

Ukrainian Refugee Local Community Support Fund



Criteria for funding

General

The Ukrainian Refugee Local Community Support Fund has the potential to make a real difference to families and individuals struggling to cope financially as they arrive in our area and in the months to come.

Funds raised from community donations can be paid out in payments for food, clothes, equipment, medication, activities and other essentials. Money is transferred quickly and provides immediate relief.

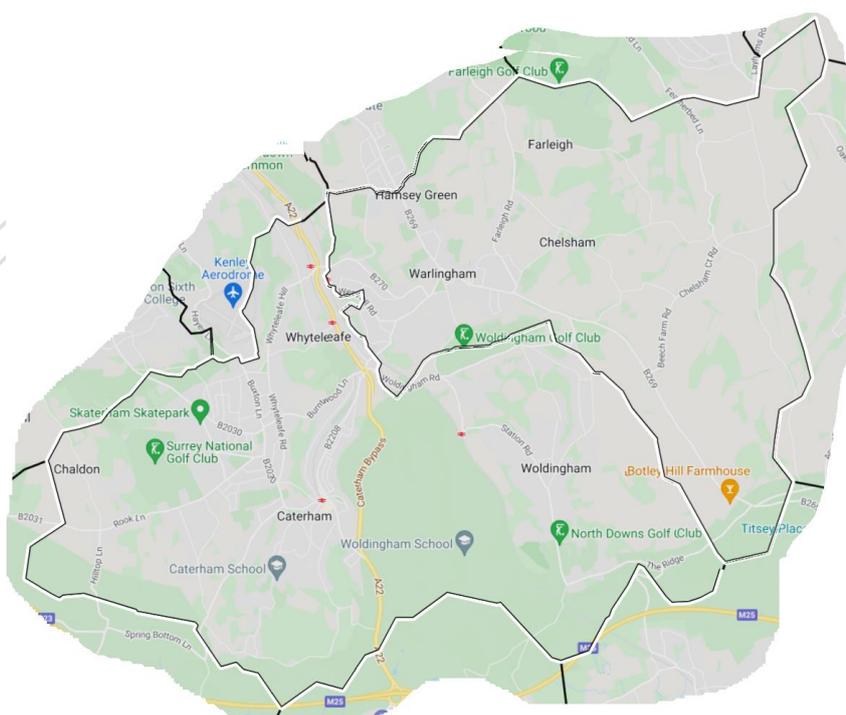
Every case is carefully assessed, and other possible sources of long-term support are signposted / discussed - if appropriate and with permission of the applicant, Ukrainian Support, The Westway Outreach Team and our partners will contact relevant agencies.

Who is eligible?

Applications are welcomed from Ukrainian individuals and families newly arrived and living in the area mapped below (post codes starting with CR3 and CR6) – some applications may also be considered for people from elsewhere – please ask.

We will accept applications from host families who need support to care for their guests, agencies organising activities that have been requested by people arriving in the area from Ukraine, and Agencies or individuals requiring support to fund translation services to meet key needs.

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



Minimum / Maximum grant value

We can provide one-off grants to those in financial difficulty, or other assistance (items, signposting, referrals and practical support) for those experiencing unexpected hardship.

Unless essential, unfortunately it is unlikely we can provide cash to individuals. We are also unlikely to make payments to host families unless the funding is for their use.

Recognising there may be difficulties opening a bank account we are able to purchase items on an individual's behalf or forward the grant to another agency (e.g. to a school to buy school uniform). Don't worry though - we will find a way of transferring money to you in a safe way!

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

- Food bank vouchers
- Passing on donated food or clothing
- Help with travel or language support / befriending
- Help with applications to alternate agencies for good, cash and support
- Recycling used items that are in good condition

Potential uses for a grant

The scheme aims to ensure families have as much choice and control as possible during this difficult time. Application is via a simple form and requests 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 or clothes or essential household items (a bed, bedding, fridge etc)
- Communication needs – data or phone charges, interpreters
- Baby equipment or equipment to support a carer
- Travel costs
- Health Equipment
- Pet care costs
- Activities

We are unable to fund

- Cigarettes or alcohol
- Repayments of credit card dept
- Funds to be used outside of the country (although do ask if this a priority for you, and we'll link you to an appropriate agency who may be able to help)
- Services / equipment that can be provided free of charge by others or unspecified costs

Where a grant aims to support an activity (a social group for example), attendance can be open to people from all areas, as long as people from the CR3 & CR6 postcode areas can be shown to benefit.

Number of applications per household

Due to limited funds we are only able to accept one application per host family and one per Guest family at this time. Therefore a maximum of 2 grants per household to a maximum of £200 each.

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

If as time goes on you require further support, please do apply – any previous funding will be taken into consideration.

Due Diligence

This scheme is based on trust; it is recognised it may be difficult for applicants to always provide receipts / evidence. The Governing Board do not have the authority to 'check' an applicant's level of need or existing savings and therefore we asked you to let the team know if you have applied for support elsewhere.

When providing grants, applicants will also be provided with appropriate signposting and support access Government funds – Universal Credit, Carers Grants etc.