

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM COMMUNITY CAPACITY & RESILIENCE FUND

Grants Available:

The Isle of Wight Council Adult Social Care and Housing Needs Directorate invites applications for grants to strengthen overall community capacity and resilience support to residents with the cost-of-living essential items and which builds further sustainable extra support where intervention is necessary beyond that provided through government funded programmes.

The period of the grant shall cover expenditure from 1st June 2024 – 31st March 2025

Who Can Apply?

Applications can be made by any organisation / Council department including:

- Town, Parish, and Community Councils
- Education establishments
- Community Interest Companies
- Charities
- Registered Community or Voluntary Organisations.
- Faith groups

What are we looking for?

We are able to fund applications that are not eligible for funding through the Household Support Fund or other eligible funding support routes but meet the following criteria:-

- support households in the most need, particularly those not eligible for other Government or alternative support, with immediate support linked to food, utilities or wider essentials
- seed-funding for developing a sustainable project linked to initiatives to aid wider support of communities, with an emphasis on essential support that may otherwise not be available. While this should be linked to cost of living and anti-poverty initiatives, other schemes can be considered that can demonstrate the community benefit and council aspirations of community support.
- Applications that will be supported by match funding from within the Town, Parish and Community Council or other mechanisms of funding that demonstrates sustainability and mutual commitment to local support initiatives in partnership.
- Administration costs (at a maximum of 5%) which would cover staffing, advertising, other publicity to raise awareness of the scheme, printing application forms, small IT changes etc.
- Are deliverable within the financial year.

Examples could be

- Direct support to reduce food/utility/household costs and crisis

- Cookery sessions for residents of all ages
- Extra-curricular youth activities that develop skills to encourage greater resilience in our young people
- Providing immediate support with food essentials and guidance to empower residents to have better control over their lives

This is not an exhaustive list and we welcome grant applications with innovative ideas for supporting Island residents.

Applications should also be aligned to Community Capacity & Resilience guidance and show that recipients are eligible for support.

Criteria

Applicants can request consideration of any spend that meets the identified criteria from 1st June 2024

Where projects are requesting funding for activity which has previously been covered by the Household Support Fund Grant your application needs to evidence that this grant funding has been fully utilised, the outcomes achieved to date and what sustainable funding models have been explored.

Applicants will need to have appropriate measures in place to ensure that the measures identified do not compromise the safety of the people accessing support throughout the project.

What expenditure is not covered by this grant?

The grant must not be used for:

- Expenditure incurred prior to 1st April 2024 or after 31st March 2025
- Activities for which the local authority has already earmarked or allocated expenditure – unless the provider is able to appropriately evidence that this funding has been exhausted and the activity undertaken will avoid duplication of funding.
- Activities which do not support the primary purpose of the CCRF.
- Cash awards / bank transfers to residents
- Capital purchases
- Utility costs or extensive hire / property rental costs.
- Large set up costs relating to premises or equipment overheads unless can evidence the merit of use of the grant to aid this and how these will be sustainable beyond CCRF grant award

How to apply for funding:

1. Complete all sections of the **Application form** (attached) together with any supporting documentation you wish to submit.
2. Make sure that the form is fully signed by the applicant.

3. Return the form and any other supporting documents by email to:

hsf@iow.gov.uk

You MUST ensure that the email title reads: “**APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING –COMMUNITY CAPACITY & RESILIENCE FUND** ” and also states the name of the person/organisation applying for the funding.

Application Process and Timescales:

- Applications will be accepted throughout the year
- All funding awarded must be spent by 31st March 2025 and evidence of that spend provided to the council – a reporting document will be provided.
- Any amount of the grant not spent appropriately in accordance with the grant provision agreed by 31st March 2025 must be returned to the council
- Panel meetings to consider applications will take place on basis of applications received.
- Applicants will be contacted within one week of Panel meeting to inform them of the outcome. Some applicants may be asked to provide more detail or amend aspects of their project in order to meet the funding criteria.
- Successful applicants will be required to sign a Funding Agreement which outlines the terms and conditions of the grant. This will usually be within one week of the final decision
- Grants will be paid in full upon completion of Funding Agreement

How will the applications be assessed?

Each application will be assessed on its own merit.

Each application will be acknowledged upon receipt, and then checked by a member of the Panel to ensure that it is complete, and suitable to be scored by the Grants Panel.

At this stage we may come back to the applicant(s) to request further information. If the application meets the basic requirements it will then be considered at the Grant Panel meeting.

If there are insufficient monies remaining in the fund to meet the applications submitted, grants will be awarded according to need; value for money and proposed impact.

The Panel reserves the right to consider reducing the value of awards offered in order to support a larger number of applications.

The Panel will be looking for impact of schemes and provisions, particularly in how this will be measured and reported on outcomes and effect of funding extra support and how schemes will aim to become sustainable.

Panel will make a recommendation to the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing for final approval.

Other Important Information:

How payments will be made?

Payments will be made directly into the organisation's bank account.

How projects will be monitored?

The Isle of Wight Council's Adult Social care and Housing Needs directorate is committed to supporting the delivery of high quality experiences and outcomes for those we serve. To do this we will monitor the quality of the activities we fund, using a range of means which are appropriate to the individual projects.

Following award all successful applicants will need to:

- evidence the expenditure and provide original receipts
- evidence the impact/outcomes achieved

For more information about the funding available, or if you have any queries or concerns about requirements, please contact:

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