



## **Press Release**

**To: The News Editor**  
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### **Nottinghamshire flood Hardship Fund re-opens**

A hardship fund for flood victims made up of money raised by community groups, organisations and match funded by the Government has now re-opened for applications.

Lincolnshire Community Foundation were invited by the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation and other partners to receive and allocate funds raised via a local appeal, set up to raise money for people whose homes were affected by flooding in November 2019. The Government gave a commitment to match fund whatever was raised locally and have now released these sums. £34,000 has already been allocated to support families and individuals affected by the flooding and both they, and new applicants, are encouraged to apply. The fund will re-open on Tuesday 7 July 2020 and close on Friday 31 July 2020. Applicants will be notified of a decision within 14 days of the closing date. Priority may be given to those who are eligible, but have yet to receive support.

To apply to the fund, people are asked to contact the Lincolnshire Community Foundation web [www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk](http://www.lincolnshirecf.co.uk) If applicants are unable to access the internet, then application forms are available by calling: 01529 305825/07908 208838. Sue Fortune, Joint CEO with the Community Foundation has agreed to visit Bassetlaw District Council on Tuesday 21 July from 10:00am to 3:00pm to provide advice and support to potential applicants – social distancing measures will be put into place during her visit.

Commenting on the Hardship Fund Sue Fortune, Joint CEO of the Lincolnshire Community Foundation said:

“We’re pleased to confirm Government match funding has been received and, as social distancing guidelines have been relaxed, we would like to visit Worksop to help those who need support completing application forms. We’ve been mindful that those in most need may have been self isolating/shielding during the lockdown period and wanted to ensure everyone affected was given the chance to apply.”

**Notes to editors:**

### **Who can apply?**

#### **Individuals or families whose homes and contents have been damaged by flooding that occurred in November 2019**

Individuals or families who are suffering other hardship as a result of the flooding

**We can provide support** for the following (*this is not an exhaustive list*):

- alternative accommodation/living costs
- food and drink
- insurance excess
- basic furniture and white goods
- essential uninsured costs

*Wherever possible grants are made to help applicants replace essential items that have been lost. The fund does not aim to replace like with like and cannot be a substitute for insurance.*

We will **not** normally fund:

- gardens, sheds, outbuildings, fences and garden furniture/equipment
- garages
- businesses (but we can support business owners and employees who are facing hardship)

### **Who can apply?**

Anyone affected can apply although **priority** will be given to:

- Homes that were flooded internally
- Individuals and families suffering financial or other hardship
- Low income households, people over 70, families with young children, people with physical or learning disabilities, mental health needs or medical conditions

### **How much can you apply for?**

Hardship grants normally **up to** £500 subject to funding availability. However, in exceptional circumstances, higher grant awards may be considered based on need.

For further interview requests or further details contact:

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