



Alton & District Community Resilience Fund

About ADCRF

The Alton & District Community Resilience Fund is a joint initiative which aims to provide support and assistance to local residents and groups who find themselves in exceptional circumstances and in need of help. The fund, supported by Alton Lions Club (CIO), Alton Town Council, Alton Foodbank, Citizens Advice East Hampshire, the Parish of the Resurrection and Harvest Church is provided by our community for the benefit of our community. Conceived as a community response to the pressures caused by the current Covid-19 situation the fund is designed to be a longer-term funding option to provide a lifeline both now and, in the months, and years to come to ensure we are able to support each other as a strong and inclusive community.

Applications will be accepted from residents in Alton as well as the surrounding Alton Rural catchment including the villages of Bentley, Beech, Bentworth, Binsted, East Worldham, Holybourne, Kingsley, Chawton, Selborne, Farringdon, Blackmoor, Oakhanger, Froyle, Four Marks, Medstead, Ropley, Lasham and Shalden,

What help is available?

There are two types of application which will be accepted for the fund.

- 1) Applications for up to £500 of goods and/or services are invited from residents of Alton and the surrounding villages who need urgent assistance with essentials such as:

Replacing an essential household appliance such as a cooker

Acquiring equipment eg wheelchair, care alarm service etc

Getting furniture and household items like a bed and bedding

Other urgent needs.

The fund may also be able to help with repairs and renewals of items such as bicycles, with assistance provided by the Alton Repair Café

Other advice and support will be available from other partner organisations.

- 2) Applications for up to £500 are also invited from local community groups, charities and organisations to provide seed funding for innovative new projects which benefit our residents and help support the health and wellbeing of our community. We are particularly keen to support projects which help vulnerable groups including the elderly, those who are isolated, those projects with a focus on health and wellbeing especially those who seek to address mental and physical health issues and projects supporting young people.

How to donate

We are very pleased to be able to offer two options for community giving towards the fund

Individual donations can be made via the 'Donate' button on the Home page of Alton Lions website at www.altonlions.org.uk Alton Lions Club can process donations through this arrangement and enables donors to agree Gift Aid should you wish to do so. The Donate button triggers a link to a secure PayPal Giving Account.

Corporate donations

Businesses can make a donation by bank transfer using the reference ADCRF to:

Unity Trust Bank - Alton Town Council

Bank Account Number: 20302775

Bank Sort Code: 60-83-01

Or by sending a cheque to:

Alton & District Community Resilience Fund
C/O Town Hall, Market Square, Alton Hampshire GU34 1HD
Please makes cheques payable to Alton Town Council

All money donated will be added to the fund and for audit purposes, strict records will be kept of all donations and payments made. Funds collected by Alton Lions Club (CIO) via the 'Donate' account will be transferred to the holding account for the fund held by Alton Town Council. 100% of the money you donate will go directly to the fund, with the council making no deductions for administration.

How to apply

You can apply to the Alton & District Community Resilience Fund via www.alton.gov.uk by printing off the application form and e-mailing the completed form to: community@alton.gov.uk or posting the completed form to :

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If you do not have access to a printer or computer please call 01420 83986 and leave a message with your name and address and a copy of the application form will be posted to you. Alternatively, copies of the form will be held by the Foodbank and help given in completing them.

If you are applying to the fund as an individual or family (rather than as a local group, charity of organisation) your application will need to be supported by a referee such as a head teacher, GP, social worker or health visitor or CAB. They will need to know about your situation and if we contact them, they should be able to confirm the details of your request for help.

How applications are assessed

Your application will be assessed by a small panel who represent the organisations that are the supporting partners of the Alton & District Community Resilience Fund. Applications will be at the discretion of the panel and evaluated using set criteria.

These criteria are as follows:

- Completeness of the application form
- Assessment of need
- Availability of funds
- Referrers comments (individual and family applications only)
- Whether alternative options are available.
- Previous application to the fund.

We expect to tell you the outcome of your application within days of you applying.

Applications will not be accepted for costs relating to the provision of care, food or fuel or to assist with debt repayments. If you are struggling to deal with any of these issues, please go to www.alton.gov.uk and follow the links through the Health and Wellbeing page to locate organisations who can help and offer support.

Please note, if your application is successful, cash will not be given directly to individuals, but the panel will place an order with the provider of the good or service approved by the fund and arrange delivery/installation with you as appropriate.

Information for referrers

To be considered, applications need to be supported by a referee such as a social worker, GP, home school link worker, head teacher, health visitor, nurse or applicable voluntary organisations.

If you are asked to be a referee, thank you for your support. You will need to:

Be able to confirm the applicant's situation

Provide a covering letter or email

Give your name, occupation and contact details so we can contact you to verify your referral if required.