How to apply for a grant from the National Emergencies Trust award received by the AJC

The AJC received £40,000 from NET which it has matched with £40,000 of its own money. The fund can only be used for organisations supporting the most vulnerable islanders in response to the pandemic.

Who can apply?

Members of the AJC and registered charities are eligible but the fund is also open to voluntary, community and other not-for-profit organisations if they meet certain governance standards. If you are not a member or registered charity, contact <u>lyn@jerseycharities.org</u> in the first instance to check if you can apply.

Individuals cannot apply.

How much can you apply for?

The maximum grant is £10,000 but priority will be given to those organisations where a smaller grant (say up to £6,000) will cover or make a significant contribution to the costs of their pandemic response. This is so that the funds can be distributed among more organisations.

What can you apply for?

The conditions of the NET award are strict. Funds can only be used for "Immediate Relief" to help organisations respond to immediate needs experienced during the Covid-19 crisis and in support of "the most vulnerable" including those shielding or self-isolating.

The AJC recognises that the costs of "immediate relief" may already have been incurred by many organisations and therefore will consider retrospective requests to reimburse you if this has drained your available resources.

There are some examples of what you can apply for at the end of this note.

How to apply

The AJC is part of the Jersey Funders Group which is coordinating the response of the main funding organisations to the pandemic. In the first instance, email <u>jerseyfunders@gmail.com</u> with a brief outline of your project, what you need the grant for and how much you need. **Most importantly**, type "NET" in the subject line so that your message can be directed to the right place.

You will be contacted and, if suitable for NET funding, asked to complete a short application form and submit supporting documents to formalise your request.

Under NET guidelines, funding is initially targeted at organisations:

- supporting the needs of vulnerable people to ensure that their health and wellbeing is maintained
- supporting activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services
- supporting vulnerable people self-isolating (the elderly or those with pre-existing medical conditions)
- supporting foodbanks or combatting hardship, particularly child hunger
- coordinating the community response
- incurring volunteer costs for responding to the effects of the crisis
- incurring additional costs of remote working or adapting services (including cost of IT equipment)
- needing or providing additional emotional, mental health or bereavement support

Projects may include but are not limited to:

- Support for vulnerable people in their homes, providing food or medicines
- Hubs created to coordinate the above
- Provision for rough sleepers
- Support for islanders who don't have internet access or smartphones or can't access support services for any reason

The funds cannot be used for:

• Making cash grants to individuals or families