

# Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

## Swale Borough Council Grant Offer

### Food and Wrap-around Support

#### 1. Overview

Swale Borough Council is inviting applications from voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to deliver poverty-reducing interventions that support residents experiencing financial hardship.

This funding aims to strengthen community-based support through foodbanks, whilst reduce reliance on emergency aid and building long-term resilience through ensuring wrap around support to residents.

Bids to be made up to value of £25,000 for the remainder of Year 1 (June 2026-end March 2027).

#### 2. Purpose and Objectives

The Food and Wrap Around Support CRF Grant will support organisations to:

- Provide holistic, person-centred support to residents experiencing financial hardship.
- Reduce dependency on emergency food and fuel aid by supporting sustainable, dignity-based models.
- Strengthen community resilience through localised, accessible support in areas of highest deprivation.
- Improve pathways to holistic support through crisis access that promote independence and financial capability.
- Enhance collaboration across VCSE, health, and statutory partners to address the root causes of poverty.

#### 3. Scope

Funding is intended to support a range of food poverty-reducing activities. Options include, but not limited to, the following:

##### 3.1 Food Support & Sustainable Models

- Provision of food parcels accompanied by wraparound support
- Educational and practical opportunities using food related activities
- Transition planning from emergency food aid to sustainable, choice-based systems

##### 3.2 Partnership Development & Sustainability

- Strengthening collaboration between VCSE organisations, health partners, and statutory services.
- Identification of future funding opportunities to sustain poverty-reducing interventions.
- Development of collaborative bids where appropriate.

#### 4. Grant Value

- **Funding period:** remainder of Year 1 – to 31st March 2027
- **Value :** up to £25,000
- **Payment structure:** Two payments (June 2026 and October 2026)

#### 5. Expected Outputs

Successful applicants will be expected to deliver:

- Evidence of food support delivery accompanied with holistic support pathways, including referrals to financial, wellbeing, or resilience services.
- Data on resident engagement, including needs and outcomes.
- Evidence of strengthened partnerships and collaborative working.

#### 6. Outcomes

This grant aims to achieve:

- Reduced reliance on emergency food and fuel support.
- Improved financial resilience
- Stronger community-based support networks.
- Increased access to sustainable food models.
- Improved wellbeing and reduced crisis presentations.

#### 7. Eligibility

- Voluntary, community and enterprise organization based in the Swale District
- Demonstrate experience in poverty reduction, financial resilience, or community support.
- Have a strong track record of partnership working.
- Be able to deliver holistic, multi-agency support.

Collaborative applications are encouraged.

#### 8. Monitoring and Reporting

Grant recipients will be required to:

- Provide monthly progress monitoring in line with CRF requirements. This includes capturing data on the following (where applicable):
  - **Access Route (Volume)**
    - Referred from Crisis Support, self-referred, proactive route, TPO referral, other
  - **Resilience building (Number of individuals accessed)**
    - Reduced experiences of material deprivation
    - Reduced need for emergency food parcels
    - Increased access to appropriate and quality advice services

- Increased savings
- Reduction in priority debt
- Maximisation of individuals incomes
- Decreased need for Crisis Payments
- Other
- **Individuals accessing services, demographics (Volume)**
  - Services provided to support children
  - Services provided to support pensioners
  - Services provided to support disabled persons
  - Services provided to support other individuals
  - Services provided to support employed recipients
  - Services provided to support recipients not in employment
  - Services provided to support benefit recipients
  - Services provided to support non-benefit recipients
- **Community Coordination Initiatives (Volume)**
- Contribute towards two monitoring return documents which includes all monthly data collections and the following additional resilience outcomes evidence:
  - Reduced experiences of material deprivation
  - Reduced need for emergency food parcels
  - Increased access to appropriate and quality advice services
  - Increased savings
  - Reduction in priority debt
  - Maximisation of individuals' incomes
  - Decreased need for Crisis Payments and Housing Payments
- Attend partnership and monitoring meetings as required

*\*Please note, not all the above will be relevant depending on the project type. A spreadsheet shared to each successful organisation/project for monthly reporting.*

## **9. Application Process**

Applicants should submit:

- An expression of interest – refer to supporting guidance for more information

## **10. Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be scored and assessed based on:

- Quality and clarity of proposal
- Ability to deliver against the required outcomes and within CRF guidelines
- Strength of partnership approach
- Value for money

## **11. Contact Information**

For further information, please contact:

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*Swale Borough Council is committed to fostering collaboration, driving innovation, and creating opportunity across the borough. This grant marks an important first step towards building a stronger, more resilient future for residents.*