

Support in the Right Direction

1 April 2018 – 31 September 2018

Extension Application Guidance

Extension funding

From April 2015, the Scottish Government's '**Self-directed Support: Support in the Right Direction Fund 2015-18**' has supported the capacity and availability of Independent Support Services across Scotland.

An extension to the Fund has now been announced which makes available an additional 6 months of funding for relevant projects. The extension will enable **existing** projects to continue activity from 1 April 2018 – 31 September 2018.

Scottish Government are currently undertaking research on Independent Support which will help to inform the design of a further funding programme for activity from October 2018 in line with the Self-directed Support Strategy.

Who can apply?

Projects which are currently funded through the **Support in the Right Direction** Fund are able to apply for the 6-month extension funding.

Projects that are currently funded through the **Innovation Fund** can apply for funding where they can evidence that they are providing independent support or, if they are able to show that an additional 6 months of funding will result in a sustainable product or enable their project to take clear, conclusive, step forward.

If you are unsure whether to apply, please get in touch with Kaylie Allen or Ashley Drennan at Inspiring Scotland:

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How to apply

A brief application form will be available from Tuesday 5th September from Inspiring Scotland. The application will seek information on:

- Need for continuing project
- Activities to be delivered and outcomes to be progressed in extension period / project plan
- Information on how project activities will be monitored and impact evaluated
- Plans for project sustainability

A full budget for the extension period will also be required. Completed application forms should be submitted to Inspiring Scotland by Friday 27th October.

How much can you apply for?

Applications should be for the actual costs of the activities to be delivered during the extension period. In most instances, we would expect this to be half of the current yearly running costs. A strong, fully detailed, justification will be required for any major deviation from current project budgets.

What can the funding be spent on?

Extension funding is to be used to continue provision of independent support services to individuals in relation to Self-directed Support. Where it has been identified that there are issues or problems with the current method of project delivery this should be addressed in the extension application. In some instances, work to develop projects and adapt delivery models may be considered.

Projects will be required to report on delivery and will be expected to commit to evaluating the impact of the support they provide during the extension period.

Extension funding for projects previously funded through the Innovation Fund will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Funding may be used to continue work where there is a clear independent support element. Funding can also be used to support conclusion of work.

Timescales

The timeline for the extension application and funding process is as follows:

Extension application form available	5 September 2017
Extension application deadline	27 October 2017
Notification of Scottish Government decisions to applicants	11 December 2017
Extension grant offer letters issued to successful applicants	January 2018
End of year 3 progress report submitted	March / April 2018
Extension funding starts	April 2018
End of extension period progress report submitted	October 2018

Progress reporting and release of extension funding.

Projects which are successful in securing extension funding will need to provide an End of Year 3 Progress Report in advance of extension funding being released.

Projects will also need to submit a progress report at the end of the extension period (October 2018).