

Four Parish Response

Pandemic Community Support Fund



Criteria for funding

General

The Four Parish Response Community Support Fund has the potential to make a real difference to families and individuals struggling to cope financially during the pandemic - for families with young children to those who have lost their jobs, are self employed or furloughed, or older people who are self isolating.

Funds raised from community donations and grants can be paid out in one off payments for food, medication, utilities and other essentials. Money is transferred quickly and provides immediate relief.

Every case is carefully assessed and other possible sources of long term support are signposted / discussed - if appropriate and with permission of the applicant, Four Parish Response will contact the relevant agencies.

Who is eligible?

Applications are welcomed from anyone in need as a result of Covid living in the area mapped below – however other applications will be considered by the Governing Board in exceptional circumstance.

Applications ideally need to be made by people over the age of 18, however, requests from younger people will also be considered in exceptional circumstances.



Minimum / Maximum grant value

We can provide one-off grants to those in difficulty due to coronavirus, or other assistance for those experiencing unexpected hardship.

There is no minimum amount that can be applied for, all applications are welcome – the maximum a single cash grant is likely to be is £200, however using local and national contacts the Four Parish Response team hope they can add further value in all or some of the following ways:

- Food bank vouchers
- Passing on donated food
- Help with applications to alternate agencies for good, cash and support

Potential uses for a grant

The scheme aims to ensure individuals and families feel as empowered as possible during this difficult time. Application through the use of a single simple form can be made for help with any number of things – the list below is an example of the sorts of applications we may be able to support:

- Food
- Essential household items required during lockdown (a fridge, microwave etc)
- Prescription charges
- Communication needs – data or phone charges
- Utilities
- Baby equipment or equipment to support a carer
- Funeral costs
- Health Equipment
- Pet care costs

We are unable to fund

- Tuition or Child care fees (unless a Key Worker)
- Cigarettes or alcohol
- Holidays or travel
- Repayments of credit card dept
- Unspecified costs

Number of applications per house hold

Due to limited funds we are only able to accept one application per household at this time.

Because we recognise our funding is short term and limited we are committed to doing our best to signpost applicants to additional sources of support, and to help in other ways where we can.

Due Diligence

Access to the scheme is based on trust; it is recognised it may be difficult for an applicant to provide receipts and difficult for the Funds Governing Board to track the actual use funds were put to. Applicants are asked to let the team know if they have applied for support elsewhere.

The Governing Board do not have the expertise or authority to 'check' an applicants true level of need or existing savings and resources. Therefore the information provided on application forms must be taken on trust – for example, calling to check whether an applicant has also applied to the Chaldon Hardship Fund would be inappropriate and would breach Data Protection legislation.

When providing grants, applicants should also be provided with appropriate signposting to Government funds – Universal Credit, Carers Grants etc and should be encourage to apply.