

Warm Homes Healthy People Fund for Bedford Borough

An awards programme managed by



Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
(Registered Charity 1086516)

In partnership with
Bedford Borough Council and the Department of Health

Explanatory notes and criteria for awards

Please read the following notes carefully before completing the application form.

The Aims of the Fund

The aim of the fund is to support local authorities in partnership with their local community and voluntary sector and statutory organisations to reduce the levels of deaths and morbidity in their local authority that are due to vulnerable people living in cold housing in the coming winter.

Each of the partners involved is managing an element of the Fund's budget and the Foundation is able to make awards to local community and voluntary groups in order that they may purchase and distribute "support packs" to individuals within the community who are at risk of g their health being made worse by the effects of cold weather.

How much funding is available?

The minimum sum that an organisation can apply for is £250 and the maximum is £1,000. All funds must be spent and all support packs distributed by 31st March 2012. In view of this, and as there is no other deadline, once funds have been fully allocated the programme will be closed and early bids will be more likely to succeed.

Who or what will we fund?

- The cost of purchasing "support packs" to qualifying residents of Bedford Borough.
- Support packs might include (but not exclusively) thermos flasks, packets of soup, blankets, hats and gloves, indoor thermometers, information leaflets and the like. You are free to suggest other items that you think may be appropriate to your clients. It is expected that the maximum price paid for each pack will be in the region of £50, including any expenses incurred in purchasing items and distributing the packs. Higher value items will be considered if a valid argument can be made to include these.

Who does the fund target?

The fund is aimed at people in the following categories (qualifying residents):

- Those over 75 years of age
- Elderly people living alone
- The frail (which might include those with chronic illnesses)
- Those suffering from dementia
- Those with arthritis, limited mobility or otherwise at risk of falls
- Young children
- Those living in deprived circumstances
- Fuel poor (i.e. needing to spend more than 10% of household income on heating their home)
- Homeless or people sleeping rough

In all cases, it must be clear that they are at risk of their health being adversely affected by the cold.

Who/what will we NOT fund?

- Applications from profit making organisations.
- Applications where those benefiting do not live in the Borough of Bedford.
- Requests from individuals.
- Awards will not be made to support the furtherance of any one religion (although we do make grants to community projects led by local religious groups), political activities or private business (other than social enterprises).

Application and award procedures/monitoring

Only requests on the official application form will be considered.

Please make sure that copies of all supporting materials requested are included with the application.

On receipt of the completed application, we will contact you to ask for clarification of any issue if needed and will give you a decision on funding within ten working days of receipt of all information.

You will be required to provide monitoring of the use of any award made and this will include a request for details of the initials, post code, target group (as shown above) and ethnicity of each person being supported. All funds must be spent by 31st March 2012 and monitoring provided by 30th April 2012.

The Completed form

Please send your completed form and supporting documents you have been asked for to the address below.

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