

## Fastershire “Keep Connected” Grant Application

This Fastershire grant from Herefordshire Council aims to support groups and organisations in Herefordshire who have been forced to change their approach to delivering an activity, service or support in order to continue to engage with local people by using video or conference calls or other internet technology, that will act as a substitute for your usual meetings/interactions with groups of people which are no longer possible due to the current situation. The maximum grant is £500 per organisation/group.

We know that groups and organisations may need to make quick changes in order to continue to support or engage with your members, clients, community or the wider Herefordshire public, so we aim to turn around applications within 3 working days. We have a limited budget for this so may need to withdraw this opportunity at short notice. If this is the case, please be assured that all grants that have been offered will still be paid but only upon receipt of the required evidence of spend. Herefordshire Council offers a range of grants and you can only apply to Herefordshire Council for one grant for this type of project/initiative.

Question	Response
Name of organisation/group	<i>This name must be the same as on your bank account</i>
What does your organisation/group do? Who do you engage, meet with, or support to fulfil your organisation’s aims and objectives?	
Main contact person for this application and position held within organisation/group	
Address including postcode <i>You must be based in Herefordshire and deliver your service in Herefordshire</i> Telephone	
Email	
Website (if any) or social media	
Do you have a bank account in the name of the group organisation? <i>Eligible applicants must have a bank account in the name of the organisation/group.</i>	
What is the status of your organisation/group? <i>Please select the status that best describes you. Community groups must have a current constitution which could be inspected if required. If ‘Other’ please give your status</i> Other:	

Please explain how you would use this grant to engage differently.  
What will you do? How will you do it?  
How will it benefit your organisation/group, your clients/members, or a wider local audience?  
How will this help generate increased use and confidence of using the internet?  
How will it have a positive impact on the well-being of people, and help reduce feelings of isolation?



How many people do you usually engage with through your organisation/group?	
How many people do you expect to connect with through this new approach? What problems may you encounter through this process? <i>We may ask you provide short feedback from people to understand the difference this has made for them.</i>	
What is this funding required for? Please itemise with full details, eg. make, retailer, cost. We are unable to grant funding for purchases that have already been made. We will have expected you to have undertaken relevant cost comparisons to make the best choices for your solution <i>What can be considered for funding: New software subscriptions, or licences for online platforms. Technology eg. microphone, headset, camera, large screen. Superfast broadband upgrade – one-off installation costs or fees</i>	
Can your organisation/group recover VAT?	
Total cost <i>Please state whether this is with or without VAT?</i>	
How much are you applying for? <i>Maximum £500.</i>	
When do you plan to start with this new approach? <i>This must start within 2 months of the grant being offered.</i>	
Would you be interested in 2 hours free online/telephone support from a Fastershire Advisors to help you select/ set-up your selected technology, online platform/software (if applicable)	
Would you like Fastershire and Herefordshire Council to help you promote what you're doing locally as a result of this new way of delivering? <i>We would liaise with you before doing this. No cost to your organisation.</i>	
I declare that the statements and information provided in support of this application are accurate and true. I understand that Herefordshire Council reserves the right to reclaim any money, which has been paid as a result of fraudulent or misleading claims.	Date:  Signature (or tick) to agree this declaration:

Please email completed form or any enquiries to [delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:delegatedgrants@herefordshire.gov.uk)

If successful, applicants will be required to notify us within 5 working days whether or not they wish to accept the offer. A Keep Connected Claim Form (which will include bank account details in the name of the organisation/group) and proof of actual expenditure (eg. copies of receipts, receipted invoices or payment confirmation) will need to be completed prior to payment.

By accepting the offer of a grant successful applicants will agree to Herefordshire Council undertaking future assessments of the impact the funding has had on any organisation/group. Herefordshire Council is the Data Controller under data protection law and will use the information you provide on this form in order to administer the Fastershire Keep Connected grant. The legal basis for processing this data is that it is necessary for the performance of a contract with you. Information you provide will only be used for the stated purpose. Further information about the processing of your data can be found on our website [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk). You can contact the council's Data Protection Officer, Carol Trachonitis, by email [informationgovernance@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:informationgovernance@herefordshire.gov.uk)