

United Utilities Lancashire Community Fund

What is the focus of the fund: The fund has been created to support community groups and charities that work to help vulnerable people particularly addressing issues of social and economic deprivation & isolation; debt and afford ability; mental health; ageing plus the environment that have a detrimental impact on their health and wellbeing.

How much is available: Grants of between £2,500 and £20,000 (total). Grants can be awarded over a period of 1-3 years. In exceptional circumstances, and at their discretion, the panel may consider applications for amounts above this.

Who can apply: Registered charities, social enterprises, community groups with a constitution or set of rules in the group's name.

Which areas are covered: Parliamentary constituencies of Blackpool North and Cleveleys*, Blackpool South, Fylde, Wyre and Preston North, South Ribble, Ribble Valley, Lancaster and Fleetwood*

*Please note that the areas of Blackpool North and Cleveleys (£6,866) and Lancaster and Fleetwood (£13,917) have very limited remaining funding available so unfortunately we are unable to consider applications at the top end of the grant limits. We are still very happy to consider some smaller projects though with the remaining budget in these areas.

Any special criteria:

- Applications for grants at the higher end of the scale should include some clear, measurable and timed milestones that will aim to be achieved as a result of the grant.
- Applications for building work should provide three quotes for the work.
- Only one grant per organisation can be awarded from this fund. However, if you apply and are unsuccessful then you are welcome to re-apply.

Costs that may be funded: This fund can consider operational costs for one off or continuing projects (e.g. sessional fees/equipment/volunteer costs), contribution towards core costs (including salaries) and building work (e.g. adaptations/renovations to community centres)

Closing date: Friday 10th March at 4pm

How to apply?

Please visit the Community Foundation for Lancashire's website - www.lancsfoundation.org.uk and complete an online application form. Once you have submitted the online application you will need to send the documents listed below. If you do not submit all the relevant documents within 7 days your application will be withdrawn. You can now attach the documents to your online application, email them to applications@cflm.email or post them to the address below.

Documents which need to be included with your application:

1. A [copy of the group's rules or constitution](#)
2. Names and addresses of the current management committee
3. A copy of the group's latest annual accounts or income/expenditure document
4. A copy of a recent bank statement for your group
5. A copy of the group's current Safeguarding Policy. All applicants must ensure that they hold relevant policies and procedures in place to undertake activities, such as Criminal Records Bureau checks and/or a health and safety policy, depending on proposed activity. If unsure about what you need please contact the Community Foundation for help (details below)

NB: If you have applied to us previously and have already submitted copies of the above documents within the last 12 months, you do not need to send them in again. However, a bank statement is required with every application.

The following items cannot be supported via the fund:

- Statutory organisations or work that is their responsibility
- National organisations that cannot demonstrate local governance and control of local finances
- Commercial ventures
- Purchase/maintenance of vehicles
- Activities that will have already taken place before we offer you a grant
- Politically connected or exclusively religious activities
- Projects for personal profit
- Organisations that are set up for the benefit of animals or plants: environmental groups that work with animals or the environment (such as city farms) are acceptable
- Groups comprising just one family or organisations that have less than 3 unrelated management committee members/Directors/Trustees
- Debts and other liabilities
- Reclaimable VAT
- Travel outside UK

What happens next?

Completed applications are considered by Community Foundation staff to check eligibility. You may be contacted for more information after applying and a decision making panel will make recommendations based on the fund's criteria and the budget available.

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