

ISLANDS EMERGENCY COST OF LIVING CRISIS FUND

Funding for groups and organisations delivering crisis support on Arran & Cumbrae.

This fund is designed to help community groups, charities, and local organisations provide practical support to residents facing the cost-of-living crisis. It prioritises projects that deliver immediate relief, reduce hardship, and improve wellbeing.

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS COULD BE FUNDED?

Groups can apply for funding for projects that directly reduce living costs or respond to urgent hardship. Examples include:

Heating, Fuel & Energy

- Emergency fuel top-ups for households
- Portable heaters or heated blankets for vulnerable residents
- Winter warmth packs (thermal blankets, hot water bottles, etc.)
- Small home repairs to improve heating efficiency
- Draught-proofing for vulnerable households

Food & Essentials

- Community food parcels or “no-questions” emergency food packs
- Hot meal provision for households without cooking facilities
- Emergency baby supplies (formula, nappies)
- Crisis clothing or household essentials
- Food vouchers or small grants for urgent essentials

Housing & Safety

- Small repairs to make homes safe (e.g., broken doors/windows, minor heating issues (WHERE NO LANDLORD IS RESPONSIBLE))
- Emergency furniture or essential household items

Transport & Access

- Funded transport to mainland for lower prices groceries
- Volunteer delivery schemes for food, prescriptions, or fuel
- Short-term travel support for families in crisis

Families & Individuals

- Small hardship grants for households facing sudden financial crisis
- Support during benefit delays or unexpected bills
- Crisis packs for families or vulnerable individuals
- Back-to-school essentials for children in urgent need

Wellbeing & Isolation

- Warm community spaces (heating, food/tea/coffee, social support)
- Outreach to isolated households
- Welfare checks and support for residents in crisis
- Emergency helplines or call-back services

WHAT MAKES A STRONG APPLICATION?

- Providing immediate and practical support
- Reach people quickly and efficiently
- Reduce risk, harm, and hardship
- Be easy to deliver and sustainable
- Show clear outcomes and impact

WHO CAN APPLY

- Local community groups and charities
- Volunteer organisations
- Clubs or networks delivering island-based support
- Partnerships between multiple groups

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Arran CVS can provide guidance on:

- Shaping your project idea
- Writing a clear funding application
- Planning your budget and outcomes
- Linking with other local support

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