

**Preventative Support Grant Information Sheet**

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| The UK’s cost-of-living crisis is placing unprecedented pressure on individuals and families already struggling financially. In Herefordshire, many residents are being forced to make tough decisions about their finances, increasing the risk of falling into financial crisis.The Government’s **Household Support Fund** aims to provide crisis support to vulnerable households and prevent financial hardships through essential services and proactive interventions.We are offering **grant funding** to local organisations to deliver preventative support that helps alleviate financial stress and improve overall wellbeing, building local resilience. If you are working with residents who would benefit from support to alleviate financial stress and improve wellbeing, this grant is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact. |

**Grant Overview**

**Maximum Grant Amount:** £2,000 per organisation
**Purpose:** To support activities that alleviate financial stress, improve wellbeing, and prevent poverty locally.
**Eligibility:** Organisations must demonstrate how they will:

* Identify financially vulnerable residents in Herefordshire.
* Use the grant to make a measurable impact on those residents’ financial resilience and wellbeing.

**Eligible Activities**

Grant funding can be used for:

* Delivering **money management and advice sessions**.
* Providing **staff training** to enable them to support residents with money and debt issues.
* **Proactively targeting** residents at key life moments (e.g., unexpected changes in circumstances) to prevent financial difficulties and build resilience.
* Helping individuals **maximize income** through benefit checks and financial assessments.
* Designing **bespoke preventative support** tailored to your community’s unique needs.

**Timescales**

All grant funds must be committed by **31st March 2025**.

**Reporting Requirements**

**Organisations will be required to:**

1. Submit **monthly returns**, including the number of residents supported and household composition.
2. Provide a **final report** detailing the outcomes and impact of the funded activities.

**Application Process**

**Application Deadline:** Midnight, Friday 28th February 2025

To apply or for support with the application process, please contact:
**householdsupportfund@herefordshire.gov.uk**