

Adapt and Thrive Fund: Loan Funding FAQs

What is the Adapt and Thrive Fund loan product?

This is a simple loan product designed to support those organisations directly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in Scotland. Funds invested provide working capital to organisations to allow them to sustain their impact during these challenging times, in line with the Adapt and Thrive Programme guidelines.

Who is eligible for the loan?

Social sector organisations who are based and operating in Scotland, or social organisations who create social or environmental impact in Scotland.

What are the terms of the loan?

- Simple and flexible
- Interest free
- No security required
- No arrangement fee
- Amounts of **between £25,000 and £250,000** repayable over a term of 5 years (60 months). We can initially also provide up to 12 months of a capital holiday.
- Following any capital holiday, the principle amount is repaid over a fixed period via regular instalments of capital agreed at the outset of the investment.

How much information do I need to provide?

Alongside the application form, it would be useful to receive the latest set of annual accounts and the most up to date Management Accounts, if you have these. If you don't, we will have a chat with you to understand a bit more about trading prior to the current situation.

Will I have to speak to anyone?

Yes, we will give you a call to discuss your loan application and discuss how a loan could support you.

What happens if our organisation cannot afford to repay this loan?

When you take a loan from SIS you receive regular advice and support from an investment manager who will keep in touch with you to make sure things are going to plan. If things don't, then we will do all that we can to support your organisation to get through its challenging time and agree a suitable repayment plan.

Will any of my trustees lose their house if we are not able to pay back our loan?

No. We take no personal liability.

How long does the process take?

Particularly during these times, the team at SIS will work to support you as quickly as they can. You will hear whether your loan application has been successful within 10 working days.

If your organisation is also being considered for grant funding through the Adapt and Thrive Programme you will most likely hear about both grant and loan funding decisions at the same time.

Can I use this loan to repay other debt?

No. This fund exists to support the challenges presented due to COVID-19. Funds cannot be used to repay other debt.

I have concerns that the income I will be using to service the debt is income that could have been used to increase my social impact.

We continue in unchartered times. The Adapt and Thrive Fund will be utilised by those organisations who need the capital to make changes to respond and recover in this times. In this case, the loan is required to protect the organisation's current and future impact.

Where can I find SIS's Data Protection Notice?

You can find SIS's [Data Protection Notice](#) on our website [here](#). By submitting an application for this fund, you confirm that you understand and accept our obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) set out in [Data Protection Notice here](#). You also confirm and agree that for the purposes of this fund, we will share your information with the fund partners (Scottish Government, Firstport, SCVO, CEIS, Community Enterprise and the Corra Foundation) if deemed appropriate.

Where can I get more information?

You can find more information on our webpage and in the Adapt and Thrive Programme guidance. If you are working with a programme business advisor on your recovery plans they will be able to tell you more about loan funding, or you can email tsrf@socialinvestmentscotland.com.