

## WINTER WELLBEING COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

Leeds Community Foundation is delighted to be launching the 2017 Winter Wellbeing Community Grants Scheme, with generous support from Leeds City Council Public Health. The fund will support a range of community-based projects that target helping vulnerable people in Leeds who are the most susceptible to the adverse effects of cold and severe weather.

### TIMETABLE

The deadline for the receipt of all applications is 5pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2017. We aim to distribute grants to successful applicants by early November 2017 for projects to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

### GRANTS CRITERIA

Applicants need to be voluntary or community groups, charities or social enterprises. We cannot make grants directly to individuals, statutory organisations or commercial entities. You must have a Management Committee / Board of Directors of at least three unrelated people.

Your organisation does not need to be based in Leeds but the project you apply for must benefit only residents of Leeds (Metropolitan District boundaries). If based outside of Leeds, you will need to explain the links you already have to deliver projects in the city. Projects cannot be for the advancement of religion or politics.

The maximum you can apply for as a single, local organisation is a grant of £2,500; for citywide projects this is £5,000. We would like to encourage partnership working and so projects which are collaborative between multiple groups/agencies can apply for up to £10,000.

### AIMS OF THE FUND

We are looking for innovative ideas that identify and support vulnerable people to prepare for and respond to cold or severe weather. We are particularly keen for projects to address social isolation, increase resilience and help reduce the levels of illness (and deaths) due to vulnerable people living in cold housing. Applicants must be able to show that they are addressing a specific need in their community and that there is demand for their services. We prefer to fund practical projects that provide real, tangible help as opposed to purely information. This fund is particularly interested in new approaches that diversify the support available. It is essential that projects must be able to demonstrate that they work with other organisations to actively refer and signpost beneficiaries to a wide range of support (e.g. Warmth for Wellbeing, Citizens Advice, Leeds City Council services, Early Start Teams, flu jabs etc.). You can find out or refresh your knowledge of what is available by requesting a Winter Friends briefing, which will help increase resilience of your client group(s) over winter <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/phrc/Pages/public-health-priority-based-training.aspx>

We can pay for introducing a new idea/activity/pilot. We may also pay for expanding or adding value to an existing project - if you can prove that it is effective. Here are some examples of the type of projects that we may fund:

- Mentoring, buddying or befriending roles to help increase vulnerable people's resilience to prepare for, and cope with, cold or adverse weather
- Practical hands-on support for local residents to help others in a period of severe weather e.g. handypersons, shopping, community transport, or simply popping in to check on them
- Schemes that enable vulnerable people to get to medical appointments, collect prescriptions etc. in cold/adverse weather conditions
- Outreach for homeless people or rough sleepers with support to access mainstream services
- Craft, games or other activity to engage people with services and address social isolation

- Innovative campaigns or activities in a specific area to engage “new” people that may not have had access to information before i.e. beyond existing members of groups or clubs

The following will not be funded in isolation:

- Generic winter wellbeing packs or item giveaways (we instead prefer specific items, tailored to people’s needs on a case-by-case basis)
- Hot food deliveries unless they are a small part of more comprehensive support or social activity
- One off information stalls/events; beneficiaries should be engaged in the longer-term
- Assistance around heating, utility bills and benefits (we encourage organisations to refer into existing commissioned services) unless you have identified a specific gap not addressed by current provision e.g. to suit a specific disability, language/literacy or other need
- Exercise classes as the primary activity of the grant

We **are not** able to fund the following:

- Research costs
- Capital Projects: buildings including upgrades and refurbishment; vehicle purchase (but will fund general transport costs as part of your project)
- Costs associated with a project which you are already undertaking and receive separate funding for (although we may fund a current project if you can demonstrate that it is effective and there is a need to expand it.)
- Heaters, due to health and safety risks associated with these. Instead we strongly urge groups to refer to Warmth for Wellbeing Service for assistance and advice.
- Management fees and contributions to core costs; all budget items must be specific and attributable to the activity that the grant is awarded for
- Production or distribution of newsletters to members/residents
- One off Christmas events or meals
- Existing lunch club activity e.g. free meals for regular members

Please note that there is a general policy of ‘pay-as-you-feel’ for any food provision. However, we do not expect organisations to raise funds through this or to turn away those who cannot afford to pay.

Priority will be given to projects working with vulnerable people, this includes:

- young children (from new-born to school age)
- pregnant women
- people with long-term medical conditions (including, but not limited to cardiovascular conditions, asthma, COPD, other respiratory conditions)
- people with mental health problems
- people with disabilities (physical or learning)
- people aged over 65 (especially those with dementia or who are otherwise frail)
- people on low income

All grant funding must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. You are expected to take part in mid-project updates and submit your End of Grant Report by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. To apply please go to <http://www.leedscf.org.uk/winter-wellbeing-community-grants-scheme/>

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