

Hertfordshire Crisis and Resilience Fund
Funding provided by Hertfordshire County Council

Fund Criteria and Guidance for Applicants

Grants Available: Grants from £5,000 are available through this funding programme.

When to apply: Applications are assessed and decisions made on a rolling basis, with approximately a two-month turnaround although this may be longer during busy periods.

This funding has been made available by Hertfordshire County Council as a part of the Government's Crisis and Resilience Fund.

About the Crisis and Resilience Fund:

The Crisis and Resilience Fund's aim is to both provide a safety net for those on low incomes who encounter a financial shock and to invest in building local financial resilience to enable individuals and communities to better deal with crises in the long-term, reducing crisis need.

About the grants:

Access to food: Grants are available to support food organisations in purchasing food and household essentials to be distributed to people in need of crisis support. Funding can also contribute to the running costs of food banks including utilities and other essentials.

Access to affordable food: Funding can also be used to provide access to affordable food through community pantries and community kitchens. This can also include the provision of household budgeting advice and cooking lessons.

Dedicated Advice: Funding can be used to provide dedicated cost of living advice - which is co-located with food hubs and other areas of provision - to communities in need.

Hertfordshire based Citizens Advice services: Can apply but applications must be in partnership with a food organisation and for a specific outreach advice service.

Groups working with people from minority and marginalised communities: Who experience barriers to accessing mainstream food support and advice are particularly welcome to apply.

Districts and Borough Councils: Can apply on behalf of partner organisations but please contact us first on grants@hertscf.org.uk to discuss your application.

Funding to purchase vouchers is NOT available through this grants programme.

If your work falls outside the criteria of the Hertfordshire Crisis and Resilience Fund, please go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/costofliving for information about Hertfordshire support. If you are an individual in financial crisis, please visit your local [Citizens Advice](#)

Support with White Goods

Professionals supporting Adults and families in need of white goods can refer clients to the [Hospital Community Navigation Service \(HCNS\)](#) to be considered for support.

Who can apply?

To be eligible to apply to the Hertfordshire Crisis and Resilience Fund your organisation must fulfil the following criteria:

- Not for profit, charity, community or voluntary groups with a written constitution or governing document
- The governing document must include the groups aims or purpose, objectives and a dissolution clause or asset lock which states what would happen to any funds should the group have to close
- The group must be governed by a voluntary trustee or management committee with a minimum of three members, at least two of whom must be unrelated.
- The group must have a bank account in its own name, with at least two unrelated signatories
- The group must have all the relevant policies in place for its work, including Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding.
- The group must be working to meet the needs of the local community in Hertfordshire
- The group must be based in Hertfordshire or be able to show specifically how the funding they are applying for will benefit people in the county
- Faith groups will be considered as long as their project does not include proselytising
- Community Interest Companies should check our [CIC Guidance](#) to ensure that they are eligible to apply
- Housing Associations and Family Centres can apply
- Districts and Boroughs in Hertfordshire can apply on behalf of partner organisations but please contact us first on grants@hertsdf.org.uk to discuss your application.

Applications are welcome from charities, community and voluntary groups and not for profits of all sizes. However, priority will be given to local groups with an in-depth knowledge of the issues they are dealing with and the communities they serve.

Who can't apply?

- Groups and organisations that are already in receipt of Crisis and Resilience grant funding via Hertfordshire County Council or their local council for the same project
- National Charities without a Hertfordshire focus
- Business or profit-making enterprises
- Organisations where any one person has significant control
- Statutory organisations including schools, parish councils and CCGs
- Organisations that cannot demonstrate public benefit as defined by the Charity Commission (for more information visit www.charitycommission.gov.uk)
- Individuals

All awarded grants must be spent to meet immediate needs within twelve months of receipt.

Conditions of grant funding:

Successful grant recipients will have the following conditions attached to their grants.

- Groups providing food must ensure that their service is registered on the Hertfordshire Directory under the classification of Food Support and marked under the relevant category, e.g. foodbank. Information about how to create a listing on the Hertfordshire Directory can be found [here](#).
- Groups should signpost their service users to other support and services, such as Citizens Advice and Community Supermarkets. Further details about the Community Supermarket, including the referral form, can be found [here](#).

These conditions will be included in the grant offer documentation sent to successful grant recipients.

Monitoring and evaluation requirements:

All successful grant recipients will have to complete a simple quarterly online monitoring form to report back on how the money has been used and what difference it has made, including which groups of the community have benefited broken down by older people, adults, children, people with disabilities. Monitoring forms will be sent shortly after the grant has been awarded so you are aware of the information we require. Failure to submit proper, timely monitoring will affect the likelihood of future funding from HCF.

Further information: If you still have questions about your eligibility, please email grants@hertscf.org.uk