

Background

Round 42: Household Support Fund: Small Grants for Winter

Bolton's Fund, via the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) committed £55,000 in the Household Support Fund – Small Grants for Winter fund to enable micro and small sized Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) groups (those with an income of under £100,000 per year) to support households in the need of additional support due to cost of living issues. Grants of up to £5,000 were available.

The round closed for applications on Sunday 19th November 2023. The funding covered the period up to 31st March 2024.

A wide range of low-income households in need were eligible for support including:

- Households with disabled people
- Households with children of all ages
- Households with pensioners
- Households with unpaid carers
- Households with care leavers

Nine applications were received totalling £39,824.

The grant assessment panel awarded funding to eight of the projects.

The grant assessment panel agreed to split the total funding of £55,000 between the eight successful applicants (see summary of award on following page).

Funded projects will support households in most need with at least one of the following areas:

- Energy costs
- Cost of food
- Wider essential costs
- Costs relating to housing
- Debt and benefit advice



Summary of Grants Awarded

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Name of Group	Ward	Summary of Project	Grant Amount
Be the Change Youth Project CIC	Rumworth	Supporting young people, families and volunteers during the pressures of cost-of-living increase.	£6,897.00
Brightmet Community Group	Brightmet	Provide essential supplies to enable children to access school.	£6,897.00
FC Quebec Park Rangers (Formerly Bolton Nomads FC)	Rumworth	To support our members and their families with the cost-of- living pressures.	£6,897.00
The Halliwell Befriending Service	Halliwell	Help to keep the elderly and vulnerable fed and warm through the winter.	£6,897.00

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New Bury Vision	Farnworth South	Stop Gap Funding Vouchers.	£6,897.00
High Hopes for Halliwell-being	Halliwell	We want to provide a warm space for older people and families and give out food vouchers.	£6,721.00
EPI-G (Empowering Posterity Intentionally for Greatness) CIC	Queens Park and Central	Winter Resilience: Winter support for households in most needs.	£6,897.00
Good Companions	Halliwell	To give food vouchers to disabled, learning disabilities, pensioners,unpaid carers families to ease the cost of living.	£6,897.00
			TOTAL £55,000

