



COTSWOLD
District Council

Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026-27

Project Summary Form

1. Contact Details

Organisation: Cotswold Friends

Contact: Joanna Hammond, CEO

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2. Project Description (Max 200 words)

Enabling Independence for Older and Vulnerable People

Distributing emergency financial grants from our own Hardship Fund for people who cannot wait for a formal process. Working with Age UK Gloucestershire to distribute the final HSF vouchers directly to people in crisis. Supporting people to complete their grant applications to the new Crisis & Resilience Fund. Acting as a direct referral partner for the North Cotswold Foodbank, supporting two to three households every week to collect food vouchers.

Acting as a trusted referrer to Citizens Advice, representing clients directly in appeals for debt, benefits, and housing support. Referring clients to P3 Debt Advice and housing agencies including Bromford Housing. Supporting applications for Blue Badges, Carers Assessments, and emergency grants from local funds including the Edith Mann Trust. Distributing warm packs and connecting people to energy support schemes. Running a cost-of-living page on our website, updated regularly, and distributing leaflets through our newsletter.

Support Services staff, including Befriending, Carer Wellbeing and Independence Support, are trained to spot and respond to financial hardship. 300 volunteers, who

make visits to people's homes every week, are often the first to notice that something is wrong.

We do not wait to be asked. We see. We act.

3. CRF Grant offer: £16,000

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4. Financial Summary

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Spend (£)	n/a	£5,333	£5,333	£5,333
Cumulative (£)	n/a	£5,333	£10,666	£16,000

HSF Round 7 funds that were authorised to carry over into 2026/27 have been used to fund Cotswold Friends Independence Service for Qtr 1. Crisis Resilience funding will contribute to funding for Qtrs 2, 3 and 4.

5. Outputs by Quarter 2026/27

Outputs: Independence Service - Instances of Support	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Independence Service - Shopping, Prescriptions, Hospital support and general support.	n/a	20	20	20
Cost of Living Support – HSF vouchers, foodbank, grant applications, warm packs, debt referrals, hardship fund and more	n/a	40	40	40

Annex B

Digital Inclusion Support	n/a	62	62	62
Advice & Signposting support	n/a	50	50	50
Volunteer Recruitment	n/a	4	5	5

6. Certification

- ☐ Evidence of Governance and complaints procedures - Yes
- ☐ Safeguarding Policy - Yes
- ☐ Public Liability Insurance - Yes
- ☐ Equalities Policy - Yes



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1. Contact Details

Organisation: People, Potential, Possibilities (P3)

Contact: Matt Gasside, Head of Support (Gloucestershire)

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2. Project Description (Max 200 words)

People, Potential, Possibilities (P3) will establish a Community Link Worker to expand early intervention and crisis support across the Cotswold district. The organisation currently supports individuals experiencing housing instability, financial hardship, poor mental health and social isolation through community-based services. Demand continues to increase due to cost of living pressures and gaps in preventative provision, particularly in rural areas.

Funding will support a 26-hour-per-week Community Link Worker providing weekly drop-in sessions across Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Campden, alongside targeted home-based support for individuals with complex needs. Support will include housing advice, benefits assistance, budgeting and income maximisation. Delivered through trusted community venues and within people's homes where necessary, the project will improve access to support, enable earlier intervention and prevent escalation into crisis, while building long-term resilience and independence.

3. CRF Grant offer: £21,351

The GCC allocation does not stretch to being able to fund the project identified in the EOI in its entirety, so we have proposed 40%.

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4. Financial Summary

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Spend (£)	0	7,117	7,117	7,117
Cumulative (£)	0	7,117	14,234	21,351

5. Outputs by Quarter

Outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Individuals supported	0	10	30	30
Crisis interventions / 1:1 support	0	5	15	15
Residents supported with housing/benefits	0	5	15	15
Community drop-in sessions delivered	0	8	26	26

6. Certification

X Evidence of Governance and complaints procedures

X Safeguarding Policy

X Public Liability Insurance

X Equalities Policy



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1. Contact Details

Organisation: South Cotswolds Foodbank

Contact: Eliza Dunlop, Fundraising and Community Relations Manager

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2. Project Description (Max 200 words)

South Cotswolds Foodbank will expand its integrated model of crisis response and resilience building to better support households experiencing acute financial hardship across rural areas. The organisation currently delivers emergency food parcels, cash-first support, and rapid triage with referral into specialist advice services. Demand is increasing, particularly in isolated communities with limited transport and digital access. Additional funding will enable expansion of outreach into underserved rural areas, including new place-based delivery in the east of the district, alongside increased capacity for same-day triage and crisis support. The project will extend cash-first interventions such as fuel vouchers and essential items, while strengthening partnerships with advice providers to address underlying issues including debt, income maximisation and wellbeing. Alongside crisis response, the project will enhance resilience-building activity through financial capability support, digital inclusion, and targeted engagement with families and vulnerable adults. Overall, the project aims to reduce repeat crisis need, improve access to services, and build longer-term financial resilience across communities.

