



To: The News Editor
From: Lincolnshire Community Foundation
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Subject: £200,000 available to community groups from the Lincolnshire County Council Covid-19 Community Response Fund

The Foundation is working in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council to distribute DEFRA funds to local groups, charities and organisations working across Lincolnshire that are combating hardship including economic, social or health impacts caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Eligible groups can apply for up to £5,000 to support the ongoing needs of vulnerable people and successful projects might include those that address: loneliness and isolation, mental health support, financial hardship, digital exclusion, telephone befriending etc. Applicants are able to include a request for a contribution towards goods and equipment, digital resources, volunteer costs, counselling support, travel costs, staff salaries to name but a few.

We are particularly keen to hear from new and emerging mutual aid groups that came together to help their neighbours during lockdown and continue to offer community support. Advice, support and funding is available to enable transition into a Good Neighbour Scheme. Please get in touch to find out more.

Eligibility: Not for profit community groups, PTAs, social enterprises, community interest companies that have a governing document, accounts, bank account and relevant policies and procedures. Parish and town councils can also apply, provided the funded activity is not part of their statutory duty. New groups can ask a trusted partner to hold funds, should they be successful. Foundation staff can give advice about these matters if required.

This is a rolling program with decisions notified within 4 weeks. To obtain an Application Form or to chat about your project, please

contact Sue Fortune or Helen Cater on 01529 305825 or download details from the Grants Page @ lincolnshirecf.co.uk

Sue Fortune, Foundation CEO says:

“Staff and Trustees at the Lincolnshire Community Foundation remain committed to delivering funding into those communities where residents are in need of help, advice and support. This fund will make a huge difference and ensure people remain safe, well and connected. The process is straight forward and help is available at every stage”.