



EVAN CORNISH GRASSROOTS FUND

Guidelines

Please read the guidelines carefully **BEFORE** you request or complete an application form.

The **Object of the Fund** is to improve the wellbeing of people living in Greater Lincolnshire and to make life more comfortable, ease distress and isolation for those most in need.

Eligible groups are:

1. Voluntary or Community organisations. Not statutory agencies. Priority may be given to smaller volunteer led community groups.
2. Locally run and managed. We are unlikely to fund organisations that are local branches/organisations of a larger regional or national organisation.

Themes:

- ▶ *Social cohesion*: Community activities; access to essential services; support for people leaving Prison and their families, women's groups, projects that contribute to strong and cohesive communities.
- ▶ *Advice and Support*: Debt counselling; Citizens Advice Bureau; welfare advice services, nutrition and diet.
- ▶ *Older People*: Care at home, integration projects; projects tackling isolation, loneliness and dementia, volunteer costs, sitter and companionship.
- ▶ *Homelessness*: Interventions/support to assist vulnerable homeless people, eg accommodation, advice, food/clothing.
- ▶ *Food Security*: Seed swaps, community growing schemes, advice about food sovereignty and sustainability.

What Can we Fund?

- ▶ We can fund local projects that encourage and/or assist those included in the target group.

- ▶ We can provide funding to cover equipment, travel, venue hire, telephone, stationery, refreshments, volunteer training and activities that meet an identified need.
- ▶ **Whatever we fund must benefit your local community**

What Can't we Fund?

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

About The Grants....

- ▶ We aim to distribute around £50,000
- ▶ Grants are for a maximum of £5,000
- ▶ Payments are normally made in advance
- ▶ Closing date 1 March 2021
- ▶ All funds to be spent within a year of receipt

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 cheque signatories
- ▶ Up to date accounts or income and expenditure account.
- ▶ Other relevant policies and procedures (vulnerable children/adults policy, equal opportunities)

Is This You/Your Group?

If your project meets the criteria then fill in the Application Form (please make sure you complete it in full, including the budget breakdown) and send it to us at the address at the bottom of the page. **If you need any help or advice on how to fill in the form please do not hesitate to call our Grants Team on 01529 305825 who will be only too happy to help.**

Contact Us

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