



Emergency Community Response

Grant Guidance for Applicants



Immediate Crisis Relief

Evnia's Emergency Fund provides grants to organisations working with individuals and families in financial hardship across the West Midlands.

This fund is for immediate crisis relief – Evnia will fund essential items and urgent support to prevent hardship from escalating. Within this strand, the charity will proactively prioritise underfunded categories, such as hygiene products, baby essentials, clothing and digital access, while remaining responsive to food and fuel needs where there is critical local demand or demonstrable innovation in delivery.

What this fund is for

Evnia focuses funding exclusively on the West Midlands to ensure depth of impact and meaningful local change, supporting people experiencing hardship and prioritising initiatives that benefit:

- Children and young people
- Disabled people
- People from minority backgrounds

Funding is delivered through trusted community organisations that are embedded in local areas and understand the needs of the people they support.



The Emergency Community Response fund supports activity that:

- Prevents hardship from escalating
- Responds quickly to urgent or emerging local need
- Reaches people facing barriers to mainstream support
- Contributes to longer term financial resilience where appropriate

Expected outcomes

Grant funded activity should contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:



Funding available and what we will fund

Funding to provide essential items or urgent support that prevent hardship from escalating.

Emergency & Community Response Grants:

- Grant size: Up to £25,000
- Duration: Up to 12 months
- Number of partners: Approximately 5–10 organisations per year
- Focus: Immediate crisis relief and essential needs

Evnia will prioritise underfunded areas, including:

- Hygiene products
- Baby essentials
- Clothing
- Digital access

Food and fuel support may also be funded where there is:

- Critical local demand, or
- Clear innovation in delivery

Eligibility Criteria

You can apply if your organisation:

- Is not for profit
- Operates within the West Midlands
- Has a governing document and organisational bank account
- Can demonstrate the ability to deliver the proposed activity

Eligible organisation types include:

- Constituted community groups (unincorporated associations)
- Registered charities / CIOs
- Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Community Benefit Societies

Ineligible applicants:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Statutory organisations (e.g. schools, NHS bodies)
- For profit organisations without an asset lock

We will not fund:

- Research projects
- Existing staff costs not directly linked to the project
- Bid writing or application costs
- Core organisational costs unrelated to the project
- Contingency or fundraising costs
- Recoverable VAT
- Loans or interest payments
- Alcohol, tobacco, vapes, or illegal substances
- Gambling related activities
- Political or religious activity

Submitting an application

Application steps:

1. Arrange an initial discussion with the Grants Manager – Please contact communitygrants@aurigaservices.co.uk or call 07535 824136
2. Submit a completed application along with supporting documentation by **12 noon on 16th September 2026**
3. Respond to any follow up queries or clarification requests
4. Receive a funding decision and feedback approximately 1 month after submission
5. Funded projects are to start from November

[Download an application form](#)

You will be asked to submit:

- Governing document (constitution or articles)
- Data protection policy
- Latest accounts or management accounts if available
- Proof of organisational bank account
- Safeguarding policy
- Project budget and income/expenditure breakdown

Monitoring and reporting

All funded organisations must report on delivery and impact, including:

- Number of people supported
- Equalities data (e.g. age, gender, ethnicity, disability)
- Types of hardship prevented
- Speed and effectiveness of crisis response
- Changes in financial resilience
- Beneficiary feedback
- Case studies and learning

There is no formal right of appeal against funding decisions. This reflects the discretionary nature of grant funding and the need to ensure funding reaches communities quickly.

Applicants are encouraged to request feedback, which will be provided wherever possible.