



## Brighter Days – guidance on applying for a grant

LOPF is launching the Brighter Days grant round to meet immediate needs of people aged 65+ , due to the cost of living crisis. Brighter Days is funded from the [Independent Age Cost of Living grants fund](#).

### Brighter Days timetable

Launch - 25 July

Closes – 5:00pm Friday 11 August

Decisions - by 31 August

Projects completed - by December 31 2023

### Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from any third sector organisation, from small community groups to larger registered charities. Organisations must:

- be able to demonstrate their ability to meet the needs identified of older people
- support projects and activities to help people overcome practical issues and/or reduce social isolation and loneliness.
- engage with and work to support older people aged 65+ living in Leeds
- have a bank account.

Grants can complement and/or enhance existing activities

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

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.

### How to apply

Please use [this online application form](#) to apply to be a delivery partner.

### Grant value available

Grants of up to £1,000 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.

### **Expectations on grant holders**

- Grants are for immediate spend.
- All recipients will be invited to briefings from LOPF and Public Health where we will provide updates on the cost of living crisis from a local and national perspective. We will also signpost to relevant communications resources and updates on the cost of living crisis response in Leeds.
- Grant holders will be required, as a condition of the grant, to provide monitoring, including demographic information on the individuals supported by the grant, as well as 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. We will organise briefing sessions to support grant holders to meet this requirement.

If you would like to discuss before submitting, please contact Ali at Leeds Older People's Forum - 07399 887348 / [ali@opforum.org.uk](mailto:ali@opforum.org.uk)

**Deadline for applications - 5:00pm Friday 11 August**