



**WOW Grant Information Sheet**

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| There is a cost-of-living crisis in the UK resulting in unprecedented pressures on people already in poverty, people in Herefordshire will be forced to make tough decisions about when and what they eat, what they can do in life, and when they can afford to heat their home.**Grant funding** is available as part of the Household Support Fund, to support community hubs and organisations across Herefordshire to provide sessions for residents, in greatest need. We invite you to expand your current offer, and provide additional sessions or events to support residents, who are feeling the pinch throughout winter. You offer must offer the opportunity for residents to come together and access a meal, engage in activities and receive information and guidance which can support them. The activity must be free of charge to enable access to all.  |

**Grant criteria:**

**The maximum that can be applied for is £1500.00 per organisation, we would like the grant to benefit as many households as possible. Due to this ‘value for money’ will need to be considered in your application.**

The grant funding is available to enable you to open up your facilities and extend your current offer at a time that is accessible to the community.

As part of the offer you will need to include a welcoming space, appropriate activities, with a meal and a drink.

You will be expected to signpost and support attendees in accessing information and give guidance on how to get financial support.

Monthly reports will be required to show number of households attending, including number of dependants, the volume and the household composition.

There will also be a final report to demonstrate impact, which could include case studies on how the grant has made a difference to households.

**What can the grant be used for?**

* Cover any additional costs of heating and electricity used during your sessions
* Venue hire
* Staff or volunteer costs to open the facility
* Limited marketing costs
* Purchasing equipment to support your activities
* Purchasing food supplies or directly from caterers
* Purchasing basic catering equipment to enable you to provide food and refreshments

**Timescales**

All projects must be delivered by the 31st March 2025

**Reporting**

Monthly returns will need to be completed - reporting on the number of people accessing, the household composition and the volume of sessions attended per sessions attended per household.

A final report will also need to be completed.

**Application process**

The application process will remain open until the allocated budget has been spent, the sessions must have taken place before 31st March 2025.

***For questions/ support with the application form please contact householdsupportfund@herefordshire.gov.uk***