

# Cost of Living Grant Scheme

## Eligibility Criteria

### *Who can apply?*

- Voluntary groups / not for profit organisations / incorporated clubs and societies
- Informal groups established to support people with the rising cost of living (we can help you find a third party to receive the payment).
- Parish and Town Councils
- Schools, in relation to their wider community role

### *What can be applied for?*

- Grant applications can be for up to £1,000\*
- Grant applications can be for up to 100% of total project cost, but the amount of funding awarded will be determined as part of the review process.
- Funding is intended to help charitable organisations and voluntary groups to support members of the community who are experiencing difficulties due to the rising cost of living.
- This grant should not be used for the direct payment of household bills, but are otherwise unrestricted.

\*For advice about larger projects, please speak with your Community Engagement Officer at Test Valley Borough Council. For contact details see here: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/CEOfficers](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/CEOfficers)

### *What information must be provided?*

- A fully completed, signed and dated application form
- Supporting documents (if appropriate)

### *What conditions must be satisfied?*

- Discuss your application for funding with your local Community Engagement Officer prior to completing an application form. The contact details of your Community Engagement Officer can be found here: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/CEOfficers](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/CEOfficers)
- The grant is solely for work involved in supporting the community through the rising Cost of Living and not for furthering the work of an organisation.
- Applications towards projects, which involve partnership working with other organisations to provide support to people during the rising cost of living, are particularly welcomed.
- You **must** retain all receipts relating to the spending of this grant and we may ask to see them
- Should the project not take place, or not be completed any unspent grant will be repayable
- Retrospective funding towards costs which have already been incurred is not eligible