

## Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026-27

Feeding Bristol are managing the food element of the 'Crisis and Resilience Fund' (CRF) on behalf of Bristol City Council. **Applications for grants are open from 5<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

### What is the Crisis Resilience Fund (CRF)?

The CRF is a local government fund provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). It supports low-income households facing immediate financial hardship due to the rising cost of living, replacing the Household Support Fund.

Providing support with food is a key part of this. Since 2022, Feeding Bristol has distributed grants on behalf of Bristol City Council. The groups and organisations funded through these grants support people most at-risk of food inequality across the city. We are continuing this partnership working with the introduction of the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Through the CRF we need to make sure that we are improving access to nutritious, affordable, and appropriate food in a way that maintains people's dignity, gives choice, and supports growing resilience.

To have the most impact from this fund, applicants for the CRF will be asked to refer to the [One City Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan \(FESAP\)](#). This will help us to build stronger communities and support the people most affected by rising living costs.

### How will funding be distributed?

This funding targets those most at-risk of food inequality. Specifically, supporting those most at-risk of **food insecurity**, and unable to afford food. At-risk groups include, but are not limited to:

- People experiencing homelessness
- Disabled people
- Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic groups
- Older people
- Children and families
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Single person households
- Individuals who identify as LGBTQ+
- Young people (16-24).

We will prioritise applications that:

- **Provide locality-based support.** That is, groups or organisations that are working in the areas most at-risk of food inequality.
- **Link to the city’s vision for Food Equality.** All applications will need to demonstrate how they are addressing the priority themes and identified actions from the [One City Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan](#) (see below for summary).
- **Provide ‘Cash First’ and ‘wraparound support’.** Cash first approaches prioritise giving cash or vouchers rather than food parcels, while wraparound support refers to the provision of support and advice alongside a primary offer of food.
- **Innovate.** We encourage groups and organisations to consider new and creative ways of providing food to support their communities and encourage resilience.
- **Work in partnership.** We encourage applications that work in partnerships in their communities and local areas.
- **Have long-term impact.** We would like projects to think about developing more sustainable and consistent support.
- **Consider citizens’ varied needs.** Applicants should consider dietary, religious and accessibility needs of the groups and communities they are working with.

### How to link applications to Food Equality

All applications will need to demonstrate how they are tackling at least one of the priority themes in the [One City Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan \(FESAP\)](#).

The application form will ask you to identify the priority theme your project is addressing. You can tick as many as you think are linked to your project. You will also be asked to show how you meet this priority in the project description.

### Summary of priority themes from the FESAP:

- **Priority Theme 1: Fair, equitable access.** Residents can access food that is appropriate for their dietary needs, is culturally appropriate, and affordable.
- **Priority Theme 2: Choice and security.** Everyone can make decisions about their relationship with food and are free from the anxiety and stress of food insecurity.
- **Priority Theme 3: Skills and resources.** Residents can foster a healthy food culture, have confidence in their ability to access and use food to meet their needs, as well as the facilities and fuel to cook with.

- **Priority Theme 4: Sustainable local food system.** The local food system prioritises resilience and sustainability in food production, food waste/surplus management, distribution, economy, and the environmental.
- **Priority Theme 5: Food at the heart of decision-making.** Ensuring that food needs and equality are considered in all decision-making – whether developing social support models, new businesses or planning new housing.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How can I apply?**

To apply for funding, you will need to complete a short application form.

You can apply online or download a copy of the application form from our website.

You can also email [crf@feedingbristol.org](mailto:crf@feedingbristol.org) to request an application form.

### **When can I apply?**

This grant is open for applications from **5<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

We aim to notify successful applications the week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June, and award funding from the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July.

### **What period will this funding cover?**

The funding can be used to support a project within the period of **July 2026 to the end of March 2027.**

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

We encourage you to apply for what you need to run your project. However, please be aware that if you are not a constituted organisation you can only apply for a maximum of £1,000 or must partner with another organisation that is constituted.

### **What can the grants fund?**

Grants must be spent on improving access to nutritious, affordable, and appropriate food for low-income residents' at-risk of food insecurity.

If you have any specific needs, ideas, or projects that your group or organisation would like to discuss, please email [crf@feedingbristol.org](mailto:crf@feedingbristol.org)

### **Can the funds be spent on core costs?**

The Department for Work and Pensions allows for approximately 10% of the HSF fund to cover core costs. Core costs may include overheads associated with your organisation that contribute indirectly to the project, e.g. administration time or utilities.

### **What cannot be funded?**

Significant spending on capital and marketing costs and non-food related activities will not be funded.

**[Apply here](#)**

**[Online application](#)**

**[Download an application form](#)**

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