

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	The Real Junk Food Project
Person to contact Position Held	Jess Sneyd, Project Coordinator
How are you normally funded?	Public good-will donations

What do you need the money for?

Prior to the current crisis we were providing meals on a once a week basis and occasionally sending out food parcels to those identified as in need. We were in the process of relocating from our current location to the Methodist Church in Liskeard as a result of increased need. That was put on hold as lockdown began and as such we are running above capacity at present and require more assistance to manage this.

In a normal non coronavirus world, we provide home cooked meals and a small number of food parcels from intercepted food waste. These meals are usually provided at one of the Liskeard churches and we have a pop-up shop for produce.

Due to current crisis we are being forced to supplement this with food purchased directly from retailers, and home items (not usually included) in order to meet demand. We are receiving some free food however as everyone is now requesting free food from suppliers, supply is limited and we are now contributing from our own pockets.

After gratefully receiving the grant of £250 in March, which tied us over for a few weeks, and after advice from both the Town Clerk and some of our local councillors, we have significantly upped our game and have significantly increased our service provision.

The current crisis and increased service provision means we are receiving fewer monetary donations yet providing a much-increased service, having to buy food and provisions, pay out increased transportation costs, using more fuel, and utilising more equipment.

At present (and as a result of advice) we are now providing around 100 cooked meals per week which are issued to Liskeard residents at one of the weekly events. In addition, we are now sending out a larger number of food parcels per week to those in need of more than a meal.

The money requested will enable us to:

- increase the amount of foodstuffs we can purchase to supplement the reduced junk food we can source. This is used to supplement food boxes and increase food available at pop ups.
- purchase more equipment (Food containers, utensils, cleaning equipment, PPE, pans etc.) required to maintain the new current level and increase as demands increase.
- Obtain food storage capacity at Liskeard Methodist Church – Allows us to preserve unused stock at distribution location

We will of course be purchasing all equipment and goods from local suppliers as oppose to national suppliers as we believe it is important to support local business

<p>How will vulnerable people in Liskeard benefit from this? Is it aimed at specific groups?</p>	<p>At present (and as a result of advice) we are now providing around 100 cooked meals per week which are distributed to Liskeard residents at one of the weekly events. In addition, we are now sending out food parcels to those in need of more than a meal across Liskeard. We are also offering produce at distribution point</p> <p>If we are successful in obtaining support, we will be able to increase our current provision much further as demand suggests a need for this</p> <p>This is not aimed at specific groups it is available to all and is advertised on Liskeard Social Media groups and via word of mouth</p>
<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council? If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p>YES</p> <p>(a) When March 2020</p> <p>(b) Amount received £250 plus advice to come back if able to increase provision of service</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>Electrical Appliances</p> <p>(prices from HB Woolacotts – Liskeard for example)</p> <p>Beko FFFP1685W Tall Frost Free Freezer (White) Product code: FFFP1685W - £429-99</p> <p>Additional Food Costs</p> <p>£500</p> <p>Additional items (Fuel, Containers (Plastic Free), PPE, Additional cooking equipment</p> <p>£500</p> <p>Total -£1429-99</p>

Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)	10032326
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