

# Early Relationships Fund Information Session

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# The headlines

- Total grant fund: £625,000
- Up to four 3-year grants (max £200k each)
- To support the delivery, and evidence the impact, of third sector community-based early relationships education and support for new and expectant parents / key caregivers and babies

# Eligibility criteria

In order to apply for this funding, your organisation must:

- Be an incorporated third sector organisation
- Have appropriate safeguarding and child protection policies and procedures in place
- Currently provide holistic family support to new and/or expectant parents in a community setting in Scotland, and
- Be willing to work with an external learning partner to evidence the impact of the funded work

# Success criteria - organisations

Successful organisations will have:

- Staff trained in evidence-based early relationships education and support approaches
- Experience of delivering these evidence-based approach(es) in a community setting as part of a wider package of holistic family support
- Established referral pathway(s) with 1+ relevant statutory service(s)
- Experience of co-delivering with relevant statutory service(s)

# Success criteria - funded work

We are particularly interested in funding:

- Antenatal and/or postnatal educational programmes for expectant parents focussed on the importance of early relationships and parent-infant attachment
- Individual and/or group support for parents to promote warm and attuned relationships and parent-infant attachment
- Support for families at greater risk of challenges with early relationships and/or families living in poverty and/or other marginalised groups

# Context

- Cattanach theory of change & strategy
- Policy-implementation gap
- What works
- Evidence for systems change

# Process & timescales

- Two stage process
- EOI - closing date Monday 3 June, 12 noon
- Full proposal (with support) - closing dates (late Aug & early Nov)
- Awards: round 1, late Sept; round 2, early Dec

# Any questions?

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