CMHWF 2026/27: Expression of Interest Form

The fund [level 1: up to £10k, level 2: £10k - £30k] has opened for an expression of interest stage prior to submitting a complete application. You must complete all questions to allow us to adequately shift through all pre-application forms. Should you be successful, we will request you to submit more information to support your overall application. Note for ease, the information you input here will not be required to be repeated should you move on to the next stage.

NOTE: Please submit as soon as possible, we will stop accepting this form at 5pm on Friday 18th September 2026 to allow time for the next stages of the assessment.

Application & Assessment Process:

- **Stage 1:** Expression of interest
- **Stage 2:** Pre-application shifting process
- **Stage 3:** Invitation to complete application
- **Stage 4:** Panel review & assessment
- **Stage 5:** Application outcome (award or rejection)

If you face any issues in submitting this form, please contact funding@dvva.scot

* Required

Eligibility

If you are ineligible for this fund (unable to tick all options below) please visit www.dvva.scot and click on "Our Work" for resources and further support specific to funding.

1. Please confirm your eligibility for this fund prior to completing this form. *

Please select 7 options.

- [ ] Intend to meet at least one of the outcomes: **1.** Reducing social isolation and loneliness **2.** Enhancing suicide prevention **3.** Address poverty and inequality
- [ ] The people who will benefit from your activity are adults (16+) who live in Dundee
- [ ] You are not duplicating services in your area
- [ ] You have an income of less than £1 Million
- [ ] Have an independent bank account or use of a third sector host bank account
- [ ] Have a constitution or set of rules
- [ ] Have an up-to-date year of accounts ***If you are in your first year of trade and do not have accounts, we will require an organisational budget projection for the year should you progress to the next stage.**

Applicant Information

2. Name of organisation or lead partner *

3. Contact name *

4. Position within organisation/group *

5. Email Address *

6. Telephone Number *

7. Organisation Address *

8. Organisation Website *

9. Organisation Structure (If you are submitting as part of a partnership, please give the following information for the lead organisation) *

- ◯ Registered charity
- ◯ Unincorporated association (select this if your group is a structured organisation with a governing document, but is not formally set up as a registered charity or incorporated body).
- ◯ Not for profit or CIC
- ◯ Trust
- ◯ Other

10. Please tell us who, if anyone, you will be working with. (i.e. will the project be delivered with more than one organisation's involvement, collaboration, partnership etc? **At this stage we only require a list**)

Project details

11. Name of Project *

12. Amount of funding requested (£)
Please note that the amount requested here is a final figure and cannot be changed later in the application process *

The value must be a number

13. Please confirm that the duration of your project is 12 months/1 year *

- ◯ Yes

14. Intended start date of project *

15. Intended end date of project *

16. Is your application for a new project or for a continuation/expansion of an existing project? *

- ◯ New Project
- ◯ Existing project (funded through this fund currently or previously)
- ◯ Existing project (completely new to this fund but funded previously through another funding organisation)

17. What years of the fund were you awarded? Please tick all that apply *

- [ ] 2025/2026
- [ ] 2024/2025
- [ ] 2023/2024
- [ ] 2022/2023
- [ ] 2021/2022
- [ ] We received no grants from this fund at all in any of the years

18. Please give a short summary of the project you wish to deliver with the funding. (maximum 300 words) *

Please enter at most 2000 characters

19. **How** does your project support mental health and wellbeing? (approx 100 words) *

Please enter at most 600 characters

20. What key outcome (s) will your project work towards? Please tick all that apply. **Note:** please only choose which are relevant to your project *

- [ ] Suicide prevention
- [ ] Reducing social isolation and loneliness
- [ ] Addressing poverty and inequality
- [ ] Tackle mental health inequalities

21. What geographic areas or wards in Dundee does your client group live in and where will the project take place? (maximum 50 words) *

Please enter at most 300 characters

22. Please enter the number of volunteers involved in delivering the project **and** highlight any key roles *

Performance and Finance

23. What are the **three** key performance indicators (KPIs) for your project that will demonstrate it has achieved its aims in line with the key outcomes of the fund? (Please include **how** you will monitor each KPI also.)

    Note: A good key performance indicator should be specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timebound (SMART). **Example:**

    SMART KPI: Increase Participation in Mental Health Workshops

    - **Specific**:
      Increase the number of community members attending monthly mental health and wellbeing workshops.
    - **Measurable**:
      Achieve a minimum of **100 attendees per month** across all workshops.
    - **Achievable**:
      Based on previous attendance trends and outreach capacity, this target is realistic with enhanced promotion and partnerships.
    - **Relevant**:
      Improving attendance directly supports the project's goal of increasing access to mental health resources and reducing stigma in the community.
    - **Time-bound**:
      Reach the target consistently for **six consecutive months**, from **October 2026 to March 2027.**

    The example above is only for illustrative purposes *

24. Please give us a rough breakdown of your project costs.

    Ensure you include what the funding will be used for, **refer to the guidance document** for what is eligible to be funded, noting that this is not a re-occurring fund.

    Any costs that will be covered by other/match funding or in-kind please list this here also. *

25. What is your sustainability plan for this project? i.e. outline how a project will continue to deliver benefits over the long term, even after the initial funding or support has ended. If the project is intended to run **only for the 12 months**, please state this. *

Meeting with Decision Making Panel (DMP)

As part of the decision making process for the fund if you are successful in proceeding to the next round of the application process you will be asked to meet with the DMP to discuss your application and answer any questions they have about your project. These meetings will be around 5-10 minutes, can be in person or over video call, and will take place on 9th or 10th November 2026. Further details around booking a meeting slot will be available closer to the time.

26. Please state that you understand that if you proceed to the next round of the application process you will be invited to a 5-10 minute meeting with the DMP on either 9th or 10th November 2026 to discuss your project and any queries about your application. (We will be in contact about availability closer to the time)

    ◯ I understand

Declaration

27. I apply, on behalf of the organisation/partnership named above, for funding as outlined in this proposal to be incurred over the proposed funding period on the activities described above.

    I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made by me in this application are true and the information provided is correct. *

    ◯ Yes

    ◯ No