

# **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	St Martin's Church, Liskeard
Person to contact	Mike Sturgess (Treasurer)
Position Held	Steve Morgan (Rector)
How are you normally funded?	Mostly funded from voluntary donations from church members
What do you need the money for?	<p>As a result of our existing work during the pandemic we have identified two additional areas where more support is needed.</p> <p>Proposal 1</p> <p>One of the biggest challenges arising from lockdown is loneliness. The elderly are particularly susceptible here, especially those who do not have the technology or the knowledge to join in video calls or online events (such as zoom meetings). One elderly gentleman, who talked regularly on the phone to family and friends, spoke of the loneliness from no face to face contact (even socially distanced contact). He would stand at his kitchen window for hours hoping someone would walk by so he could wave to them.</p> <p>Our proposal stemmed from the community interaction seen in Italy during their lockdown, with impromptu concerts from balconies, with others coming out to listen / join in. Tapping into the idea of clapping from your doorstep for the NHS, we propose short 10 to 15-minute solo professional concerts from greens on estates, street corners or wherever people from the immediate area can see and hear from their doorsteps. With the elderly being those most affected the concerts would have a classical or golden oldies theme. We have already identified some individuals who could provide this, including two sisters living together who could sing duets.</p>

	<p>We would seek to publicise this via local radio and TV and encourage people to request a concert if they know someone is particularly isolated.</p> <p>We are looking at about two hours a day over the coming month, at a cost of about £30 per hour to cover hiring the musicians and travel costs. We may be able to get some volunteer professional musicians for this project (which we would use to extend the reach of the project), but we also feel we will need to pay professional musicians as well.</p> <p>50 to 60 locations, which is what we envisage is needed, would cost £500.</p> <p>Proposal 2</p> <p>Whilst the first proposal targeted the elderly, although not exclusively, the second proposal targets single parents.</p> <p>We know from St Martin's ABC (Adults, Babies Children – the church's mother and toddlers' group) how isolated many parents feel, even in normal times. Now they have lost some of their support networks, their social events where they meet others and are having to cope with home schooling as well.</p> <p>Our proposal is to help those single parents most in need with a small parcel full of pens, paper, crafts, small books and other goodies aimed at the children and a few treats for the parent (e.g. chocolate).</p> <p>We would use our own network to identify those in need (ABC, Christians Against Poverty, links to local schools).</p> <p>We are asking for £500 towards this project, which we will use to support as many single parents as possible. We would expect this to provide support to at least 100 single parents. If you are able to offer more then we could reach even more isolated single parents.</p>
<p>How will vulnerable people in Liskeard benefit from this? Is it aimed at specific groups?</p>	<p>As indicated above, proposal 1 is aimed at the elderly and isolated, but would have a wider impact. It is primarily aimed at raising morale, but also trying to develop links between neighbours as they come out to listen to the mini concerts from their doorsteps.</p> <p>Proposal 2 is targeted much more closely on single parents in need of support, and particularly those who may be struggling with home schooling.</p>

<p>Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?</p> <p>If 'Yes' please indicate</p>	<p>YES <del>NO</del></p> <p>(a) When (Date) 28 Jun 2018</p> <p>(b) Amount received £500</p> <p>(a) 2 Apr 2020</p> <p>(b) Amount received: £2,940</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>£1,000 in total (two separate proposals, each of £500)</p>
<p>Charity Number or Registered Company Number (if applicable)</p>	<p>Please do <b>not</b> sign your name in this box.</p> <p>Registered Charity No. 1130720</p> <p>Date 21 May 2020</p>

<p>Name of Applicant / Organisation</p>	<p>St Martin's Church, Liskeard</p>
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