

Fund criteria

Cornwall Council is offering grants to support place-based prevention work and targeted interventions for single people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and/or sleeping rough in Cornwall.

We welcome applications from voluntary, community and faith sector organisations who can provide interventions that help to prevent or reduce homelessness and rough sleeping in Cornwall.

- Individual organisations can apply for **£1,000–£10,000**.
- Partnerships involving more than one organisation can apply for **up to £30,000**.
- **Priority will be given to partnership applications.**

Aims of the Fund

We would like to see an increase in the accessibility of advice, information, and support for this population through a place-based, multi-agency approach.

- Prevention and support for people at risk of homelessness or rough sleeping – access to advice and information, face-to-face in their locality.
- Empowering people to build resilience and overcome the root causes of homelessness such as trauma and adversity.
- Targeted services for a group of priority rough sleepers with multiple vulnerabilities.

The fund aims to:

- Reduce and prevent rough sleeping by providing tailored support for people experiencing cumulative adversity and helping them move towards long-term recovery.
- Increase prevention services so fewer people sleep rough before they can access support.
- Provide targeted help for people moving on from asylum accommodation, to prevent rough sleeping and support them into long-term housing.
- Strengthen multi-agency work to improve safety and public confidence in town centres where rough sleeping and street activity overlap.

What the Fund Can Support

The fund can support a wide range of activities, such as (but not limited to):

- **Prevention services** that help people before they become homeless or need to sleep rough. Services should not require people to sleep rough to access support, prioritising resources based on an assessment of an individual's support needs, rather than their immediate housing or rough sleeping status.
- **Multi-agency work** to identify and resolve long-term and complex cases that work to address root causes of homelessness. Getting people off the streets and using this as an opportunity to work intensively with individuals in a multi-agency approach.



- **Tailored solutions** for people who struggle to access existing accommodation. This may include specialist roles (e.g. Mental Health or Adult Social Care support).
- **Support for people at risk**, including those recently housed, those leaving public services or institutions, and those moving on from asylum accommodation.
- **Place-based, multi-agency responses** involving housing, health, outreach and enforcement partners to address rough sleeping and street activity in town centres.

Examples of possible approaches include:

- Providing interventions for individuals not currently accessing support successfully.
- Providing flexible, community-based prevention services for people at risk of homelessness and / or needing to sleep rough. This might be additional support interventions provided at an existing community venue such as Safe and Well Hub or Food Bank for example.
- Offering ongoing support to help people stay in accommodation and avoid returning to homelessness.
- Focus on outcomes rather than numbers or throughput.

Sorry, we do not fund:

- Capital costs
- Commercial, profit-making organisations
- Groups with a significant free reserve balance
- Statutory/public sector organisations
- Contributions to an endowment, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Grant making organisations or bodies who fundraise or distribute grants on behalf of other organisations
- Retrospective grants
- Regional offices of national bodies that do not have their own local accounts and management committee and benefit local people
- Groups whose beneficiaries are not people
- Projects intended to influence people's religious choices or to promote a particular belief system.
- The promotion of political causes

Key dates

Opening the fund for applications: 18 February 2026

Closing the fund: 31 March 2026



Grant awarding panel meeting: 4 May 2026

All funds must be spent by 30th March 2027,

Monitoring report submitted by 30th April 2027.

Type of funding: Core Costs, Project Costs

