

# **LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**

## **SOCIAL EMERGENCY FUND POLICY**

**Aim:** One of the ways that the Town Council has responded to the Coronavirus and issues facing vulnerable people within Liskeard, is to establish this Social Emergency Fund. This is intended to support the activities of those community groups and organizations bringing help and support to those facing isolation and need.

It is not to cover things already provided by other organizations. It is to fill gaps in provision.

Other sources of support might be:

- The UK Government [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) – this is where the Government releases the latest information and you can sign up to alerts
- Cornwall Community Foundation [www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com](http://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com)

### **Eligibility Criteria to assist potential applicants and Councillors.**

- Applications need to demonstrate that the grant aid will be of benefit to the community of Liskeard.
- Applications are welcomed from community groups, social enterprises, trusts and charities. Grants will only be given to non-profit making organisations.
- We particularly welcome applications from several groups working together. If we receive similar applications from different groups we may ask you to coordinate your efforts.
- An individual may not receive a grant, although we can fund organisations to provide financial help to individuals.
- Grants will not normally be awarded retrospectively to any project.
- Normally awards of grant will be in the range of £50 - £500. For applications which the Committee considers are exceptional, the Committee can reserve the right to approve a grant of up to £5,000.
- When supporting the delivery of frontline services to those facing isolation and need, grants can be paid against the normal operating costs of an organization. For example, wages, rents, stock etc.
- It is expected that the money will be used during the Coronavirus outbreak and it must be used within two years of being awarded.

- Should a grant be awarded the Town Council requires as a condition of approval that the support of the Town Council is acknowledged in all relevant press releases, social media posts etc. and that the recipients of grants give feedback to the Town Council on the use of the monies awarded. This could include presenting information at the public annual meeting.
- Should the grant fund the purchase of an asset or service, which could be used by other community groups when not required, the applicant is encouraged to share the benefit.
- Applications must be made on the form supplied.
- Applications to be sent by e-mail to the Town Clerk [townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk)
- Correctly completed applications will be considered by the Town Council as soon as possible.
- Please contact Steve Vinson, the Town Clerk, to discuss any questions you have. The application needs to comply with the above guidelines to be considered by the Council.

**LISKEARD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL EMERGENCY FUND APPLICATION FORM**

**Do not complete the Application Form until you have read the Policy above and believe that you comply with it.**

**By making the application you are giving consent for the information to be shared with Councillors and the public**

**When you have completed this form please e-mail it to Steve Vinson – [townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@liskeard.gov.uk)**

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Tom Hurdwell Liskeard School and Community College
Person to contact	Tom Hurdwell
Position Held	Teacher of Engineering/Technology
How are you normally funded?	Through SMART and Central government
What do you need the money for?	<p>To assist in making visors for the NHS, Local businesses and care homes.</p> <p>Currently we have spent £1500 of school funding and a kind donation of £200 from a family outside of the local area. This has funded the materials we have used so far but we are having to make another rush order this week so we can keep up with demand.</p> <p>We have made and delivered around 100 visors so far. We have provided 20 to Tavistock Hospital (As Requested) 14 to Oak tree Surgery and many care homes in the local area.</p> <p>On Friday 17th April we had another 10 other local care homes asking for them.</p> <p>Our aim is to provide anyone that requires a visor to help keep them safe from Covid 19. From listening to the media it sounds like eventually the schools will be asked to go back to normal running. This will require extra PPE for staff to be wearing. With the government struggling to keep up with NHS PPE it would seem that we will have to stand up again to provide visors for a long time to come.</p>

	<p>We have had our visors looked at by various NHS key workers who have all said that they are a very good product that can easily be cleaned and used over and over again.</p> <p>Further follow up info received 20<sup>th</sup> April</p> <p>"It says in the notes above the application that up to £5000 could be donated. If we were to receive that we could make up 1300 visors for everyone in the local vicinity. including like you say dentists shop workers and potentially in the future staff who come out of lock down to work in front of the general public. We do have the capabilities to make this many. We might need to maintain the Laser cutter we have so some money might need to contribute to that but the most important thing is to get everyone who needs one a visor!</p> <p>Above is are a couple of pictures of the visors we are making. Local nurses have complemented on the quality and ability to keep them clean. The visor part can be separated and swapped if needed".</p>
<p>How will vulnerable people in Liskeard benefit from this? Is it aimed at specific groups?</p>	<p>The visors will be used by key workers and front line key workers to help lessen the spread of this virus. If the key workers are provided with these visors then they are far less likely to pass on the virus to other vulnerable people.</p> <p>The contact we have received so far has been of desperation. It would seem that no one within the health or caring sectors can get hold of visors that are adequate enough to keep them safe. We can fill this huge void if we are provided with the money to fund the project.</p>
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
<p>What is the total cost of what you are planning? What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support? How is any difference to be funded?</p>	<p>Onwards we don't actually know... We are providing masks as quickly as we can make them. £500 is enough money to make around 130 visors. Doing some quick math's it would make each visor around £3.80 without any labor costing as we are providing this product on a voluntary basis and to help save lives.</p> <p>As it says in the above guidance you have said "Normally awards of grant will be in the range of £50 - £500. For applications which the Committee considers are exceptional, the Committee can reserve the right to approve a grant of up to</p>

	<p>£5,000.” We are looking for as much money as we can to provide these visors if we were provided with the high end of this grant we would be able to maintain our machine that makes the visors for us and also produce many hundred visors for the local community.</p> <p>There are vast amounts of companies that will need visors and as the lock down eventually breaks I can only see this demand rising. We would obviously like to support all local workers with this provision but we would very much need financial support to do this.</p> <p>We are looking for as much money as we can to provide the visors to the local community.</p> <p>We are hoping that through our own social publicity we can raise funds but as we have limited time and a large quantity of visors to make we are keen to make deliveries of these visors as we can.</p>
Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	<p>Please do <b>not</b> sign your name in this box.</p> <p>Date 19-04-2021</p>

Name of Applicant / Organisation	<p>Tom Hurdwell Liskeard School and Community College</p>
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