



Project Delivery Update – Pathway 1 Grant Recipients – January 2024

Dear Grant Recipients,

We hope you've had a good start to 2024 and that you are looking forward to delivering new and exciting mobilities this year. The Taith team has been busy getting ready to launch the 2024 Pathway 1 funding call. The window for applications will open on 31 January and will close on 20 March at midday. We will be running a series of webinars to share information and support prospective applicants – you can sign up to these on the [events page](#) on our website.

Interim reports reminder

Please make sure that you have read through your 'payment schedule process' and 'reporting requirements schedule', so that you are aware of when your interim report is due. These are part of your requirements as detailed in your Grant Agreement letter. Taith will be in touch by email to advise you of your exact deadline and will provide further guidance for completing your report. If you have recently been sent your interim report template and require further assistance, please contact support@taith.wales for advice and we can arrange a call to help you with your report. It's important your interim report is submitted on time as this will affect the date of your interim payment.

Project extension requests

In previous months, some Grant Recipients have requested an extension to their projects when they have been unable to deliver all the activities outlined in the Schedules within the agreed timeframe. To date, it has been possible for Taith to agree to some of these requests on the understanding that the level of funding over the lifetime of Taith would remain (relatively) consistent.

However, Taith is facing a significant overall budget reduction for 2024 onwards of around 50%. This means not only that we have less funding to allocate to future Pathway calls, but also that any funding for projects extended beyond their current agreed end date would have to come from that reduced funding allocation. Any unspent funds from one financial year cannot be carried forward into the next financial year.

In practice, this unfortunately means that we may be unable to approve future project extension requests if the new end date falls in a different financial year, since this could have a significant impact on the funding available for future funding calls. If you are concerned about not being able to meet your project end date and want to discuss the possibility of an extension, please contact us support@taith.wales as soon as possible.

Course Fees

Course fees are included as an eligible cost for Pathway 1 projects to enable a mobility to be undertaken. If the course fees estimated at the application stage were approved but are not subsequently required during the project delivery phase, this cost will be removed from your available budget. The available budget for course fees **cannot be transferred** to any other activity category or be treated as part of the overall available budget.





Funding for Inward Mobilities

Your budget for inward mobilities is conditional on your budget for outward mobilities. Your funding for inward mobilities was calculated as the percentage you requested at application stage (up to 30%). This has been provided in addition to your outward mobility budget. Please bear in mind that if your outward mobility budget is reduced (due to a reduction in the number of outward mobility participants, a reduction in duration or a change of destination) the funding for inward mobilities will decrease accordingly. If your outward or inward participant numbers decrease, your budget for OS will decrease accordingly. The final figure that you receive for inward mobilities will be based on the actual outward mobilities that have taken place up to the maximum allowance of 30%. Some Grant Recipients have opted to deliver inward mobilities only after they complete their outward mobilities to ensure they know exactly how much funding they have available.

Certificate of Expenditure – update

In our December 2023 Bulletin, we announced that shortly the requirements relating to Certificates of Expenditure for Grant Recipients with projects of £50,000 or more would change to only one being required Certificate of Expenditure **with the final report**. These changes will come into effect for existing projects in March 2024 and further information will be communicated to Grant Recipients. This will replace the original request to submit a Certificate of Expenditure annually. However, if you have already submitted one Certificate of Expenditure in 2023, you will still need to submit another one at the end of your project, with the final report.

Monthly support sessions for Pathway 1 Grant Recipients

Every month the Taith team run drop-in sessions for Pathway 1 Grant Recipients from the Schools, Youth, Adult Education and Further Education sectors. These are informal sessions where you can meet with other Taith Grant Recipients and discuss with the team any queries that you may have. We will be running the next session for Pathway 1 recipients on Monday 19 February at 4pm. Please find registration links to the session [here](#).

Sector Stakeholder Groups

The latest round of Sector Stakeholder Group meetings for all sectors took place on Monday 15 January. Many thanks to all who were able to join us. For those of you who would be interested in reading the minutes, you can find them on our [website](#). If you have any queries about the issues that were discussed at the meetings and would like to have a chat with us, please send us an email at support@taith.wales.

The next Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 April at 12pm, and it will be a cross-sector meeting bringing together the Schools, Youth, Adult Education, Further Education, Vocational Education and Training and Higher Education virtually. We will share more information closer to the date.

Your feedback is welcome

We always welcome your feedback on how you find the processes and resources established by Taith to support you in delivering your projects – what is working well, what could be improved, what could be developed. Please send us your thoughts via support@taith.wales If you prefer, we are also happy to schedule a call or a meeting with you.

