Fund Criteria:

Co-op Food Fund

This fund has been developed in partnership with the National Emergencies Trust & the Co-op to support sustainable food poverty programmes.

Key priorities of the fund:

- **REDISTRIBUTION** - We will actively redistribute our surplus food to the people who need it most in our communities
- **ACCESS** - We will provide easy access to nutritious food and balanced meals for customers with a limited budget
- **UPSKILLING** - We will help to educate and upskill customers on low-cost meal solutions, limiting food waste and shopping smartly
- **YOUNG PEOPLE** - We will support future generations by prioritising the wellbeing of children and young people struggling with food insecurity
- **COMMUNITIES*** - food programmes for vulnerable communities delivered in those communities

*this is a key priority to note as whilst it includes emergency food, it also includes all programmes that address food insecurity and its impacts.

Grants Available

- Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Who can apply?

Constituted community groups, charities and social enterprises running projects to support the community to address the impact of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic in Wales.

Grants are available to organisations with an income of below £1 million within the last financial year. However, due to the limited funding available, we will prioritise applications from Groups working in the most deprived areas of Wales. Eg. those within the top 20% on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD).

Grants will only be made to groups and organisations that can evidence that they are working safely and adhering to government guidance regarding the virus.

What you can apply for

- Project costs and running costs for organisations will be supported, including staff costs, volunteer expenses and transport costs.
- Small capital costs are also eligible, providing the capital items are directly linked to talking food poverty.

What the Fund cannot support:

- Individual
- Businesses

The Government is making provision for support for individuals and businesses.

How to apply?

All applicants must complete an application form which can be accessed via our website.

Please note:

- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively i.e. for costs already incurred prior to receipt of the grant offer letter and signed terms and conditions.
- Projects that fall within statutory sector responsibility will not be supported e.g. anything that falls within the school curriculum.

DEADLINE – 12pm on 13th of November, 2020