



THE RIF: THE RECOVERY INITIATIVE FUND

The RIF is a small grants fund that offers grants of up to £1500 to independent recovery groups across Scotland. It is operated by a partnership of the Scottish Recovery Consortium and Lloyds/TSB Foundation for Scotland. The SRC have taken the lead on assessing and working with beneficiaries and the Foundations held and dispersed the funds. The Scottish Government's Drug Policy Unit gave the fund to the partners.

The fund has been in operation since March 2013 when it was first launched with the intention of stimulating the growth of independent recovery communities in Scotland. The fund is based on a simple premise; if we put small amounts of money directly into the hands of people in recovery that community recovery supports would grow. It was designed to be simple, straightforward and quick.

To qualify for a funding award a group must work in its local community to build and sustain long-term recovery from drug and alcohol addiction and have the following in place:

- A group of 4 or more members, most of whom are in recovery from addiction
- An organisational bank account or access to one
- An annual income of less than £50,000.

THE RIF: AIM

To support the growth of recovery groups across Scotland.

THE RIF: OBJECTIVES

- Increase the number of independent post treatment recovery initiatives
- Increase the number of groups being follow- on funded by mainstream and other charitable sources.
- Connect the groups to each other, regional and national recovery initiatives

THE RIF: ROUND 1

In 2013 The SRC received a total funding grant of £155,000 from the Scottish Government to create the RIF in partnership with the Foundation. The grant was distributed between four key areas as listed below:

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland administration	£10,000
Marketing and promotion of the RIF	£15,000
To create a new post	£30,000
The RIF fund	£100,000

A full report on the operation of the first round of RIF Funding was given in 2014 and the balance of £212.29 remaining from that first round was transferred into the second round fund.

THE RIF: ROUND 2

Following on the successful evaluation of the first round of the RIF a second round of funding was approved for the fund in July 2014.

The fund was replenished with £120,000.00. £10,000 was given to SRC to fund 50% of salary costs of worker supporting the fund and its outcomes. £10,000 was given to Lloyds/ TSB Foundation for the administration of the fund. £100,000 was available for grants. In September 2014 the first grants were awarded in round 2 of the RIF.

THE RIF: AN OVERVIEW OF RIF 1 AND 2 SO FAR

- We received 200 applications for funding and of these 149 applications were successful.
- The RIF distributed £180,193.51 to recovery communities and people in recovery across Scotland.
- From the 149 successful applications; 124 were from groups and 25 were from people in recovery.
- Grants have been awarded to groups or individuals in 28 out of the 31 ADP areas.

ADP Area	Grants	ADP Area	Grants	ADP Area	Grants
E. RENFREWSHIRE	1	HIGHLANDS	1	SW GLASGOW	1
RENFREWSHIRE	6	ANGUS	4	EDINBURGH CITY	6
GLASGOW	41	FIFE	6	MID+EAST LOTHIAN	4
EAST DNBRTNSHIRE	2	WEST LOTHIAN	2	EAST AYRSHIRE	3
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE	3	EDINBURGH	17	DUNDEE	4
INVERCLYDE	7	ABERDEEN & ABERDEENSHIRE	3	NW GLASGOW	1
SOUTH AYRSHIRE	2	FORTH VALLEY	2	DUMFRIES+GALLOWAY	1
N.LANARKSHIRE	2	ARYGLL + BUTE	3	LANARKSHIRE	3
PERTH + KINROSS	3	AYRSHIRE	6	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE	2
EAST GLASGOW	1			NATIONAL	8

THE RIF ROUND 2

65 grants have been awarded in round 2 of the fund. £90,899.80 has been given out. The balance remaining £9,312.49. The beneficiaries so far have been:

No	Name of Applicant	Host Organisation (Y/N)	Name of Host Organisation	Award
1	Ur Life	Y	Scottish Association for Mental Health	£ 1,500.00
2	Recovery Jam	Y	Your Voice	£ 1,500.00
3	CREW	Y	SEAL Community Health Project	£ 1,500.00
4	Recovery Drama Group	Y	Your Voice	£ 1,500.00
5	Sunshine Recovery Café	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
6	S.O.L.O	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
7	Starfish Recovery Café	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
8	North East Service Users Group	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
9	Drumchapel Recovery Drop In	Y	The Arc	£ 1,500.00
10	F.R.E.S.H	Y	Restoration	£ 1,500.00
11	Aria Theatre/prison Section	Y	Arts in Recovery	£ 1,500.00
12	Irvine Teen Challenge	Y	Freedom Through Jesus	£ 1,500.00
13	Inspire Toon	N	N/A	£ -
14	Wee Jeanie's Bazaar	Y	Council Voluntary Organisation - East Ayrshire Ltd	£ 1,500.00
15	Fast Forward	Y	West Dunbartonshire Council	£ 1,500.00
16	Recovery Empowers North East Women (RENEW)	Y	North East Recovery Community NERC	£ 1,500.00

