

FBL SMALL COVID -19 GRANT- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is Farley Big Local?

Farley Big Local (FBL) is part of the national Big Local programme, it is a resident-run programme for Farley residents working to invest £1million of National Lottery money into the estate up until 2026. The aims of the Big Local programme are that:

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them
- People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future
- The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises
- People will feel that their area is an even better place to live

2. How does Farley Big Local Work? And why offer support during Covid-19?

Farley Big local is a 13-member partnership of residents and 3 partner organisations that meets once a month to make decisions on how to use the Big Local funding to benefit the whole community. We aim to bring together all the talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make this area an even better place to live.

Recently the Partnership have discussed setting up some projects which can offer support for residents during Covid-19. The small grants project offers financial support of a fund which can pay for essentials.

3. Who can apply for the grant?

- Applicants must live in Farley Hill.
- The grant amount paid to families/individuals will depend on the number of members that live in the household.
- If you are receiving benefits, you do not meet the criteria. But we can offer support through one of our other projects.

The categories of who can apply include the following:

- Have no recourse to public funds.
- Have lost their jobs due to covid-19.
- Are a low-income worker.
- Low income worker now furloughed.

4. What supporting information do I have to provide?

we will ask for a bank statement for the last 2 months or a Pay slips for 2 months, or a letter from management informing us you have been furloughed with ID. We can consider other evidence, please speak to a member of the team. The supporting evidence should be attached with the application form when ready to submit.



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The subgroup will have powers to reject applications depending on the information they have provided.

5. How can I apply for the grant?

Please complete the application form to the best of your ability and return it back to: falreybiglocal@ageconcernluton.org.uk.

Please contact us if you need help with the application form.

6. How much can I apply for?

This depends on the amount of people that currently live in the household. 2/3 people = £100 Grant.
4+ People =£200.

7. Can I apply more than once?

One grant will be awarded per household. Alternatively, you can receive support with gas and electricity funds, foods parcels or information sharing.

8. How will I know if my application was successful?

A member of the team will contact you if the grant has been approved.

9. How will the grant be paid?

The grant will be paid into the bank account. Account details will be taken from the applicant if the grant has been approved. Payments could take up to 5 working days, but we aim to make the payment as soon as possible.

Please let us know if you do not have a bank account.

10. Can organisations make referrals?

Yes, the Partnership are hoping to get in touch with Local Leaders to let residents know that this support is available. Referrals will be picked up by a member of the resident led subgroup.

All personal information will be kept confidential.

11. What other support is Farley Big Local offering during Covid-19?

1. We are supporting Farley residents with gas and electricity top ups.
2. We are offering shopping vouchers from the local shops in Farley Hill or of preferences, for families who need support, as well as food parcels or other essentials.
3. We will pass on any useful information, of other organisations around Luton who are offering support during this pandemic.