



## **NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COVID-19 RESPONSE & RECOVERY FUND**

### **GUIDELINES**

#### **Help for community groups, charities and other not for profit organisations**

Grants may be made for charitable purposes to support third sector organisations operating for the benefit of people living in North East Lincolnshire responding to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic or towards future recovery work.

#### **Who can apply:**

- Charities, community groups or other not for profit organisations who are directly or indirectly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Charities, community groups or other not for profit organisations who are supporting people directly or indirectly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic

#### **About The Grants**

- We aim to distribute around £100,000.00
- Grants are for a maximum of £5,000 subject to funding availability
- Fund opens on 9 November 2020 and closes on 30 November 2020
- Decisions notified within 4 weeks of closing date
- Payments are normally made in advance

For those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic we can provide funding to help with the following (***this list is not exhaustive***):

- support volunteer recruitment, training or retention and additional volunteer costs
- carry out a review/restructure relating to future delivery
- support for vulnerable residents (access to food, medicines, essentials)
- support IT/comms capacity/new kit to enable group or project continuity
- longer term planning/adapting to changing circumstances/achieving long term goals
- providing match funding
- mental health support
- employment/benefits advice

*Grants cannot be used a substitute for insurance.*

#### **For those providing services to people or communities affected by the pandemic:**

Groups will be supported to provide services which support individuals and families and which help build stronger, more resilient communities. Priority will be given to groups who support one or more of the following groups of people: older adults, families with young children, people with physical or learning disabilities, people with mental health needs and people on low incomes. Applications that demonstrate evidence of collaboration with other partners may also be given priority.

We will **not** normally fund the following; voluntary and community groups where any loss is fully insured, businesses, any non-charitable activity e.g. political and fundraising events or substitute statutory funding.

**Project costs considered:** running costs, volunteer costs, salary, an appropriate contribution towards fixed costs, materials, equipment etc. engagement of professional advice/salary costs to support longer term sustainability planning

**How much can you apply for?**

Grants up to a maximum of £5,000.00 will normally be considered, subject to funding availability.

**What supporting documentation do you need to apply?**

- Constitution or set of rules
- A local management board or committee
- A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two signatories
- Up to date accounts or income and expenditure account
- Other relevant policies and procedures (vulnerable children/adults policy, equal opportunities)

**How to apply:** Complete the application form and submit by email to [sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com](mailto:sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com).

**If you would like to know more about this Fund or need assistance to complete an application, please contact the Grants Team on 01529 305825**