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17	Grampian Family Support	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
18	Wellbean Café	Y	Crossreach	£ 1,500.00
19	Pop-up Recovery	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
20	Lanarkshire Recovery Consortium (LaRC) Ltd	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
21	Yoga in Recovery Dundee	N	N/a	£ 300.00
22	1st Step Café	N	N/a	£ 1,500.00
23	Flickering Seasons	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
24	Growing Recovery DA Gardening Project	Y	Drugs Action Aberdeen	£ 1,500.00
25	Inside Recovery	Y	Inverclyde Community Care Forum	£ 1,500.00
26	Mindfulness in the City	Y	In the City	£ 1,500.00
27	Recovery Runners		NERC	£ 1,500.00
28	Recovery Radio	N		£ 1,500.00
29	Branching Out in Recovery	N		£ 1,445.00
30	East Ayrshire Recovery Group	N		£ 1,500.00
31	Greenock Ladies Recovery Café	Y	Inverclyde Community Care Fourm	£ 1,500.00
32	Step Together	N		£ 500.00
33	The Solace Recovery Café	Y	CHAI	£ 1,500.00
34	Scotland's Mindfulness Network	Y	In the City	£ 1,500.00
35	The Leith Hub	Y	Leith Heritage Centre Limited	£ 1,500.00
36	Tarbolton Recovery Group	Y	Recovery Ayr	£ 921.60
37	Renfrewshire United Health & Fitness Group	N	N/A	£ 1,500.00
38	Serenity Sisters	Y	The Whiteinch Centre Ltd	£ 1,483.20
39	luv n light	N	N/A	£1,500
40	(5MD) 5 Minute Drama	Y	Theatre Imperative	£1,500
41	The Man Who Shouldn't Be Here	Y	Butt-In Productions	£1,500
42	Hippy	N	N/A	£1,500

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43	Hunters Hall Community Development Group	N	N	£1,500
44	East Dunbartonshire Recovery Community (EDRC)	N	N	£1,500
45	Dunoon Seafron Café	N	N	£1,500
46	Recovery Walk Scotland	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
47	OTT Recovery and ME Executive Committee	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
48	Scottish Recovery Café Writers Group	Y	Scottish Recovery Café	£1,500
49	Rise	Y	Addaction	£1,500
50	RAFT - Recovery Aftercare Friday Therapies	Y	RAFT Recovery Account	£1,500
51	Paisley Guitar Group	N	N/A	£1,500
52	Well Come In	Y	Welcome In	£1,500
53	Collective Awareness Project	N	N/a	£350
54	500 Mile Recovery Meeting	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
55	Recovering Justice	N	N/A	£1,400
56	Springburn Addiction Recovery Cafe	Y	North East Recovery Community NERC	£1,500
57	Edinburgh Recovery Collective	Y	Branchin Out in Recovery	£1,500
58	River Garden Social Enterprises	Y	Independece from Drugs and Alcohol Scotland	£1,500
59	Community Decelopment Learning Network	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
60	University of life Tutors Network	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500

61	Nutty Knitters	Y	Aspire Housing & Personal Development Services	£500
62	Tennis Recovery Group	Y	Burnsportfolio	£1,500
63	Methadone Memoires Event	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
64	Recovery Walk Scotland	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
65	Lead café Host Network	Y	Scottish Recovery Consortium	£1,500
TOTAL				£ 90,899.80

IMPACT EXAMPLES – ONE WRITTEN AND ONE VISUAL AND AN INTERVIEW LINK

Inverclyde Drama Group

Community

- The Drama group was able to offer a safe place for members of the community to come along and work on a project within Inverclyde
- Helped to script and performed 'Inverclyde Street' recovery drama, matinee and evening show for members of the community to come along and raised awareness, assisted to reduce stigma pertaining to addictions, whilst acknowledging the need for humour and the therapy that comes from laughter
- Feedback from members of the community was very positive, many were surprised how good the play was and enthused that it should be seen by more people

Beneficiaries

- The broad community of Inverclyde, it was advertised widely and free of charge; people using addiction/recovery services and their family and friends, people that provide services who too could see people who had moved on from services and the progress that they have made
- Other peer led support groups based at Your Voice also attended and thoroughly enjoyed their experience
- The group worked in partnership with local Theatre group 'Tricky Hat Productions'

