

## MICHAEL CORNISH CORE GRANTS PROGRAMME

### Fund Guidelines

#### Object of the Fund

To empower and support the resilience of community organisations delivering services and/or opportunities across Greater Lincolnshire addressing the needs of young people (including care leavers), families, ex-offenders, victims of domestic abuse or sexual violence and to alleviate poverty (including rural deprivation) in all its forms.

#### About the Grants

- Grants may be up to £10,000 for revenue, including running costs and small capital items
- Groups can only hold one grant at any one time from this programme, although they may re-apply for continuation funding upon receipt of a satisfactory Impact Report.
- Closing dates: 1 November & 1 March & 1 July each year whilst funding remains available.
- Payments are usually made in advance.
- Applicants are generally notified of decisions within 6 weeks of a closing date.
- Funds awarded must be spent within one year of receipt unless otherwise agreed.

#### Eligibility/Supporting documentation

This scheme is open to not-for-profit constituted community groups, registered charities, social enterprises, etc. All applicants should submit:

- Their Constitution/Governing document
- The names, roles and addresses of their local management board or committee (with minimum of at least two unrelated people)
- A recent bank statement from any bank or building society accounts in the organisation's name. These should have at least two signatories who are not related or living in the same household
- The latest Accounts/Income and Expenditure Account (or last three months Bank Statements, if a new group)
- Any other relevant policies and procedures (safeguarding policy, equal opportunities etc.)
- Evidence of cost

#### What can be funded:

Projects must demonstrate how they align with the aims of the Fund addressing at least one of the following priorities (the examples provided is not an exhaustive list):

- Young People - provision of activities, facilities and opportunities (youth clubs/groups, workshops, diversionary activities, intergenerational projects etc.) that will enable young people to reach their full potential whether preventive or enabling.

- Care Leavers – interventions that create space and/or support activities identified by care leavers themselves that will enable them to be their best self and move on in life.
- Families – Projects that support parenting skills, access to vital services, employment opportunities, peer support networks, family engagement activities, social cohesion.
- Homeless/Ex-Offenders – Organisations with a focus on assisting vulnerable homeless people and ex-offenders (accommodation, advice, practical support, food/clothing/benefits advice).
- Victims of Domestic Abuse or Sexual Violence – Support for survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence (counselling, practical support, benefits advice or solutions, housing).
- Alleviating Poverty (lack of access to basic needs) - Meaningful projects that support steps to address the root causes of poverty, including advice and support e.g. debt counselling, welfare advice. Applications addressing rural deprivation/poverty will also be considered.
- Core Strength - capacity building that will increase the resilience and sustainability of local organisations (governance advice, volunteer recruitment & retention and longer-term planning).
- Isolation/Mental Health – organisations that bring local community members together to reduce social isolation and support better mental health outcomes for individuals.

#### **What cannot and/or is unlikely to be funded:**

- Projects promoting religious or political beliefs
- Large capital projects
- Individuals
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others
- Retrospective expenditure or unsustainable deficits or loans
- Projects where the applicant has a limited track record in local delivery
- Activity that duplicates pre-existing private or public sector funding or activity that the applicant has a statutory duty to undertake.
- National or regional organisations

#### **Application process**

Applications can be submitted electronically to [cavan@lincolnshirecf.co.uk](mailto:cavan@lincolnshirecf.co.uk) along with all supporting documents. If you are unable to send an electronic copy, please send a hard copy to FAO Cavan Collins, Michael Cornish Core Grants Programme, Lincolnshire Community Foundation, 4 Mill House, Carre Street, Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7TW.

#### **Grant management**

The grant scheme is managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation CIO (charity number 1196448).

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All complaints for this Fund will be managed through the Lincolnshire Community Foundation’s complaints procedure in the first instance.

If you have an idea which you think would be eligible for this Programme or have an idea and would like to have a chat, please get in touch with Cavan Collins at the Foundation on 01529 305825 for further guidance.