**Cleveland Local Resilience Forum**

**Community Resilience Grant Initiative**

**What is Cleveland LRF** - it is a multi-agency Partnership, made up of the region’s emergency services, Local Authorities, health providers and the Environment Agency, working together with the Met Office, voluntary organisations, transport and utility companies, to help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and major incidents.

For more information, visit <https://www.clevelandemergencyplanning.info/>

**Introduction**

Cleveland Local Resilience Forum, has allocated a funding pot of £20,000 to help communities in the area increase their resilience and preparedness, ensuring they are prepared should a major incident occur.

Amounts of up to £2,000 will be awarded to small community initiatives and projects, led by community groups or voluntary organisations, which will directly benefit resilience and preparedness across the Cleveland LRF Area (the local Authority areas of Hartlepool, Middleborough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton on Tees).

Through this grant initiative, our aim is for more to be done at a local level, by providing small, one- off grants where communities need it most, helping them prepare for and respond to incidents.

**Eligibility**

All applications must clearly demonstrate how this grant will achieve – or work towards achieving - improved community resilience and preparedness, specifically relating to emergency incidents and situations (e.g. flooding, severe weather, power outage, health pandemic).

In addition, to be eligible for any funding, applicants must:

• Be a recognised community group/organisation

• Have a current bank account held in the name of the organisation.

• Have an appropriate level of insurance coverage for their project and activities.

• Have appropriate safeguarding policies and procedures for their project and activities.

Applicants can apply for funding up to and including £2000. This can be spread across a variety of purchases and activities relating to one group (e.g. Purchase of sandbags and training of volunteers). Each purchase and activity must be clearly outlined in the application.

**Criteria for Funding**

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| **Category** | **Examples** |
| **One-off purchase for community and voluntary groups** – for purchasing general equipment needed for delivering a community emergency response | * Communal storage units for community equipment * First aid supplies * Sandbags * Laptops/tablets for community centres |
| **Promotion** – for community groups needing to attract more volunteers/community members or raise awareness of the support they offer | * Promotional material (e.g. design, print & distribution of flyers/posters) * Training or equipment to deliver presentations (e.g. in schools, colleges) |
| **Standalone Event** - to support one-off events promoting community resilience | * Equipment and materials to host community days or information/consultation events, etc * Fee for recognised spokespeople/specialists |
| **Ongoing programme/activity**- to support the establishment or running of a programme or activity promoting community resilience/preparedness | * Verified training programme to upskill volunteers * Creation of an emergency response system (creating a community emergency plan, etc) * Cyber awareness training for local businesses/community members |
| **Other** - any projects that do not generally fit into any of the above categories. |  |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

* Applications will be considered from previous successful applicants for new projects however, in line with expanding the LRFs reach into new communities, priority will be given to new applicants.
* Applications cannot be submitted for overheads or ongoing running costs such as insurance, salaries, etc.
* Applications for equipment and assets must clearly outline how they intend to safely store the items for the lifespan of that particular asset.
* If your project needs permission from third parties in order to proceed, please ensure you have obtained this before submitting your application. (e.g. Landlord permission).

Cleveland LRF will not fund the following:

• The purchase of defibrillators (due to the ongoing maintenance and costs associated with these)

• Retrospective applications (i.e. If you have already purchased equipment, we will not reimburse the cost). We can, however, provide funding to existing/ongoing projects (i.e. purchase of new equipment to ensure the continuation of a project).

• Activities for religious or politically oriented purposes (although applications from religious groups for community activities are welcomed).

• The purchase of alcohol or activities in which alcohol is the predominant theme.

• Applications for an individual, or where an individual receives the main benefit.

• Bank charges.

**Closing Date**

The closing date for applications is **Monday 26th February 2024.**

**Awarding process**

A panel of steering group members will assess the application and funding will be awarded based on the activity proposed and the impact it will have on the community

Successful applicants will be informed by **Wednesday 13th March 2024**. Funding to successful applicants will be paid directly to the provider by Hartlepool Borough Council via BACS payment, or another appropriate method, by **Friday 22nd March 2024.**

Completed application forms or any other enquiries should be submitted to [Clevelandlrf@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:Clevelandlrf@hartlepool.gov.uk)

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**Application Form**

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** | |
| Name of organisation/ group |  |
| Ward / Local Authority Area |  |
| Contact Person |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone number |  |
| Email address |  |

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| **TELL US ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITY** (Consider what are the risks / emergencies your community faces, how it will improve community resilience and what difference it will make? What will the grant support? How many people will you reach? |
| (Please try and ensure your response is no more than 750 words) |

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| **DELIVERY COSTS (**applicants can apply for amounts up to and including £2000) | | |
| **Cost Area** | **Amount requested** | |
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| **Total funding requested**  **If this project is part of wider funding bid then please provide details of the other funding streams** | **£**  **£** | |
| **WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL THE FUNDING MAKE?** Why should we fund your activity? | |
| (Please try and ensure your response is no more than 250 words) | |

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| **WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM YOUR ACTIVITY?** |
| (Please try and ensure your response is no more than 250 words) |

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| **HOW WILL YOU KNOW THAT YOUR ACTIVITY HAS BEEN A SUCCESS?** |
| (Please try and ensure your response is no more than 250 words) |

**DECLARATION**

I confirm that the statements contained in this application are correct and that I make this application on behalf of a constituted group which has its own bank account.

Hartlepool Borough Council reserves the right to withdraw or recover any grant aid awarded in the event of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant aid.

**Signature**  **Date**

Application forms must be returned via email to [Clevelandlrf@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:Clevelandlrf@hartlepool.gov.uk)

Forms must be returned no later than noon on **Monday 26th February 2024**.