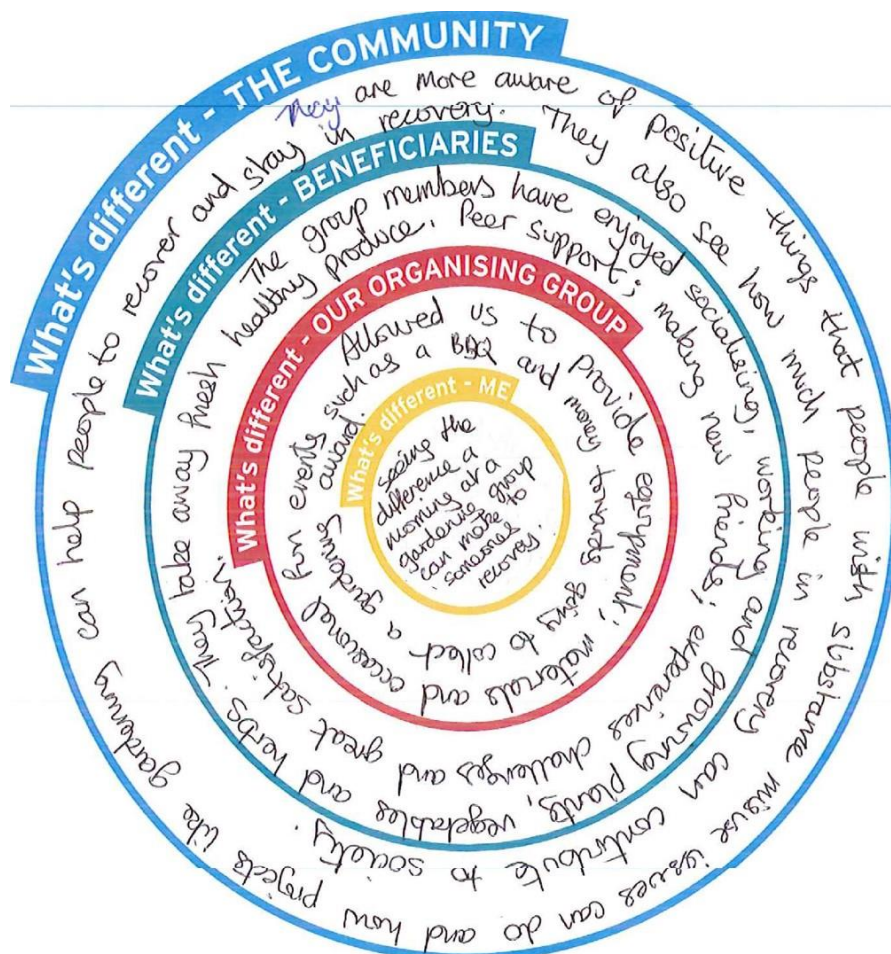
- Since the Drama, the group are now working with the theatre group again to devise a 15 minute production at Your Voice A.G.M
- Recovery Music Jam who also performed music that enhance the play

Organising Group

- Participants feel that the drama and all the workings that went into it have really brought the group together
- It has given them a sense of purpose within the group
- There is an element of camaraderie that was not present before the drama
- The group have now raised awareness of who they are and what they do, and are now being asked to take on other projects

Me

- Built Confidence
- Conquering fears
- Made friends
- Self-belief
- Gained a new passion for life



LINK TO A YOUTUBE INTERVIEW WITH A RIF RECIPIENT

Hippy & Eddie RIF talk: "Follow Your Dream"!

<https://youtu.be/NgEcLGTp1a4>

CONCLUDING THE RIF AND FINAL EVALUATION

The original premise of the RIF has been proven; a timely contribution of small amounts of money directly into the hands of those most passionate about the subject of recovery, people in recovery themselves, has in fact built the recovery community in Scotland.

At the conclusion of the first round of RIF the number of independent recovery groups rose from 10 to 60. At the beginning of 2016 and 18months into RIF round 2 that number had risen to over 100. Scotland has a much envied and vibrant recovery movement led by the community itself and flourishing all over Scotland. The RIF has played a significant role in its development.

There are still 7 grants still to be assessed and we envisage RIF 2 concluding in the next month. The fund has played its part in the growth of recovery from addiction in Scotland and now the flourishing recovery community is beginning to access local generic community funds for their work and in some cases their work is supported by the local ADP. As a result, the level of applications for RIF began to slow down in 2015 and ground almost to a halt. We felt that it would be best to evaluate the whole fund at its conclusion and so did not produce an annual report of the fund in 2015/2016. The grants awarded were reported within the general SRC report to Scottish Government

A fuller report will be compiled for the end of this financial year that will include evaluation, outcomes, challenges and recommendations for the future.

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