



## TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL

### **CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY SOCIAL FUND POLICY**

Tavistock Town Council has established a fund to support community groups and organisations working to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus emergency on the most vulnerable in our community. More specifically groups seeking to deliver initiatives:

- within the Town; and
- whose purpose is to relieve increased hardship and distress amongst the vulnerable in society caused by the Coronavirus health emergency; and
- with an emphasis on supporting start up or one off costs (as opposed to day to day running expenses) with awards not generally exceeding £1,000.

The Council has a policy of only assisting truly local community groups, and this is interpreted to mean those organisations based in Tavistock or national bodies with an independent branch in Tavistock and where the support given will be used within the Town.

Applications will be made on the approved *coronavirus health emergency grant application form* and should generally be from a properly formed Group, Club, Committee, Organisation or Charity. Preference will be given to organisations that are properly constituted, for example evidence of a bank account, a Constitution, Minutes of Meetings, Audited Accounts or a charity number would be appropriate evidence. However, applications from new groups can be considered in special circumstances.

Grants to religious organisations can only be made where the funded purpose is open to those of all denominations and cannot be for any works to buildings as this is precluded by Law.

The Council retains the right to determine any amount granted or to refuse to make a grant. This scheme of emergency assistance does not provide for grants direct to individuals and replaces the 2020-21 ordinary Council Grant Scheme.

Successful applicant bodies will be required to submit a Grant Return, providing evidence of proof of spend incurred. If an underspend of allocated funds occurs, then Tavistock Town Council may require repayment of the underspent amount of the grant awarded.