



Cornish Language: Learning and Communications Fund 2021–2024

Context

In 2015, the second Cornish Language Strategy was adopted for the period up to 2025. The strategy has four overarching aims as the focus for language policy and planning initiatives for Cornish:

- the need to increase the numbers of Cornish speakers,
- the need to increase the use of Cornish as a community language,
- the need to maintain and increase the profile and status afforded to Cornish in public life, and
- the need to maintain and develop Cornish as a dynamic language that can be used for a full range of purposes in all fields of human activity.

In order to achieve these aims, Cornwall Council manages a programme of development projects for the language which are delivered via third party organisations in the private, public and voluntary sectors. The projects not only develop use of the language but develop greater expertise and capacity in Cornwall to support the language.

The Learning and Communications Fund is the largest grant fund within the Cornish language programme as it covers key elements of the strategy. This work is currently contracted to Golden Tree Productions, with the contract expiring on 31 March 2021.

Learning and Communications Fund

This fund is intended to increase the general public awareness of the Cornish language, of opportunities to learn the language and to increase the take up of language learning.

In particular, we are looking for proposals that:

- Develop and deliver sustainable Cornish language teaching in schools, enabling general use of Cornish in more schools and developing the teaching of Cornish as a modern language in clusters of schools.
- Develop awareness and use of the Cornish language in the communities outside the schools.
- Promote awareness of the Cornish Language and the take-up of learning opportunities.
- Maintain and develop online teaching and learning resources.
- Work with partners to develop and maintain high quality teaching and learning materials through a variety of media.
- Work with partners to develop a preschool offer that allows the acquisition of Cornish.



All resources and teaching must be delivered in the Standard Written Form (SWF) of the Cornish Language in line with the corpus material and linguistic advice provided by the Akademi Kernewek and the Cornish Language Office.

The total amount available for investment in in this call is £150,000 to cover three years, with £50k released each year subject to performance review. There is no minimum award. Proposals should set out core commitments as to how the fund will be used over the three year period and opportunities for partnership working to secure additional outputs building on the core part of this project.

The fund will be awarded on the basis of outputs under the core commitments, opportunities for additional outputs through partnership working, evidence of impact on developing use of the language, particularly in schools, and a team with the right skills to develop the project. Proposals may take a new approach to delivery but this would need to be clearly justified with evidence of potential benefits to use and acquisition of Cornish.

Eligibility

The fund is open to organisations applying either singly or in partnership.

The Process

The fund will open for applications on **22 January 2021**.

The deadline for applications is **15 February 2021** for funding from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2024. Only one award will be made and applicants will be assessed according to how well they deliver the project priorities, an innovative approach, skills within the team to communicate and teach in Cornish, and ability to demonstrate evidence of impact and contribution to the overall Cornish Language Strategy.

Applicants will be notified as to the success of their application in late February.

For an application form please contact:

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