



North Yorkshire
County Council

Stronger Communities



Covid-19 - Restore & Recover Guidance for Applicants

Guidance for Applicants

Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities Team has invested £55,000 in over 120 small grants to help communities and charities **respond** to the needs of their communities during lockdown. Grants have been made to a range of projects that have supported people to self-isolate, have access to food and supplies and to stay connected to people through technology.

As we move to the **recovery** phase that sees lockdown measures eased, the national shielding programme put on pause and services and activities start to re-open, we are now re-purposing this financial support to help and encourage charities, voluntary sector organisations and community groups to **restore** their services in a safe and covid compliant way. It is important that where it is safe and appropriate to do so, we start the process to support people to feel confident, to re-connect with their communities, and to start to regain their independence. We recognise that things will need to be different, and charities and community organisations will need to adapt their services and activities in order to ensure that measures such as social distancing, hygiene and test and trace procedures can be maintained. This will for some mean additional costs – either to get up and running again, or because income will be reduced as activities will be unable to operate at normal capacity.

RESTORE & RECOVER PROGRAMME

Grants of up to **£1000** are available from 1 September 2020 for groups to help them restore services and activities, adapt existing activities or start new things that help people regain confidence and independence in a safe and covid compliant way. Examples of this may include:

- Re-starting or providing new socially distanced social and / or activity groups and meeting the costs associated with achieving this in a covid compliant way; this may include venue hire costs, deep cleaning of the venue (if indoors), provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), purchase of small scale outdoor equipment (for example a gazebo) to accommodate open air gatherings, and marketing and publicity costs.
- Re-establishing community led services in a covid compliant way which may require the purchase of PPE or cleaning resources; for example, supported shopping visits, community car scheme journeys etc.
- Creating virtual and digital opportunities for people to re-engage with their communities, building their skills and capacity; this may encompass provision of small scale digital equipment to facilitate engagement activity and online virtual meeting license costs.

Please note that any proposed activity **must** be delivered in line with national guidance and be covid compliant and you should carry out a **risk assessment** for your project which must be submitted with the application. Further information, advice and guidance, can be found on the North Yorkshire County Council website here:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-community-groups-and-organisations-resume-activities>

GRANTS AVAILABLE

One off grants of up to £1,000 are available through Restore & Recover. Applications will be limited to one per organisation over a 6-month period.

COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION FORM

This application form is divided into three sections:

- Section 1** – this section asks questions about the organisation applying and must be completed for your application to be accepted.
- Section 2** – in this section we are seeking further information about your proposed project, including how you intend to deliver the project and achieve the aims of the Restore & Recover grant.
- Section 3** – further information and documentation to support your application; this must be submitted in order for your application to be considered.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure is eligible under the Restore & Recover Grant:

- Volunteer expenses.
- Materials and small items of equipment.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning resources.
- Promotion and marketing.
- Venue hire.

Ineligible Expenditure

- Capital costs / large items equipment
- Core costs (for example staffing)

HOW TO APPLY

All applications must be made on the **Covid-19 - Restore & Recover Grant Application Form**.

Applications can be submitted at any time. You must return an electronic copy of your completed application form and any supporting documentation or attachments by email to your local Delivery Manager. Contact details for your local Delivery Manager can be found at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/strongercommunities>.

Please do not PDF the application form, this must be returned as a word document.

EVALUATION

All completed applications will be evaluated by the Stronger Communities Team; you will be notified regarding the outcome of your application within 14 days of submission.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like further information about the Covid-19 - Restore & Recover grant, or would like to discuss your application further, please contact your local Delivery Manager. Contact details of your local Delivery Manager can be found at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/strongercommunities>.