

Emergency Assistance Food & Essential Supplies Grant.



Gateway Family Services, Age UK and Northfield Community Partnership have partnered with the Heart of England Community Foundation to deliver the Emergency Assistance Food and Essential Supplies Grants funded by Birmingham City Council.

The key principles agreed for the use of the grant:

- Support only those who genuinely need it.
- Not to create a dependency upon the Council to provide food parcels.
- Community support infrastructure to be able to respond effectively to local lockdowns and potential second wave.
- Ensure the food and support system is joined up across adults and the children and family offer.
- Establish an effective advice offer to accompany provision of food and essential supplies.
- Connect and be aware of other existing pathways of support for vulnerable citizens (Children & Families and adults) of all ages.

Project Aims

The aim of the fund is to support ideas and proposals which will provide:

- Social support
- Volunteers for shopping and essential supplies
- Support with Food/Foodbanks
- Enhanced Information, Advice and Guidance

Examples of this are:

- Volunteer run projects supporting shopping/picking up prescriptions and other essential items
- Supporting a food bank/baby bank to continue running its services
- Localised, risk assessed face-to-face/on-line/telephone IAG appointments
- Localised social support projects based on demand and checked against what is already commissioned via various funding streams

- Priority will be given to smaller organisations who may have only just started supporting their community with food related provision during the pandemic

What we cannot fund

- Projects which are purely about research
- Costs of ongoing staff who are not working directly on the project – including salaries of permanent or fixed term staff
- Costs incurred in putting the application together

- Core costs of the organisation – (utility bills; rent; management costs etc.) which are not directly related to the project activity
- Contingency costs e.g. funds to provide a source of income or for fundraising activities
- Political or religious activities
- Projects that do not take place in Edgbaston or Northfield
- Organisations from outside of Edgbaston and Northfield – if you are based outside of the area but are already delivering services in the area and can evidence this your application will be considered for support
- VAT that can be recovered
- Loans or interest payments
- Purchase of alcohol or illegal substances

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

Available Funding

- You can apply for up to £5,000
- Funds must be spent within 3 months of the award being granted

Priority Area

Edgbaston and Northfield in Birmingham

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
- Mutual aid groups (the funds will need to be held by a local organisation with one of the above legal structures – a bank statement from your chosen organisation will need to be submitted with your application)
- **Organisations must also connect to NNS Lead Facilitators and Early Help Leads for their area prior to submitting an application.**

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

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
- Health & Safety Policy
- Whistleblowing 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
- 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.
<https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/essential-information/>**