

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 – this is where the Government releases the latest information and you can sign up to alerts
- Cornwall Community Foundation 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
 - 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.

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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

Name of Applicant / Organisation	Caradon Corvid19 Face Mask Group
Person to contact Position Held	Mrs Jayne Darlington
How are you normally funded?	We have been using materials from our own homes, such as sheets and duvets and also donations of elastic and some we have bought ourselves. I myself have ordered from ebay and amazon and there are big delays. We have all nearly run out of materials now.
What do you need the money for?	<p>It is becoming apparent that there is a great demand for the masks we are making. We have made and delivered over 200 in the past 3 weeks and have requests for many more. We have supplied Care in the community, Lone Carers, Taxi Drivers, Shop workers and Residential homes in the Liskeard area and in order to keep up a supply we need to buy in bulk and hopefully locally.</p> <p>I am hoping to make contact with Bruce Robinson to see if he would sell to us at cost price or even donate some materials.</p> 



How will vulnerable people in Liskeard benefit from this?
Is it aimed at specific groups?

So far we have been targeting keyworkers as they tell us they do not have adequate supplies of PPE. We have been told that they are desperate for something to wear to reassure their clients. The masks will not stop you getting the virus, however they are said to protect others from getting it from you.

Disclaimer;

These masks are not a substitute for washing hands or social distancing. They are not a replacement for a surgical face mask, it is a contingency for those who have nothing else available. Proper use of a surgical face mask is still the best way to prevent most virus infections.

I have been delivering and collecting masks around the community and also providing elastic and bags to keep the masks virus free.

I am home working from Duchy College so am combining this with making the masks and organising the group.

Each person who requests a mask, gets a bag with two masks in that have not been touched for over 72 hrs. We would like to give more, but we do not have enough stuff to make them. I delivered 59 bags of two masks to Beech lawn Residential home this week alone, one short, but all I had available.

We now also need to provide masks that can be washed at high temperatures so the materials must be good enough for that purpose.

Hence why we are asking for your support as we have exhausted our own supplies.

If the government say we all need to wear masks when we leave the house, then it is better for the general public to wear

	our handmade 100% cotton ones and leave the surgical masks for the high risk, front line workers.
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p>NO</p> <p>(a) When (Date)</p> <p>(b) Amount received £</p>
<p>What is the total cost of what you are planning?</p> <p>What sum of money are you looking for from the Town Council and what exactly will it be used to support?</p> <p>How is any difference to be funded?</p>	<p>That would be impossible to say as we do not know how many will be needed during this crisis</p> <p>We would be grateful for anything but £100 would be amazing.</p> <p>If the government do as in other countries and say you are advised to wear a mask if leaving home then we may have an even greater demand if this is the case then we have contemplated asking the general public for £2 per mask to cover more supplies this would also allow us to continue to source keyworkers masks for free.</p> <p>We have also asked for further donations of material from the people of Liskeard</p> <p>I am going to contact the charity shops in Liskeard to see if they would donate material too</p>
<p>Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)</p>	<p>Please do not sign your name in this box.</p> <p>Date</p>

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