

NORTH KESTEVEN COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY **FUND GUIDELINES**

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

Grants may be made for charitable purposes to relieve immediate hardship caused directly or indirectly by the Covid-19 pandemic or to support longer term community resilience and rebuilding projects.

Groups will be supported to provide services which support individuals and families and/or 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.

Who can apply:

Voluntary and community organisations, including:

- Registered charities, constituted groups and community interest companies;
- Community groups that have been vetted by Lincolnshire Council for Voluntary Services as part of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum
- Churches and other religious organisations (if the funded activity is not deemed to be proselytising).

Who can't apply:

- Political or predominantly religious activities
- Statutory provision
- Animal welfare
- General contributions to large appeals
- Improvements to land/buildings
- Building work/purchase of vehicles
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others

Priority:

Funding will be targeted at projects that support:

- the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure their health and wellbeing is maintained including those who are self isolating
- those activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services, particularly emergency or health and social care provision, or compliment their response
- the recovery and rebuilding of organisations and/or delivery of services ensuring vulnerable people continue to be supported in the longer term.

Project costs considered (*this list is not exhaustive*): project running costs/overheads; goods and equipment, digital resources, counselling support, volunteer training costs and expenses, professional support to refocus delivery, transport costs, project materials, cost of reinstating project activity or service delivery as lockdown rules are relaxed.

About The Grants

- We aim to distribute around £40,000
- Grants are for a maximum of £5,000 subject to funding availability
- There is a shorter application form for grants of less than £500

- Payments are normally made in advance
- Closing date 12 February 2021 (decisions to be notified within 4 weeks)
- All grants to be spent within a year of receipt

What supporting documentation do you need to apply?

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

How to apply: Complete an application form and submit it, along with supporting documentation by email to sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com.

If you would like to know more about this Fund, have a chat about the type of support you would like or need assistance to complete an application, please contact Sue Fortune on 01529 305825