3. CRF Grant offer: £25,000

£20,000 to enable embedded FI advice to Food bank users. £5000 to extend coverage across the south Cotswolds, working with partner organisations to enable colocation and warm referrals. NB – as new activity is unlikely to commence until q2, please do not flat profile unless specific project activity proceeded at risk in q1. Where you have received HSF, please only include activity that post dates or is additional to HSF funded activity.

4. Financial Summary

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Spend (£)		8,334	8,333	8,333
Cumulative (£)			£16,667	£25,000

5. Outputs by Quarter

Outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Households supported		85	95	90
Crisis interventions		54	65	60
Advice referrals		37	45	45
Outreach sessions delivered (in person / remote)		24 / 36	35 / 36	40 / 36

6. Certification

- ☒ Evidence of Governance and complaints procedures
- ☒ Safeguarding Policy
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- ☒ Equalities Policy



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1. Contact Details

Organisation: The Churn Community Hub

Contact: Sarah Bourne, CEO

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2. Project Description (Max 200 words)

The Churn Community Hub will expand its established crisis response and resilience provision to support individuals and families experiencing financial hardship and complex needs across the South Cotswolds. Demand for accessible, community-based support is increasing, with many residents requiring intensive one-to-one assistance to navigate benefits, housing issues, debt and wider wellbeing challenges. Additional funding will increase capacity for crisis triage and practical follow-through support, ensuring people can act on advice rather than being signposted alone. Support will include completing applications, improving digital access, attending appointments and accessing grants and services. The project will strengthen a "no wrong door" approach while expanding preventative activity, including wellbeing programmes, financial resilience sessions and digital inclusion support. By combining crisis intervention with longer-term resilience building, the project will stabilise situations earlier, reduce escalation and improve independence, confidence and wellbeing.

3. CRF Grant offer: £18,000

£16000 towards direct Community Hub delivery.

£2000 towards outreach and work with partners to support warm referrals and the development of a hub network.

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4. Financial Summary

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Spend (£)		5,333	6,334	6333
Cumulative (£)		5,333	11,667	18000

5. Outputs by Quarter

Outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Individuals supported		120	157	174
Crisis interventions / 1:1 support		51	65	84
Residents supported with applications		26	32	30
Resilience / wellbeing sessions delivered		43	60	60

6. Certification

x☐ Evidence of Governance and complaints procedures

x☐ Safeguarding Policy

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x☐ Equalities Policy



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1. Contact Details

Organisation: North Cotswold Foodbank

Contact: Kevin Carden, Foodbank Manager

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2. Project Description (Max 200 words)

North Cotswold Foodbank will strengthen its existing crisis response and develop a more integrated community support model to assist households experiencing financial hardship across rural communities. The Foodbank currently provides emergency food parcels to individuals referred by partner agencies and works with Citizens Advice advisors to deliver support alongside food provision. Demand is increasing due to ongoing cost of living and energy pressures, particularly in rural areas with limited access to services. Funding will support the development of community hubs alongside weekly foodbank sessions, bringing together partner organisations to provide accessible, place-based support including advice, guidance and crisis intervention. The project will maintain and expand Citizens Advice provision to ensure individuals receive practical support to address underlying issues. By combining immediate crisis support with accessible community advice and support, the project aims to reduce repeat need, improve resilience, and increase access to services for residents in isolated communities.

3. CRF Grant offer: £20,000

£15,000 to enable embedded FI advice to Food bank users. £5000 to extend coverage across the North Cotswolds, working with partner organisations to enable co-location and warm referrals.

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4. Financial Summary

Item	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Quarterly Spend (£)		6000	8000	6000
Cumulative (£)	0	6000	14000	20000

5. Outputs by Quarter

Outputs	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Households supported		139	139	139
Crisis interventions				
Advice support / referrals		40	40	40
Community hub sessions delivered		2	13	26

6. Certification

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- x Public Liability Insurance
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