



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:

Locally run and managed voluntary or community organisations. Priority may be given to smaller volunteer led community groups.

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, e.g., 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
- ▶ Individuals
- ▶ Statutory agencies/provision
- ▶ Animal welfare
- ▶ General contributions to large appeals
- ▶ Building work/purchase of vehicles
- ▶ Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- ▶ Retrospective projects/activities

About The Grants....

- ▶ We aim to distribute around £50,000 per annum
- ▶ Grants are for a maximum of £6,000 per year
- ▶ Payments are normally made in advance
- ▶ For the next closing date, please refer to the Foundation's website
- ▶ All funds to be spent within a year of receipt

What supporting documentation do you need to apply?

- ▶ A Constitution or set of rules
- ▶ A local management board or committee of at least three people, of which two must be unrelated
- ▶ A bank or building society account in the organisation's name with at least two account signatories
- ▶ Up to date accounts or income and expenditure account.
- ▶ A Safeguarding Policy, and any other relevant policies and procedures (vulnerable children/adults' policy, equal opportunities)

If you require support with any governance or supporting documentation, we recommend that you contact your local Community Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisation for support.

Making an application

If your project meets the criteria and you would like to make an application, please fill in the Application Form (ensuring you complete it in full, including the budget breakdown) and email it to hayley@lincolnshirecf.co.uk or, send a hard copy to us at: Lincolnshire Community Foundation, 4 Mill House Carre Street Sleaford NG34 7TW.

If you need any help or advice regarding the application process, please do not hesitate to call our Grants Team on 01529 305825 who will be only too happy to help. Please note, we are unable to complete the application form on your behalf.