**Harrow Giving Coronavirus Emergency Response Fund Guidance**

**Funding Overview**

A joint fund has been created from public donations being received through the Harrow Coronavirus Community Fund <http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/HarrowCoronavirus> and Harrow Council.

This fund is focusing on the initial mobilization period and ways to support the most vulnerable.

We are looking for projects that can help people now, so will welcome applications for existing projects that could be scaled up, extended with extra money, or projects that are currently being set up.

Speed is of the essence, so we encourage you to highlight your project’s objectives and outcomes concisely - considering bullet points rather than lengthy answers.

Funding available: £2,000 - £5,000 per organisation

Time period: This funding is focusing on the early response to the crisis and initially we are looking for applications to cover a maximum of 6 week period. This will be reviewed over time.

Deadline: There will be a rolling deadline and applications should be submitted by 10am on Thursday.

The first deadline is 10am Thursday 9th April.

For the latest deadlines please visit <http://harrowgiving.org.uk/covid-19-funding/>

**Additional funding and repeat applications**

As this is an unknown situation there won’t be a restriction on organisations applying more than once or to and other Coronavirus related funding administered by Harrow Giving.

An additional fund will be launched soon focusing on information, advice and befriending.

**Eligibility**

You need to be applying as:

* a constituted not-for-profit organisation ((company limited by guarantee, community interest company, registered charity, co-operative))
* with a minimum of 2 unrelated trustees / directors
* with a bank account in the name of the organisation

The activities which you are applying for funding for need to be legally charitable and benefit Harrow residents.

**Application**

The application form is available to download here: <http://harrowgiving.org.uk/covid-19-funding/>

Please send the completed application to: [hello@harrowgiving.org.uk](mailto:hello@harrowgiving.org.uk)

We will aim to inform you if you have been successful within a week.

**Support to complete the application**

If you need support with completing the application, please contact:

Young Harrow Foundation [adeela.khan@youngharrow.org.uk](mailto:adeela.khan@youngharrow.org.uk)

Voluntary Action Harrow: [contact@voluntaryactionharrow.org.uk](mailto:contact@voluntaryactionharrow.org.uk)

**Reporting on the grant**

You will need to report back to Harrow Giving. Harrow Giving is committed to light touch reporting for grants.

We will also be creating a public list of the grants awarded and to which organisation and for what.

We will also be using this information to inform the donors who have donated through the Harrow Coronavirus Community Fund and to encourage the public to make additional donations. All funding received this way will be used to support the sector to respond to the Coronavirus crisis.

**What is the centralised food distribution system?**

A consortium of voluntary sector organisations is working in partnership with Harrow Council on a co-ordinated approach to provide food and essentials to Harrow residents in need. More details will be shared as soon as the system is live and other ways of support will be added in the future. Where practical there is an expectation that organisations funding through this fund will be part of the co-ordinated approach.

**Other Funding Available**

We are compiling a list of other funding available. This document will be updated on a regular basis so please keep the document link saved. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aroa5KlVQr04g-aHEoVwmv2AhoO_mOXNOG7PPAEj5as/edit?usp=sharing>

**About us**

Harrow Giving is a local charity that funds small local projects to make a positive difference to the lives of Harrow residents. Harrow Giving is a trading name of Harrow Community Action (registered charity no. 1167770) and is administered by Voluntary Action Harrow Co-operative. <http://harrowgiving.org.uk/>

A partnership of local organisations have come together to manage this grants process and support the sector. These organisations are:

Harrow Council <https://www.harrow.gov.uk/>

Harrow Community Action <http://harrowca.org.uk/>

Voluntary Action Harrow Co-op <http://www.voluntaryactionharrow.org.uk>

Young Harrow Foundation <https://youngharrowfoundation.org/>

Harrow Voluntary & Community Forum <http://harrowvcsforum.org.uk>