

The Winter Wellbeing Fund.

Heart of England Community Foundation recognises that 2020 has been a difficult year with multiple challenges. We know the winter months are going to be difficult, so we are launching the Winter Wellbeing Fund.

Project Aims

The aims of the fund are to allow organisations to provide holistic support for the wellbeing and changing economic circumstances of the community due to the impact of COVID-19.

Organisations must be at the heart of their communities and experienced in responding to multiple local needs.

We would expect projects to encompass a range of activities, including some of the following:

- Offering first level financial advice and signposting to appropriate services
- Emotional support, such as befriending/welfare checks/online support groups (but not formal counselling)
- Community Wellbeing programmes – co-designed (designed with beneficiaries and stakeholders) and offering a variety of activities that will lift the mood and spirits of local people as life continues to be restricted by COVID-19
- Increased volunteering opportunities
- Wellbeing initiatives for staff and volunteers
- Addressing food poverty

NOTE: If you have recently received a Doing Things Differently grant, you may only apply to this fund if the project will be different and you can demonstrate capacity, or if you have spent and reported on your previous grant.

All projects would need to meet current government guidelines for COVID-19

Available Funding

- You can apply for up to £10,000
- The fund is unable to cover the cost of the purchase of I.T. equipment
- No more than 50% of the total budget can be attributed to salaries
- Funds must be spent within 6 months of the award being granted

Priority Area

Birmingham, Black Country, Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire

Eligibility

You can apply to this fund if you are one of the following:

- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprise

***Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.*

- Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £500,000, as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must have the following and in your application, you will be required to certify to this effect:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A safeguarding policy
- Equal opportunities policy
- Quotes for capital items over £300

You will need to submit a bank statement from the last 3 months and your organisations most recent accounts with your application

Sorry, we cannot fund

- Individuals or sole traders
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Capital builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- National charities
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare

- General appeals
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Boxing clubs or associated organisations unless they are addressing wider community issues
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes
- Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated

For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.