

HOW WOULD YOU SPEND

£80,000

FOR THE

GORBALS?

Everything you need to know about the
Gorbals Ideas Fund and our
Your Priorities process for 2025



WHO ARE THE GORBALS IDEAS FUND?

The Gorbals Ideas Fund (GIF) are a group of local volunteers (Community Advocates) who believe local people should be more involved in deciding how money is spent in our community.



We use a process called Participatory Budgeting that gives local people much more control over how funding is spent to make the Gorbals an even better place to live.

Since we started, in 2018, we have been able to secure funds from the Scottish Government, National Lottery Scotland, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership and others to support our work.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Until 2022 local people were mainly involved as voters deciding how small pots of funding would support local groups and organisations. In the first three years you helped distribute over **£100,000** and supported over **70** new events, activities and services.

As we were recovering from the global pandemic in 2022 we thought it was the right time to involve local people as more than voters, we wanted you to have the chance to have your ideas funded!

In January 2025 we are launching Your Priorities, making **£60,000** available to support the ideas of local people and **£20,000** available to support ideas from groups and services.

Participatory Budgeting gives local people more control over how money is spent to improve their community

YOUR PRIORITIES 2025

Your Priorities - 2025. It's a simple process that has been designed to give everyone the opportunity to share their ideas with other local people, or show support for other ideas that you think would bring something amazing to the Gorbals

There's a total of **£80,000** available to support Your Priorities 2025, **£60,000** for ideas from local people and **£20,000** for ideas from local groups and services. You have until 16th January 2025 to post your ideas.

WHAT SORT OF IDEAS CAN I POST?

You can post ideas across **two** different topics:

1. Services, Groups & Activities

If you have an idea for something that could be delivered to the community like a weekly group or activity, or a service that people could access as and when they need it, post your idea in this topic.

2. Places & Spaces

If your idea relates to physical improvements to the area, for example, a park or a facility, post it in this topic.

WHAT IF THERE ARE SIMILAR IDEAS?

If we notice that two ideas are similar, we'll reach out to the people who posted them to explore the possibility of collaborating and combining their ideas.

If your idea aligns with something already happening in the community, we'll let you know and discuss how we can help move it forward.

GET INVOLVED

Its really easy to get involved, either **online**, by **email** or **text** at one of our information sessions



Online

Simply head to our Your Priorities Platform at: bit.ly/gorbalsideasfund and set up a new account, or sign in with facebook..

If you have taken part before, you'll still be registered, so just enter your email and password and get online.



Email

You can also email your ideas to us at info@gorbalsideas.org.uk and we will post on your behalf.



Text

If you dont have access to the internet or email, text your idea to us on **07971819778** and we can post on your behalf



Information Sessions

We're also holding information sessions in the New Gorbals Housing Association, 200 crown street, to help you get the most out of your priorities - Call Melissa on 0141 429 3900 to sign up

Session 1 - Wednesday 11th Dec 2024 2- 3pm

Session 2 - Wednesday 8th Jan 2025 3.30- 4.30pm

Session 3 - Wednesday 15th Jan 2025 12-1pm

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

The platform will be open to new ideas from **Thursday 5th December 2024** to **Thursday 16th January 2025**.

Once we've closed for new ideas, you'll have two weeks to rally support and get your community behind your vision! Encourage everyone to sign up for Your Priorities and help build momentum for your idea. This is your chance to make a real impact and improve your area—so let's get everyone involved and turn your idea into action. This phase runs from **16th January 2025** until **0th January 2025**

Starting **Friday, 31st January**, the **top 10 ideas** from individuals and the **top 10** from local groups (as voted on the Your Priorities platform) will advance to Stage 2. If your idea is one of the **top 10**, we'll invite you to work with us to develop and cost it. Once all ideas are developed and costed, they'll be taken back to the community for a final vote, which will run from Thursday, **6th March 2025** to **Thursday, 20th March 2025**.

THE IDEAS WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL BE FUNDED AND THAT'S WHEN WE REALLY START TO BRING YOUR IDEA TO LIFE!

The Gorbals is the only community in Scotland delivering participatory budgeting in this way, offering you a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the area where you live! That's why our motto is:

• IDEAS | COMMUNITY | ACTION •

DOES THIS REALLY WORK?

YES, IT DOES.

The process really does work and in 2022 almost 1000 local people got involved. We're working to develop the ideas you voted to fund in 2022 and you can find out more about these on page 6.



WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

There are just two other, quite important, things we'd like you to know:

1. **We fund ideas *not* individuals.** If you post an idea and the community vote to fund it, that's the beginning of the development process which includes inviting other local people to be involved in deciding how the funds are spent to deliver the idea.
2. **It isn't a quick fix.** When we fund ideas we want them to be the very best they can be, we want them to last much longer than the funding they receive from the community and we're delighted to be able to offer that support, but this does take time.

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like more information about the Gorbals Ideas Fund and what we do check our our website at www.gorbalsideas.org.uk or follow us [@GorbalsIdeas](https://twitter.com/GorbalsIdeas) on X and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GorbalsIdeas).

If you'd like more information about Your Priorities give us a call on **0141 429 3900** or email us at info@gorbalsideas.org.uk.

Funded in 2022



GORBALS GROWS

What began as an idea from local residents has now taken root, thanks to £10,000 in funding from the Gorbals Ideas Fund, awarded by the community in 2022. This initiative is open to everyone



GORBALS ART GROUP

In October 2022, you awarded £5,750 to support the establishment of a new Gorbals Art Group. After two successful taster sessions, the project took a brief pause for reflection. We're in the process of re-energizing the group for 2025.



GORBALS COMMUNITY CINEMA

The idea for a Gorbals Community Cinema has received £10,000 in funding for the coming year, bringing the cinema experience directly to our community.



COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

You voted to support the Gorbals Community Football project, now NGE Grassroots Football, led by Craig Marshall. With £9,770 in funding, Craig is offering low-cost, pay-what-you-can football sessions for local young people, making sports accessible to all. The programme is off to a great start.



MOBILE WELLBEING HUB

In October 2022, you voted to fund a proposal for a mobile Wellbeing Hub in the Gorbals. Wellbeing Wednesday sessions launched on 29 March 2023 at the St Francis Centre and we're excited to continue developing this initiative in 2025.



GORBALS COMMUNITY PANTRY

Over 300 people voted to support the Gorbals Community Pantry, a great idea brought to us by long-time Gorbals resident and Poverty Truth Community Campaigner, Cath Wallace. Opening Early 2025.

VOTED FOR IN 2022



A SPACE FOR THE GORBALS

Over the years, we've heard from many local residents about their priorities for the Gorbals, with a common theme being the need for more community spaces.

People want a central hub—a place to connect, chat, and stay informed about what's happening in the community.

Flexibility and accessibility are also key priorities, with a desire for a modern space that caters to the needs of people with physical or cognitive disabilities, as well as neurodiverse children and adults—one that is usable by everyone, from 0 to 100.

At our last Community Vote in October 2022, 66% of voters supported a campaign to address this need. You can read more about it in our blog!

DO YOU STILL THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THE GORBALS NEEDS?

Your Priorities 2025



Submit Your Idea
Sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/GorbalsIdeas>



Share you idea
Use the 'share idea' button to share your idea on social media or by email.



Support
Support your idea and others' by clicking the 'heart' button.



Check in
Check in regularly to find out what people are saying about your idea or see what other people are posting!



Discuss
Use the comments boxes to take part in the discussion!



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