



## Council Funding for Community Groups - COVID-19 Community Support Fund (Tranche 3)

### Brief Description

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to have far reaching consequences for health and our economy. Locally, the voluntary and community sector plays a vital role in supporting communities and individuals during these challenging times.

The Department for Communities has provided Fermanagh and Omagh District Council with further funding to target citizens who are most in need of urgent support as Coronavirus pandemic continues to affect local communities.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites applications to the Covid-19 Community Support Fund for groups wishing to provide community and social support to vulnerable and isolated persons in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area at this time

The Council will ensure a quick turnaround of applications to ensure the swift delivery of support which will allow local providers to deliver services in a way that best serves local communities.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and, where there is clear evidence that a project is meeting identified needs.

**Funding must be spent by the 31 March 2021.**

### Programme Specific Criteria

To be eligible for grant aid, groups must clearly demonstrate that their project will be delivered within the council area and to its residents. The need for the project within the target community should be identified and support should be delivered on an equitable basis across the relevant geographical area.

Applications to the COVID-19 Community Support Fund must focus on at least one of the following areas:

- Financial need\* - Projects must clearly demonstrate how they will identify those at risk due to financial stress and provide details on how they plan to address these needs.  
\*This element will only be open to organisations with experience of assessing financial need.
- Food need - Projects must demonstrate how they intend to target those most in need of food and how they plan to meet this need.
- Connectivity need - Projects identify target groups such as those living alone, those living in rural / border areas and those with no access to the internet/laptops and can provide cost effective ways of meeting these needs.



We would particularly welcome projects which meet these needs in the following Neighbourhood renewal areas:

- DfC Neighbourhood Renewal Area: Enniskillen (Windmill Heights, Galliagh Park, Rossorry Church Road, The Brook, Willoughby Place, Old Henry Street, Enniskillen Town Centre, Cornagrade and Kilmacormick 1)
- DfC Neighbourhood Renewal Area: Omagh (Mullaghmore and Castleview, Strathroy, Campsie, O'Kane Park and Gallows Hill/Johnston Park Housing Estates and areas within the town centre)

Projects which are delivered within Neighbourhood Renewal Areas can include the following types of projects:

- which lead to people being emotionally supported and connected to their community and relevant supports;
- which make people aware of the need to maintain good mental health
- which encourage and support people to take up some form of physical activity and to eat well;
- which address fuel poverty.

This tranche 3 of the Covid 19 Community Support Fund will support activities delivered during the period January 2021 to 31 March 2021, however applications will not be considered for the normal activities of a group (including core costs).

Eligible groups must be:

- Non-party political and
- Non-profit distributing.

Membership organisations must demonstrate that their beneficiaries do not pay in excess of £1,000 per year.

New groups formed in response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Coronavirus or groups that are not formally constituted should seek to work with a local constituted group (which has previously submitted an application to the Council for funding) on a partnership basis and should identify that the constituted group will be the lead applicant in the project. This will facilitate payment of the grant funding to a nominated bank account. Applications will also be accepted from established groups in receipt of funding with a strong record of delivery in the district.

The lead group must demonstrate that it has an appropriate governance framework and structures in place including:

- A 'Governing Document' for example a Constitution or a Governing body registration;
- A list of committee members;
- An equal opportunities policy/statement.



## Application Process

Applicants should log onto the Grant Manager system to access an application form at <https://fermanaghomagh.eformz.info/> or log onto the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council website where a link will also be available.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate the following in completing the relevant application form:

- The need for the project;
- The geographical area it will cover;
- Details of any partnership working;
- An outline of the work to be completed; and
- Details of the anticipated costs.

In order to maximise the funding available groups will be encouraged to work together to submit joint applications for a local geographical area.

Applicants can seek to address a specific area of need (e.g.: Access to food) or support a multi-faceted support package for the vulnerable and isolated in our communities in connection with the Covid-19 situation.

Successful applicants will be issued with a letter of offer (through the Grant Manager system) outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. The letter of offer will be issued to the email address supplied in the application form. The group can accept the letter of offer by logging onto the Grant Manager.

**In light of the ongoing crisis, an advance payment will be forwarded to the nominated bank account once the letter of offer is accepted.**

Organisations are required to keep appropriate records relating to expenditure and the Council will retain the right to retrospectively audit all aspects of your claim.

As part of any funding award, groups will be required to submit information detailing the number of people supported and how this was achieved (frequency to be determined). A template will be issued to all successful groups outlining the information which needs to be recorded.

Also listed below is contact details for the Community Support Officers for each DEA who can assist with any queries you may have:

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