

# Examples of what the Fund could support



**All applications to the Community-Based Hardship Support Fund must demonstrate how their activity will put more money into the pockets of households experiencing financial hardship.**

**Below are some of the ways your organisation might do this, that this Fund could support. This list is not exhaustive.**

## **Food and other essentials**

- Provision of food, clothes, furniture, flooring, hygiene products and other essentials directly to households. This might be through a food or hygiene bank, or a more informal scheme.
- Store credit for households to use at social supermarkets or similar schemes.
- Food vouchers.
- Help with 'back to school' costs such as school uniforms, equipment or textbooks. This could include other additional expenses at the start of the academic year such as kit, subs or transport costs for sports or uniform groups.
- Essentials for households expecting a baby.
- Support with essential vet bills and pet-related costs.

## **Free access to resources/facilities**

- Laundry and shower facilities.
- Hot food provision including community meals and lunch clubs.
- Toy libraries.
- Warm / Cool spaces.

## **Housing/accommodation**

- Supporting tenants with housing costs which could include private rental costs, social housing, or contributions for supported accommodation (which may increase, for example, when a tenant enters employment).
- Provision of accommodation for vulnerable households.
- Advice and support to access affordable housing or sustain a tenancy.

## **Fuel/utilities support**

- Fuel/oil buying schemes in rural areas.
- Funding for household fuel bills e.g. fuel vouchers or meter top-ups.

## **Transport**

- Support with essential car repairs or driving lessons.
- Community transport services.
- Bus passes.

**Onward grant-making to households to assist with any of the above**

## Financial advice

- Income maximisation / support to claim benefits a household is entitled to. This might include advice or support when transitioning to or from benefits when entering or leaving the workplace, or support regarding benefits sanctions, or appealing benefit decisions.
- Debt advice and management. This might include advice regarding loan sharks or buy now/pay later schemes.
- Budgeting support.

## Employment support

- Skills training, jobs clubs and similar schemes focused on supporting people to re-enter the workplace.

## Energy efficiency

- Provision of or access to low energy cooking equipment.
- Support which can make a quick but sustainable impact on energy costs; for example, the insulation of hot water tanks, fitting draft excluders to a door, or replacing inefficient lightbulbs or white goods.
- Community handyman schemes that deliver green alterations for households.



## Further Questions?

If you have any further questions, email our Programmes team at [grants@norfolkfoundation.com](mailto:grants@norfolkfoundation.com) or call us on 01603 623958