would expect the majority of funds to be spent on aid supplies. A maximum of 7% overheads will be permitted.

Q. Who can apply?

A. Nationally-registered organisations delivering direct services to street children in their country of operation, and supporting street children through some of the impacts of Covid-19, are invited to apply. This can include NGOs or civil society organisations. Applicant organisations must be members of the CSC network, or in the process of applying for membership.
Organisations must comply with national legislation or standards in their country with regards to the establishment, governance and operational requirements of the organisation.

Q. My organisation has received a sub-grant from CSC for another project, or has in the past. Can I still apply?

A. Yes, this grant is open to all CSC members, providing the criteria are met.

Q. Can an organisation sub-grant to another organisation to deliver this work?

A. No, grants will be made directly to partners who are implementing the work. This is to ensure that funding is deployed quickly and management and administration fees are kept to a minimum.

Q. Does my organisation need to be a member of the CSC network to apply?

A. Yes, this opportunity is only open to CSC network members. Organisations who have been invited to apply and are in the process of joining the network will be considered, providing they meet the grant criteria, and have submitted an application for CSC membership by 4th August, along with two satisfactory references (requested as part of the membership application process).

Q. My organisation does not work with street children. Can I apply?

A. No. The focus of this funding is to support street-connected children. This definition includes any children who live or work on the streets, spend a significant amount of time on the streets, or have a strong connection to the streets.
Q. How do I apply?

A. You can download an application form and template budget from this webpage: https://www.streetchildren.org/abbviegrants/ Once completed, these forms must be submitted via email to projects@streetchildren.org

Q. What is the application deadline?

A. Applications are open from Tuesday 14th July 2020 and the deadline for receiving applications is 11.59pm (BST) Tuesday 4th August 2020.

Grants will be awarded to successful projects in August/September 2020.

If you have not heard back from us by the 10th September, you have not been successful. Due to the volume of applications we expect to receive, unfortunately we will not be unable to provide individual feedback for unsuccessful applications.

Q. How long should projects be?

A. Projects must finish within twelve months of the date the funding is awarded. As this is emergency funding, we recommend that at least 30% of funds are spent in the first six months.

Q. What due diligence will be involved?

A. We will ask for the below information as part of the application process:
  ● Registration certificate
  ● Accounts for the last financial year (demonstrating your financial picture)
  ● Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment
  ● Finance Policy
  ● Fraud / Bribery / Anti-corruption policy
  ● Board of trustees and staff list

We may also request additional documents as part of the due diligence process, such as:
A copy of the organisation’s latest bank reconciliations
A Procurement Policy where the proposed project involves buying goods and supplies.

Q. My question is not covered here. What do I do?

A. If you have any further questions, please direct them to projects@streetchildren.org. Your question may be answered directly, or through a further FAQ.