

Supporting Community Resilience Ward Discretionary Budget

The current Ward Discretionary Fund has been increased to help support covid-19 related community resilience efforts across our communities.

Who can apply:

The fund is open to all groups within a local area – both constituted and non-constituted. This recognises that we have a number of new groups who have emerged to support covid-19 related resilience efforts. Groups are encouraged to register with the Council and Highland Third Sector Interface if they have not already done so.

What is the fund for:

To support covid-19 related community resilience efforts where a group has identified an ability to provide an essential service to vulnerable people locally.

The focus is on covid-19 related community activity and must be on supporting emergency food, supplies and vulnerable individuals. Examples of support could include:

- supporting local volunteer efforts and expenses
 - developing promotional materials
 - support for local volunteer telephone systems
- making up food packs for vulnerable households
- developing measures to address social isolation
- providing a source of funding to enable groups to shop for individuals in the community where households no longer have cash available and they cannot source local deliveries

How much can be applied for:

Groups can apply for up to £1,500 at any one time. Groups can reapply once initial funding is spent.

Evidence of spend:

Groups are asked to provide a short summary of how the funding has been used. An application for further funding cannot be made until this is provided. Groups do not have to provide receipts/evidence of spend but are asked to retain these for submission if requested.

How to apply:

Applications are through the normal Nairn ward discretionary grant process and should be sent to the Ward Manager, willie.munro@highland.gov.uk