

# Warm & cosy grants

With funding from the [Independent Age](#) Cost of Living grants fund, LOPF will be launching our new programme – [Warm & cosy](#) - including two grant rounds to meet immediate needs due to the cost of living crisis of people aged 65+ and over. The first winter round, launched 7 December, will be followed by a second grants round in June 2023.

This first round launched on 7 December will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 21 December. Decisions will be made by 23 December.

## Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from any third sector organisation, small community groups or larger registered charities. Organisations must be able to demonstrate their ability to meet the needs identified, engage with and work to support older people 65+ living in Leeds. Organisations must have a bank account.

## Grant value available

Grants of up to £1000 are available for activities to:

- meet immediate pressures and problems due to the cost of living crisis including cash payments for energy costs, household items, necessary personal items, items to help keep people warm, provision of hot meals including home delivery and community-centre based meals.
- alleviate the impact of the cost of living crisis through 1:1 support and group activities to reduce isolation and loneliness. For example: warm space activities, opportunities to socialise, activities to support physical and mental wellbeing, opportunities for social engagement including travel costs and organised trips.

Grants are for immediate spend and can complement and/or enhance existing activities.

## Applications must be received by 12:00 noon, Wednesday 21 December 2022

If you have any queries before applying, please contact [ali@opforum.org.uk](mailto:ali@opforum.org.uk) / 07399 887348

All recipients will be invited to regular briefings from LOPF and Public Health where we will provide updates from both a local and national perspective on the cost of living crisis and signpost to relevant communications assets and updates on the cost of living crisis response in Leeds.

Grant holders will be required to provide light touch monitoring including demographic information on the individuals supported by the grant as well as providing brief stories to highlight the impact of the grants. This will enable LOPF and our funder, Independent Age, to understand the reach and impact of the Cost of Living grant fund. Briefing sessions will be provided to support grant holders to meet this requirement.

Funding applications should:

- demonstrate ability to meet needs of older people 65+
- support projects and activities to help people overcome practical issues and/or reduce social isolation and loneliness.

Applications are welcomed that support individuals and communities where there may be additional barriers including Black and Minority Ethnic groups, minoritised religious groups, refugees and asylum seekers, private and social renters, homeless, single older people and those facing social and economic difficulties.

Organisations can apply as the sole deliverer or in partnership with local partners reaching vulnerable groups.

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