

Fairer Aberdeen Programme 2017-18

The Fairer Aberdeen Fund is allocated by Aberdeen City Council to tackle poverty and deprivation. The Fund is dispersed and managed by the Fairer Aberdeen Board, made up of representatives from the regeneration areas, the Civic Forum, the Council, Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland and ACVO (Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations).

The Fund focuses on neighbourhoods that fall within the most deprived 0-15% in Scotland according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, as well as supporting vulnerable groups and individuals.

Funding of £1.625m was made available for 2017-18 to support initiatives fitting with the main priorities decided by the Board. At their meeting in March 2017 the Fairer Aberdeen Board allocated £1,459,000 to 44 projects, supporting work in regeneration areas and across the City with vulnerable groups and individuals. Grants range from £2,000 to £155,000 in value.

Maximising income

£438,809 was allocated to this theme, aiming to improve access to affordable financial products and services and delivering coordinated advice and information services. Funding was awarded to 9 initiatives including CAB and credit unions, as well as Food Poverty Action Aberdeen which coordinates food bank work in the City and Cash In Your Pocket which aims to which supports people to access the employability and financial inclusion support they need.

Funded initiatives

Aberdeen Illness and Disability Advice Service
 Castlehill Housing Association - Care and Repair Funding Officer
 CFINE (Community Food Initiatives NE) - Cash In Your Pocket
 CFINE (Community Food Initiatives NE) - Food Poverty Action Aberdeen
 CFINE (Community Food Initiatives NE) - Financial Capability at the Foodbank
 Citizens Advice Bureau - CAB Money Advice Outreach Project
 Grampian Housing Association - SMART Money Management for Women
 North East Scotland Credit Union - NESCU Credit Union Access Project
 St Machar Credit Union

Getting people into work

£245,700 was allocated to this priority, aiming to provide access to support and skills needed to return to work, support personal development and training and deliver in work support. Funding was awarded to 4 initiatives including Pathways which provides support to residents of priority areas into employment by providing tailored support for people from the first stages of job seeking through to securing and maintaining employment.

Funded initiatives

Aberdeen Foyer - Princes Trust Team Programme
 North East Sensory Services - NESS Employment Service
 Pathways to Employment
 Station House Media Unit - SHMU Train Initiative

Improving mental health and wellbeing

£335,183 was allocated to this priority, aiming to reduce health inequalities, improve mental health and wellbeing and increase access to affordable healthy food. Funding was awarded to 12 initiatives

including mental health counselling for young people and in priority areas and access to affordable, healthy food through community food initiatives.

Funded initiatives

Seaton Support for Rehab and Recovery

Aberdeen Cyrenians Street Alternatives

Aberdeen Foyer Reach

Befriend a Child Youth Clubs

CFINE (Community Food Initiatives NE) - Community Food Development Project

Home-Start Aberdeen

Mental Health Aberdeen - ACIS Youth Counselling

Mental Health Aberdeen - Calsayseat Counselling

Mental Health Aberdeen - Torry Adult Counselling

Pathways to Wellbeing

Printfield Community Project - Feel Good Project

Tillydrone Community Flat - Health & Well Being Project

Building stronger, safer communities

£277,287 was allocated to this theme, aiming to improve access to services in regeneration areas, increase community safety and support community involvement and participation. Funding was awarded to 14 initiatives including community projects and flats which provide a venue for a range of services and support to be delivered to local residents.

Funded initiatives

Aberdeen Lads Club - Big Bang Drumming Group

Choices Aberdeen - Relationship Revolution

Cummings Park Community Flat

Fersands Community Project - Youth Work Support

Fersands Family Centre - Family Support Worker

Fersands Family Centre - Twos Group

STAR Community Flat

Middlefield Community Project - Middlefield Under 11s and Volunteer Work

Middlefield Community Project - Middlefield Youth Flat

Printfield Community Project

Scottish Police Authority - Operation Begonia

St George's Church - ACT Attack

Station House Media Unit - Community Reintegration Support Service

Tillydrone Community Flat

Increasing skills and creativity

£161,556 was allocated to this theme which aims to support learning and creative opportunities. Funding was awarded to 5 initiatives including Station House Media Unit which supports volunteers to produce magazines and radio programmes exploring and addressing local community issues and developing skills by providing training and support.

Funded initiatives

Silver City Surfers

St Machar Parent Support Project - Positive Lifestyles

Station House Media Unit - Community Media

Station House Media Unit - Youth Media

WEA - Reach Out