

Living Essentials Fund

Grants awarded January 2026

Organisation funded	Amount awarded	Type of activity funded	Local authority
Abingdon Foodbank	£10,000.00	Creating a more practical space for the foodbank, including a new client waiting area, a toilet, and a confidential advice room. The reception area will also be relocated so clients can wait indoors.	Vale of White Horse
Apollos Clothing	£10,000.00	Supporting core costs to provide emergency clothing parcels, including managing referrals, sorting and repairing clothing, buying essentials like school uniforms and children's shoes.	West Oxfordshire
Barton Community Association	£10,000.00	Enabling the community association to run their community café for an extra day each week. The café offers affordable food and signposts customers to other support services.	Oxford City
Cafe 103 - Orchard Baptist Church	£10,000.00	Supporting the work of the community café that offers a safe, inclusive warm space, refreshments, activities and signposting for vulnerable adults.	Cherwell
Cotteslowe and District Community Association	£9,700.00	Contributing to room hire and energy costs for various vital community activities at the centre such as the community larder, Citizens Advice drop-in and a winter warm space with hot food.	Oxford City
Didcot Baptist Church	£2,000.00	Continuing emergency food support in the winter months when food donations typically decline after Christmas.	South Oxfordshire
Food for Charities / Botley Larder	£1,700.00	Supporting core costs to enable the provision of a low-cost food club with social café that strengthens community ties. Funding covers hall rent and electricity for one fridge-freezer.	Oxford City

Henley on Thames Churches Debt Centre	£10,000.00	Funding core debt-counselling operations and Life Skills course delivery (money management, energy-saving and healthy relationships), including specialist input on home energy efficiency.	South Oxfordshire
Home-Start Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton	£9,950.00	Enabling volunteer home-visiting and free parent and child group delivery to prevent crisis, including provisions like slow cookers, essential baby supplies, signposting, and partnerships.	Cherwell
Home-Start Oxford	£10,000.00	Covering running costs such as free breakfast, snacks and lunches, as well as debt and energy advice signposting for parents attending the Rose Buds group	Oxford City
Life Centre (Wychwood)	£9,600.00	Enabling the delivery of the rural community hub activities through funding for staff, food stocks, utilities for the larder/warm space, and monthly cooked takeaway-style meals for users.	West Oxfordshire
Open Door	£3,850.00	Provision of core costs to fund the St Clement's Centre kitchen and hall for a full year to keep the weekly drop-in service for asylum seekers and refugees running.	Oxford City
Oxford Churches Debt Centre	£8,000.00	Funding to cover staffing core costs to deliver home-based appointments and Debt Recovery Order/budgeting solutions.	Oxford City
Oxford Community Action	£10,000.00	Enabling the delivery of a weekly foodbank, community connection space, children's holiday activities and hot meal aimed at tackling racial/ethnic and socioeconomic inequalities in Oxford.	Oxford City
Oxford Winter Night Shelter (The Living Room)	£5,000.00	Supporting the 3-month winter night shelter and year-round day centre providing warmth, food, showers, laundry and practical support for people experiencing homelessness.	Oxford City
Parish of Cowley St John	£10,000.00	Funding to maintain warm-space sessions, food provision, and contribution to core costs.	Oxford City
Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre	£10,000.00	Enabling debt, benefits and housing advice in one of Oxford's most deprived areas, helping to maximising incomes and preventing homelessness.	Oxford City



Rose Hill Junior Youth Club	£7,350.00	Providing cookery/food-education sessions, community wellbeing lunch clubs, and hands-on cooking days for disadvantaged children, young people and families.	Oxford City
Sunrise Multicultural Project	£10,000.00	Supporting multicultural families with advice, community activities and inclusion including warm, welcoming sessions, providing essential items and food support.	Cherwell
Sustainable Didcot	£9,250.00	Funding will support energy-saving and resilience activities for the local community.	South Oxfordshire
SYRCOX	£10,000.00	Funding to support Surian and wider refugee families with culturally appropriate food parcels, cooking/healthy-eating sessions, and energy-saving workshops, plus community events that reduce isolation.	Oxford City
The Branch Trust	£2,000.00	Enabling practical support, food and advice to local residents in hardship.	West Oxfordshire
The Porch	£9,200.00	Delivering day centre provision for homeless and vulnerably housed adults with food, showers, laundry, advice and progression.	Oxford City
Thrive OX7	£1,500.00	Enabling food and essentials distribution and core operating costs to meet increased demand.	West Oxfordshire
TRAIN	£9,200.00	Delivering youth sessions, mentoring time, and food/refreshments to reduce isolation and build resilience.	South Oxfordshire
Transition Lighthouse Empowerment Space CIC	£10,000.00	Funding to deliver warm/community sessions, workshops, and essentials provision for vulnerable adults.	Vale of White Horse
Vale Community Impact	£9,000.00	Provision of energy and debt advice services across the Vale.	Vale of White Horse
Waste2Taste	£9,800.00	Supporting the provision of free nutritious meals and community food activities.	Vale of White Horse
Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre	£6,550.00	Funding core costs for the Assistant Family Support Worker to deliver early intervention, food parcel distribution, and signposting for vulnerable families.	South Oxfordshire



Witney & West Oxfordshire Foodbank	£10,000.00	Provision of 50% of a Citizens Advice linked adviser's salary to provide 1-to-1 debt/benefits advice, reducing reliance on food parcels long-term.	West Oxfordshire
Witney Baby Bank	£5,600.00	Provision of emergency equipment bundles such as cots and prams as well as supermarket vouchers for food, nappies and hygiene products.	West Oxfordshire
TOTAL	£249,250		

