

Criteria

The criteria relates to funding offered to Public Services Boards (PSBs) for the financial year 2021-22.

Proposals for funding must demonstrate how the group of PSBs would be enabled to build their strategic capacity and capability to support the preparation of the well-being assessments as well as consolidate work on the well-being plans.

The funding will be available for the following purposes and can be used for one or more of the criteria set out below:

- To support the identification, collection or analysis of qualitative and quantitative evidence (economic, social, environmental and cultural) to support the assessment;
- To assist with the gathering of evidence to inform the assessment, including specialist expertise / capability to analyse this kind of evidence;
- To support coordination and preparation of the assessments, by bringing together analytical capacity from across the public bodies in the area;
- To develop more robust and constructive ways of using evidence and analysis;
- Supporting PSBs to take a more evaluative approach to the delivery of well-being plans by building in appropriate monitoring and evaluation activity to evidence outcomes and track progress over time;
- Supporting data to be made available in real time. The funding could be used to gather or present data around well-being in your region, or be used to adopt an online approach to data;
- Continuing to support community engagement. Effective engagement with communities continues to be an important aspect of the work of PSBs and this will aim to encourage the coordinated ongoing approach to community engagement; and
- Supporting the scoping of collaborative projects that can be undertaken on shared objectives.

Monitoring and payment arrangements

- The Funding Recipient must monitor the progress of the work funded to ensure that the money is being spent as required and that financial controls are adequate.

- The Funding Recipient must submit to the Welsh Government on a quarterly basis a Progress Report which must demonstrate the extent to which the agreed objectives in the Funding Proposal are being met and must describe how the work which the funding is being used for relates to PSBs more generally.
- The Funding Recipient must submit proposals by **Friday 13 March 2021** on the proposal form at Annex 2.
- The funding period will be from 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 with the funding being paid in one instalment at the end of the funding period on completion of a satisfactory claim form.

Ineligible Activities

Proposals which do not demonstrate how they will contribute to supporting the delivery of the well-being plans and/or ongoing work to consolidate the assessments of local well-being will not be funded. This means, for example we would not be able to fund the following activities:

- development of or maintaining specific projects chosen by the PSBs, other than as part of the well-being assessment or delivery of the well-being plan;
- general partnership support.

Upon receipt of a satisfactory Proposal Form which meets the criteria set out above, the Welsh Government will issue an award letter together with terms and conditions of the funding.