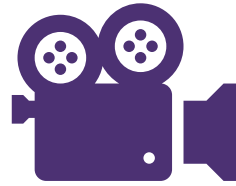


**APPLYING FOR THE COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS COST OF
LIVING FUND**

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2023

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APPLYING FOR THE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS COST OF LIVING FUND

AGENDA

- 2.00 Welcome
- 2.05 Background to the £76m cost of living fund
- 2.10 Applying for the Community Organisations
Cost of Living Fund
- 2.35 Q&A
- 2.55 Feedback, signposting and close

BACKGROUND TO THE £76M COST OF LIVING FUND

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BACKGROUND TO THE £76M COST OF LIVING FUND - NCVO

- **March 2022** – we flagged impact of rising costs to government
- **Spring/summer 2022** – we increased partnership working, feedback routes for members, and pressure on government to act
- **Autumn 2022** – we wrote to ministers and continued demonstrating the impact of the cost of living crisis on charities

BACKGROUND TO THE £76M COST OF LIVING FUND - NCVO

- **Winter 2022/23** – charities were included in energy bill support, and £100m announced in spring budget
- We worked with government to help shape the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund and we are doing the same for the upcoming energy efficiency fund

APPLYING FOR THE COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS COST OF LIVING FUND

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Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund

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Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund

This funding is part of a Government support package for England. It is for organisations that support people and communities under severe pressure because of the increased cost of living

- Between £10,000 - £75,000 available to front-line organisations.
- Organisations who are already running critical services and who are experiencing increased demand for and face increased costs in delivering those critical services.
- Mainly small or medium sized front-line organisations.
- Applications opened on 24th July and close at noon on 16th October 2023.
- All funding must be spent by 31st March 2024.

Which organisations can apply?

Front-line organisations who are: -

- a registered, exempt or excepted charity
- a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee - you must be a registered charity or have a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in your articles of association
- a community interest company (CIC)
- a community benefit society
- a co-operative society - you must have a not-for-profit 'asset lock' clause in your society rules and be registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

What do we mean by “critical services”?

Your organisation must be delivering critical services in England in one of the following categories: -

- food & emergency supplies - e.g. food banks, provision of hot meals, clothes, toiletries
- emergency shelter - e.g. night shelters or other accommodation for people experiencing homelessness
- safe spaces - e.g. domestic abuse services, youth services
- warmth - e.g. warm rooms and spaces
- financial and housing advice - giving people advice because of the increased cost of living

Plus

- have increased demand for those critical services and
- face increased costs in delivering those critical services.

What costs can we fund?

We can fund the increased costs to your existing services and for costs linked to expanding or adapting your services such as :

- salaries and/or volunteer costs
- service delivery costs - room hire
- a contribution to your delivery costs and running costs
- small scale refurbishment work needed to deliver the expanded or adapted service (must be completed and paid for by 31st March 24)
- new equipment

What can't we fund?

- Critical services that are not experiencing increased demand and increased costs
- Brand new services. We will only fund existing, adapted or expanded services
- Services being delivered outside of England
- Larger building works or maintenance, or any refurbishment work that is not completed and paid for by 31 March 2024
- Purchase of buildings or land
- Campaigning, political or lobbying activities (we'll only fund the delivery of direct services)
- Giving cash direct to people experiencing hardship

Expanding or adapting costs

- We can fund expanding or adapting your service, but only from the date we offer you funding.

For example, if we offered you funding to adapt or expand your service on 1 October 2023, this part of the funding would cover the period 1st October 2023 to 31 March 2024.

- So you should not increase how much your organisation is spending until we've offered you funding.

Increased costs of delivering existing critical services

- These costs can only be for running the existing service(s) that you are applying for, and not for anything else
 - e.g. staff costs, volunteer costs or a share of overheads
- These can be paid up to the 31st March 2024.
- These can also cover costs incurred for the period between 24th July 2023 and the date funding is awarded.

How the two elements work together?

- a contribution to your delivery and running costs from



- expansion or adaptation of your services from



How do I apply?

Our website is open. Applications will close midday on the 16th October 2023

- it usually takes around 12 weeks to get a decision from us.
- you can only apply once.
- you can apply even if you already have funding from The National Lottery Community Fund.

Please do make sure you read all the guidance to ensure you are submitting all the information we need.

[The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund \(tnlcommunityfund.org.uk\)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)

Summary

- we can fund a contribution to your direct and delivery costs from 24th July 2023 to 31 March 2024
- we can fund your future costs to adapt or expand your service
- funding must be spent by 31 March 2024
- you must run critical services in at least one of the following: food, emergency shelter, safe spaces, warmth or financial & housing advice

and

have increased demand for critical services and face increased costs of delivering critical services.

Further questions

Please contact our Advice Line for specific questions on:-

- 0345 410 2030
- general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk
- For those with a hearing or speech impairment:
Text relay 18001 plus 0345 4 10 20 30
BSL users can contact us in England using SignVideo

Q&A

PLEASE ADD QUESTIONS VIA
Q&A FUNCTION

CLOSING FEEDBACK AND SIGNPOSTING

FURTHER RESOURCES

GUIDANCE AND TRAINING

- [TNLCF guidance on applying for the Cost of Living Fund](#)

Useful guidance

- [NCVO guidance on applying for grants](#)
- [NCVO guidance on where to go for funding advice and support](#)
- [NCVO guidance on financial management](#)

Training

- [NCVO funding and income training](#) on writing successful bids and developing a fundraising strategy

WHAT YOU GET WITH MEMBERSHIP

OUR 5 KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT



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Discounts with trusted suppliers



Big discounts on training, events and venue hire



Updates that keep you informed and support your planning



Policy and campaigns

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