**LOCAL AUTHORITY COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY (LACER) FUNDING 2022**

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| **launch date** | **08 July 2022** |
| **Total fund** | **£100,000** |
| **Closing date**  | **1 AUGUST 2022** |
| **MINIMUM AWARD** | **£1,000** |
| **mAXIMUM AWARD** | **£10,000** |

**Guidance note for applicants**

Thank you for your interest in Angus Council’s LACER Food Poverty fund. This is a one-off Grant being made available to eligible local charities and community organisations across Angus to support vulnerable communities affected by food poverty and connect them with the support they need.

1. **Background**

On 21 February 2022 the Scottish Government announced a new £80 million Local Authority Covid Economic Recovery (LACER) Fund targeting support for businesses and communities as part of the next phase of the pandemic. Angus Council’s share of this funding has been confirmed as £1.672 million. The funding is one-off and has been paid as part of general revenue grant. The Council therefore has flexibility on how and when to use the funding. The aim is to get support to the people who need it most as quickly as possible.

On 30 June 2022 Angus Council agreed that there should be a key theme and proposed intervention by the means of £100,000 allocated to Food Poverty – Funding to Support Agencies & Capacity Building.

1. **Aim of fund**

The fund should assist with capacity building to provide sustainability around solutions to reduce the need for food banks. Projects will be supported that look at the underlying drivers of food poverty and/or sustainable home growing alternatives. Applications are welcome that offer activities and services to support individuals to overcome food poverty, including targeted activity to support individuals, families with the increased costs of living.

The funding is for sustainable food poverty programmes which will enhance support already being provided and address any of the following issues:

* Redistributing surplus food to the people who need it most in local communities, which should include fresh refrigerated food
* Providing easy access to nutritious food and balanced meals for customers with a limited budget
* Educating and upskilling customers on low-cost meal solutions, limiting food waste and shopping smartly
* Supplying equipment / resources that can reduce cooking costs or enhance nutrition, ie slow cookers, quick and easy meal cards
* Supporting future generations by prioritising the wellbeing of children and young people struggling with food insecurity
* Food programmes for vulnerable communities, delivered in those communities that look at the underlying drivers of food poverty and/or sustainable home growing alternatives
1. **Groups at an increased risk**

Evidence suggests that the following groups are at an increased risk of poverty, and are more likely to experience difficulty affording food, fuel, and other essentials:

Younger people; disabled people; lone parents; minority ethnic households; people living in households with children; larger families; people with no recourse to public funds; people living in households on low incomes; people living in the most deprived areas.

Protected characteristic groups: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, race - (includes gypsy travellers), religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

1. **Guiding Principles**

A series of guiding principles has been developed to support local thinking about how funding can best be targeted and deployed. More information is available via <https://www.angus.gov.uk/lacer>

1. **Exclusions**

The Grant cannot be used to pay for:

• Salaries

• Making payment for an item or service that would otherwise be donated without charge

• Subsidising activities or expenditure that was already planned (other than to significantly enhance the envisaged activities)

• Activities, items, or costs that benefit only a small number of people

1. **Payment Arrangements**

A grant agreement will be sent within three weeks of the grant application being approved. The first 50% of the Grant will be paid upfront in advance upon agreement of the Application and acceptance of the Council’s Grant Funding Agreement.

The remaining 50% will be paid on request – and no later than 30 March 2023 - subject to demonstrating that the initial upfront funds are nearly used.

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Flexible funding to local charities and community organisations across Angus who are in a position to support low-income households in Angus.

**Application Form**

1. **Organisation Details**

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| **Organisation Name:** |  |
| **Organisation Address:** |  |
| **Organisation Email:** |  |
| **Legal status of the applicant:** |  |

**Main Contact**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Position in Organisation:** |  |

**2nd Contact**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Position in Organisation:** |  |

1. **Project Information**

**Please provide a short summary of the of your proposed project, the main aims and objectives, and any helpful background information**

(Please refer to page 1 item 2)

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**Who are the main beneficiaries of your project? Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups?** (Please refer to page 1 item 3)

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**Please tell us about how you identified the need for this support**

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**Where will the initiative take place? Is the proposed initiative Angus wide or for a specific geographic community or community of interest?**

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**Once the project is complete how will you monitor and evaluate the benefits of the project?**

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1. **Financial Information**

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| **PROJECT BREAKDOWN****Please provide a breakdown of the total cost of the project** |
| **Item** | **Cost** |
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| **Total cost of project**  |  |

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| **Please detail sources of funding (charitable, commercial, private etc)** |
| **Funding source/partner** | **Amount** | **Is funding confirmed?****If not give expected date of confirmation.** |
| **Angus Council LACER Food Poverty Grant Fund (£) (min £1,000 max £10,000)** | £ |  |
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| **Total (should match the total in project breakdown)** |  |  |

1. **Outcomes and Outputs**

**Please detail a timeline for the project (funding should be fully claimed by 31 March 2023)**

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| **Please provide details of the intended project Outputs and Outcomes (this will be followed up in more detail in future stages)** |
| **Output / Outcome Description** | **Number** |
| **E.g. number of people benefiting from the grant, sustainable outcomes, reduction of poverty etc** |  |
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**Declaration**

* I apply, on behalf of the named organisation, for funding as outlined in this proposal.
* I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements made by me in this application are true and the information provided is correct.
* I understand that I may be asked for further information in line with this funding request for the purposes of fair assessment.
* I understand that I will be asked to provide financial information for payment of grant if funding is awarded
* I understand that project monitoring will be required if funding is awarded, I agree to provide information relating to this project and application by 31 March 2023.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Please return completed form to :** **CommEngagement@angus.gov.uk**

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| Compliance console**What we need and why:**Angus Council is the ‘Data Controller’ of the personal data you provide to us. We only collect personal data about you for the purpose of LACER. This may include Primary contact details, organisation details, Project outline, Project costs breakdown, Project Supporting Financial Information etc. The data will be used to assess your funding application and is required for the following purposes: -* to contact you regarding the next stage of the process
* to make a full assessment of your application in accordance with the LACER criteria
* to monitor the success of your project and to undertake evaluations
* to monitor compliance with conditions of grant

**Who we share information with:**We are legally obliged to safeguard public funds and are required to verify your details. We may share your information with other public bodies and receive information from other bodies for fraud checking purposes or where we are required to do so by law. Information about your project will be shared with the Scottish Government as part of the LACER reporting process. Information shared will exclude your contact and bank details.**What we do with it:**Your personal information is held on servers within the EEA and processed by our staff in the UK. No third parties have access to your personal data unless permitted by law. The council maintains data protection controls in line with the General Data Protection Regulation, other data protection legislation and its own information security policy to ensure the effective and secure processing of your personal information.**How long we keep it:**For successful applications 6 Years + current year Please note that you should read this service specific Privacy Notice in conjunction with the council’s [Full Privacy Statement](https://www.angus.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/managing_and_accessing_information/information_governance_privacy_and_gdpr/angus_council_full_privacy_statement). |