



# Crisis and Resilience Fund Grants Coming Soon

**Helping build stronger, more resilient communities across Lancaster District**

## APPLICATION PROCESS OPENING SOON

The Lancaster District Crisis and Resilience Fund will soon be inviting applications from individuals, groups and organisations that reduce hardship and help communities build resilience.

## The Seven CRF Outcomes

We would love to hear from any organisation, group or partnership whose project can contribute to one or more of these outcomes:

- Increased savings
- Reduced priority debt
- Reduced need for emergency food parcels
- Reduced material deprivation
- Maximised income
- Fewer repeat crisis applications
- Increased access to appropriate and quality advice services

## Funding Available

There will be three levels of grant funding available:

| Grant level   | Amount you can apply for | Estimated pot available |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Small grants  | Up to £1,000             | £20,000                 |
| Medium grants | Up to £10,000            | £130,000                |
| Large grants  | Over £10,000             | £450,000                |

**Important:** Any application for more than £50,000 must be submitted as a partnership bid.

## Who We Would Love to Hear From

We welcome ideas from a wide range of local groups and organisations, including:

- Community and voluntary organisations
- Community hubs and resilience centres
- Advice and support providers
- Food projects
- Resident-led initiatives and partnerships of local organisations

**This list is not exhaustive.** If your project can help achieve one or more of the seven CRF outcomes, we would encourage you to apply.

## Priority Areas for Funding

All eligible applications that meet the fund's objectives will be considered. We would especially welcome applications in the following priority areas:

### **Community Resilience Hubs and Infrastructure**

Projects that strengthen existing community hubs, creating welcoming and accessible spaces, increasing outreach into local communities through a range of activities.

### **Advice, Information, Education and Skills**

Projects providing advice, guidance, financial resilience support, training, learning opportunities, community signposting and peer support to help residents become more resilient and independent.

### **Community Engagement, Outreach and Early Intervention**

Projects that identify and reach people who may not currently engage with support services to raise awareness of available help and encourage earlier access to support.

### **Food Security and Sustainable Food Projects**

Projects that improve access to food, support food-growing initiatives, develop community kitchens, strengthen food networks, and create sustainable local food solutions.

### **Rural and Underserved Communities**

Projects that improve access to services in rural communities and areas where support provision is currently limited, including outreach, satellite, and mobile services.

### **Partnership and Collaborative Working**

Projects that bring organisations together, improve referral pathways and strengthen a “No Wrong Door” approach, helping residents access the right support without being passed unnecessarily between services.

## Not Yet Constituted?

**Please do not let this put you off.** Contact us at [crf@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:crf@lancaster.gov.uk) to discuss how we may be able to support you. There may be an opportunity to connect you and your ideas with other organisations or partnerships that could work with you to develop a proposal.

## About the Fund

The Crisis and Resilience Fund grant application process has been developed with local organisations, frontline practitioners and people with lived experience. It aims to support practical projects that build resilience, reduce inequalities, strengthen community cohesion, and help people before they reach crisis point in the Lancaster District.

## Find Out More

Read the main Crisis and Resilience Fund guidance: [Crisis and Resilience Fund: Guidance for local authorities in England \(1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029\) - GOV.UK](#)

Application dates and application forms will be published soon. Once the application process is live you will have 4 weeks to apply.

**START THINKING ABOUT WHETHER YOU WANT TO APPLY**

For questions or early support, contact [crf@lancaster.gov.uk](mailto:crf@lancaster.gov.uk)