

WINTER SUPPORT FUND FOR WEST SUSSEX AND OTHER POTENTIAL GRANT OPTIONS

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Contact details for West Sussex County Council who can direct you to funding and Grants is Emily.King@westsussex.gov.uk

Horsham District Council offers some grants and funding, they can be found here: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/grants-for-community-projects>

Sussex Community Foundation (SCF) has teamed up to create a new small grant fund for not-for-profit organisations working to support people most affected by cost-of-living issues.

SCF will consider applications for funding to:

- ♦ Meet increased organisation running costs such as salaries, fuel, electricity, heating, and volunteer expenses – some of the areas hit hardest by rising costs.
- ♦ Build capacity by bringing in additional resources to help meet increased community needs. For example, by recruiting additional staff and volunteers, by building local partnerships or by delivering additional training and support for staff and volunteers.
- ♦ Support organisations in adapting to and providing alternative support to those in need over the winter. For example, through the provision of warm banks and spaces, including those where food and other activities can be provided.

The first two types of support have been informed by the results of the SCF Cost of Living Survey administered to VCSE groups and organisations, and also chime with the insight that we are hearing from VCSE sector partners.

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We are sharing this information with Parish and Town Councils to enable you to consider how you might work in partnership with your locally based not-for-profit organisations to provide support for adapting and providing alternative support to those in need over the winter in your local communities.

Although applications for this grant fund are not open directly to Parish and Town Councils, this is a great opportunity for you to collaborate with your locally based not-for-profit organisations that would like to apply to the Winter Support Fund for West Sussex.

SCF will be promoting the grant fund to not-for-profit organisations.

If you are interested in learning more on the support to individuals in West Sussex you can visit the HDC webpage Support with the cost of living, <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/search?query=cost+of+living> HDC will be updating this webpage on a regular basis through our work with the multi-agency financial inclusion steering group.

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OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

- ♦ TNL Community Fund – www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
- ♦ Tesco Community Grants – <https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>
- ♦ Comic Relief Community Fund – <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/comic-relief/apply/>
- ♦ Funding databases and bulletins-my Funding Central, Get Grants, Grants online, GrantsNav, UK Fundraising
- ♦ Council websites – e.g. most post-flood property grants are distributed via Local Authorities
- ♦ Energy companies, landfill operators, retailers often have schemes too
- ♦ Capital schemes can sometimes offer funding for community activity, but this is not a long-term option or guaranteed
- ♦ Charities Aid Foundation
- ♦ GRIN – Grants Resources information News
- ♦ Community Foundations
- ♦ Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) organisations (find your local CVS via NAVCA)
- ♦ The Good Exchange