

Micro-Grant Fund 2020-2021 - Guidance Notes

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the criteria for the Micro Grant has been reviewed by Essex County Council to incorporate the support that will be required by local Communities in response to this pandemic.

Micro-grants, are available up to the value of £500 (both capital and revenue) for any one project. The grants will be awarded twice a month, on a continuous engagement basis and are one-time-only, grant awards that are available to community groups and voluntary organisations for short-term community projects. These projects would have outcomes that generally reduce social isolation, improve wellbeing and support better connected communities

Examples of such projects could be:

- Plant and maintain a community garden
- Establish a Library of 'things'
- Run a Repair Café
- Purchase a Fridge for a Foodbank
- Provide Walking Football sessions
- Form a Knit and Natter group
- Organise a Community clean-up

Examples of such projects during COVID-19 could be:

- Food/Toiletries for Vulnerable People (COVID-19)
- Support Leaflets Relaying Key Information to the Wider Community (COVID-19) Who May Not Have Access to Social Media
- Supporting Food Poverty and Holiday Hunger

Applicants must provide their bank account details on headed paper. If you do not have access to a business bank account, then the EALC can look at local Voluntary Sector Organisations who can act as a broker to arrange payment.

Fund Administration

The administration of the 2020-2021 Microgrants will be undertaken by the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) on behalf of Essex County Council.

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