

# Aberdeenshire Council Resilience Fund

## Aim of the Fund

To support Aberdeenshire focused community resilience work and volunteering efforts that are being carried out in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

## Who can apply?

- Constituted Community Groups
- Registered Charities
- Community Groups, Resilience Groups and Not for Profit organisations (that are affiliated to a constituted community group)

(The Fund is not available to individuals or private organisations operating as a business to make a profit)

## How can my organisation apply?

- For an area specific project - apply to the relevant Area Manager via the Area Office email address in the [application form](#).
- For a project which impacts more than one area of Aberdeenshire - this application is made to the Central Fund. The application can be made to any of the Area Managers. Once the application is received, the Area Managers then consider the application and make a recommendation to Community Resilience and Partnership Group, which makes the final decision. Please note, this process will take longer than the 48 working hours indicated in the application form.

## How much can my organisation apply for?

If applying to an Area Office for an area specific project the maximum is **£2000**.  
(Note - applications for more than the maximum amount may be considered under exceptional circumstances)

If applying to the Central Fund the maximum is **£5000**.

## Can my organisation make more than one application?

- Yes, if the maximum amount has not been applied for
- Yes, if it is a different project
- Yes, if you have applied for the maximum amount, a further application may be considered by the relevant Area Manager, if there are exceptional circumstances

## Main conditions

- The organisation should consider being registered on the Grampian Coronavirus Assistance Hub [www.gcah.org.uk](http://www.gcah.org.uk)
- Any unused money must be returned (the Council will advise of the timescale and process)
- Receipts/Accounts (scanned in and emailed are acceptable) must be provided within 12 weeks of receipt of the grant or by 31 March at the latest.

## Examples of what will be supported -

- Activity to ensure people in the local community receive food, prescriptions and other support that is required, including mental health support. These people can include but is not limited to - being shielded, vulnerable, self-isolating, pregnant, elderly, encountering hardship, living in poverty and/or have pre-existing medical conditions.
- Foodbanks and organisations working to combat hardship caused by the pandemic including child hunger
- Activity supporting production of Personal Protection Equipment
- Community response coordination
- Volunteer expenses of not more than £200.00 (and this can be part of or all the grant requested and is subject to change).
- Additional costs incurred of as a result of Covid-19 of working remotely and adapting services being delivered for the benefit of the wider community
- If as a result of Covid-19, Organisations need to provide expanded/additional/adapted services to deliver increased need to deliver emotional support, mental health and bereavement support
- Organisations that operate in another Local Authority area as well as Aberdeenshire (funding will be proportionate and must be used in Aberdeenshire)
- If as a direct result of Covid-19 resilience work, additional wage or salary costs are required to be incurred this cost may be supported in exceptional circumstances

## What will not be supported?

- Projects that do not benefit people in Aberdeenshire
- Rent and overheads for current lease/property arrangements (provided that rent and overheads for a new occupancy specifically for resilience work is able to be considered for support)
- Underwriting of current wages or salaries
- Volunteer expenses of more than £200.00.(subject to change)
- Loss of income/loss of fundraising income due to impact of Covid-19 and related restrictions
- Plants, Planting and Landscaping projects
- General fundraising appeals or activities
- Animal, wildlife or conservation projects
- Projects which promote religion or politics (Note - applications from faith groups where there is clear benefit for the wider community irrespective of religious beliefs are acceptable)

## Where else can my organisation seek funding?

Up to date information on funding streams can be found on the [Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership](#) website.