

Food Resilience Grant Fund 2024 Guidance

1. Scheme Criteria/priorities

Community food projects are vitally important in addressing food insecurity. They work best when they focus on creating food independence for the long term rather than providing emergency assistance. This Food Project Resilience Grant Fund is designed to support organisations in their efforts to address food insecurity by:

- becoming more self-sufficient, sustainable and resilient for the future
- streamlining processes and ways of working to become more efficient
- further supporting clients out of hardship into food independence
- improving skills and knowledge in the community to help people support themselves
- creating local solutions to improve food supply and logistics
- increasing opportunities to offer a broader range of local, nutritious and culturally and dietary appropriate food

Some example projects which could be funded are below, but these are only examples and you can apply for funding for any relevant project, in line with the principles above.

PLEASE NOTE: this funding **cannot** be used to buy food.

2. Example projects

- Purchase of tools, equipment or materials
 - Food storage equipment such as a freezer or shelving, to increase the type and range of supplies offered
 - Tools for allotment project to supply local after school food club
 - Cooking equipment to transform near-end-of-life food supplies in to other products to reduce food waste
 - Credit/debit card payment machine to allow card payment (including acceptance of Healthy Start vouchers)
- Costs associated with delivering upskilling sessions/course to clients, staff or volunteers
 - Venue hire costs
 - Fee for training leader
 - Course application costs – eg online or face to face Food Hygiene
 - Training materials

- Other ideas
 - Web hosting costs to allow project to promote its work, increase visibility, accept online donations etc
 - Items to support income generation
 - Advertising/marketing costs to recruit new volunteers

3. What to do before applying

You must speak to your local Community Action Suffolk (CAS) food officer before applying. Your bid can't be considered if you haven't done this. If you don't already work with them, their contact details are:

louise.biddiscombe@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

chris.roberts@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

4. How much you can bid for

There's no minimum amount. The maximum amount you can bid for is £10,000.

5. When the grant fund is open

The grant fund is a rolling programme which opens on the 21st November 2024 and will close either when all the funding (£90,000) has been allocated or 31st March 2026, whichever is earliest.

6. Monitoring

You will need to be able to provide data that illustrates how the outcomes your project aimed to deliver have been met. The monitoring information required will be proportionate to the size of your project and the amount of funding you're applying for. The required monitoring will be agreed with successful bidders and a monitoring template will be sent alongside the grant acceptance form. Your CAS food officer will work with/support you to collate data and or case study content to provide a maximum one page summary document of the impact of the grant funding.

7. Support

All grant applicants (successful or not) will be offered access to:

- Money Guiders (foundation) training – this is a free 2 hour online course.
- Free HENRY (Health, exercise and nutrition for the really young) training.