

# APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT 20/21

Please read the policy on pages 1 and 2 **before** filling in the form.

1. Name/Address of Organisation:

The Nest Social Supermarket
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Name of person making the application: Fiona Daborn

Position in organisation: Volunteer fundraiser

Contact phone number: provided

Email address for correspondence: provided

## About Your Organisation

2. Does your organisation:

	Yes
Have its own bank account, which requires two unrelated people to authorise cheques and make withdrawals?	√
Have at least three members on its management committee	√
Have a constitution, terms of reference or set of rules ( <i>please contact for help with this if needed</i> )	√

3. Are you a registered charity? Yes/No: No, we are a Community Interest Company

If so, please give your charity number: .....

4. Is your organisation part of, or affiliated to, a larger organisation? No

If so, which: .....

5. Aims and objectives of your organisation; What does your organisation do and how does it benefit the residents of Weymouth?

Aims and Objectives

To support people in Weymouth experiencing long term food insecurity which has been made more challenging due to the impact of Coronavirus on the job market

To create a Social Supermarket in Weymouth by using in date, surplus food from organisations that would normally go to waste.

A Social Supermarket will provide a sustainable model to help combat food insecurity giving choice and dignity with a positive impact for the local community, environment and economy. Our community supermarket will help disadvantaged people and vulnerable groups to stay healthy, safe and recover from the impact of Coronavirus, improving the health and wellbeing of the local population by making nutritious food more accessible and affordable.

We are working collaboratively with East Boro Housing association and our bid has the support of Public Health Dorset.

Our Goals

- To set up a shop that can provide regular food for 150 customers over 3 days a week
- Develop a membership or user arrangement that would allow easy access to healthy food at minimal cost.
- Provide volunteering opportunities for local people to gain experience and develop team skills.

**Benefits for the community of Weymouth and its residents:**

Improved food security: we want to create a long-term sustainable food pipeline meaning families don't have to worry where the next meal is coming from and can engage in long term budgeting and planning

Improved physical health: we want to see more people able to afford a nutritious diet so that there is a reduced demand on NHS services, more of our community are strong, healthy and able to work/volunteer and our children have the best start in life

Improved mental health and wellbeing: we want to create a space where people can shop affordably with dignity for the food their family needs and feel reassured that they can afford the things they need.

Improved access to education and training: we want to provide a volunteering opportunity which will give people the chance to gain new skills and improve their confidence ready to find new employment in the future

Environmental impact: we want to see a reduction in food waste across our town

Our measures of success will be: The number of people using the supermarket, the number of volunteers registered and active, the amount of food saved from waste and the amount of fresh fruit and veg distributed. We will gather feedback through case studies, customer reviews and social media comments.

6. Where does your organisation meet? The supermarket will be in a space at The Waverley Community Hub
7. How often do you meet? .....The shop will be open 3 days a week
8. How many members does your organisation have? We are planning for 150 members
9. How many people will benefit from this funding? 150 households
10. How many are Weymouth Town Council area residents? 100%
11. How much funding are you applying for? £2000
12. What is the total cost of your project? £33,500

**NOTE:** Weymouth Town Council will only approve allocations over £2,000 in exceptional circumstances that are clearly detailed in question 11.

13. Briefly describe the project or purchase you would like the funding for:

We plan to create the first Social Supermarket in Weymouth by using safe surplus food that would normally go to waste. Whilst food banks offer an important crisis response, a social supermarket will provide a sustainable model to help combat food insecurity for the long term. Our community of Weymouth has areas of multiple deprivation which have faced additional challenges due to Coronavirus. It will be a place for anyone on a low income to shop with choice and dignity whilst also reducing food waste; a positive impact for the local community, environment and economy - helping to make Weymouth the best it can be.

The supermarket seeks to meet the needs of a diverse range of people and will be available to anyone on a low income. The Nest is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion both in its provision of goods and services and among our paid and voluntary workforce

We are seeking funding for one off costs for basic equipment to get the shop ready for customers; rapid racking to safely store and display food so it is easy for customers to see and shop partitions to help customers to navigate the space and stay safe.

14. If your application is for over £2,000 please give full details of the **exceptional circumstances** related to your request:

n/a

15. How will you spend the money you are applying for? Please remember that Weymouth Town Council do not normally give grants for running costs unless associated with a specific project:

Item	Amount
Rapid racking	£1000
Shop partitions	£1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2000</b>

16. How else are you funding your project? (Include grants from other organisations, fund raising and existing reserves):

Source	£	Confirmed?
Tesco bags of Help	500	Yes
Dorset Community Foundation	2000	Yes
Dorset Council	5000	No
Crowdfunder Campaign	1000	£190 confirmed
National Lottery Community Fund	10000	Submitted
<b>Total</b>		

17. How will the funding benefit the community or residents of Weymouth?

The funding will benefit the community and residents of Weymouth by supporting The Nest Social Supermarket to provide a sustainable, dignified, long term way for locals to access nutritious food at an affordable price, whilst also reducing food waste across our town. A key part of the project planning has been consulting with Weymouth residents about food insecurity and how best to put in place a sustainable, dignified, long term way for locals to access nutritious food at an affordable price, whilst also reducing food waste across our town.

From a survey of potential customers, we heard "it would be great to know it (a social supermarket) is there if times become hard...Great idea...seems less stigma attached and could really help people in need"

"we would love to be a referrer and yes we absolutely support the idea of a community supermarket...anything fresh with vitamins in it ticks our yes box!" Claire Aitken from **Weymouth debt advice service C.A.P**

"I look forward to The Nest Social Supermarket establishing itself in Weymouth and providing what I feel will become an essential social affordable retail facility that is going to be needed by so many local people. Both East Boro and myself personally are please to help and support such a worthy venture" Kevin Hodder, **East Boro Housing**

"We are delighted to show our support for the Nest and its venture to start a social supermarket. As Weymouth Foodbank, we focus on giving food to the most needy, based primarily on referrals over the short period. There are many in Weymouth in long term food insecurity, who we can't help, who will benefit hugely from the Nest. We see this as a resource we can encourage our clients to use when the temporary help we offer ends." J.P Dervley – Chair **Weymouth Foodbank**.

18. How will this funding lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?

We are seeking funding for one off costs for basic equipment for the shop such as racks and partitions. These are set up costs to get the shop up and running and will not need to be applied for again. Securing funding for these practical items will mean our team has more time to focus on directly working with and supporting local people.

19. How is your organisation normally funded? (Not applicable to new organisations):

We are a new organisation in the process of putting our fundraising plan in place

20. What are your current/planned subs/fees/charges?

We plan to charge a small membership fee to cover some of the costs of sourcing and transporting surplus food. The idea is that it should feel like a normal shopping experience, but at a much reduced cost.

21. Have you applied for any other funds/grants towards the cost of this project or purchase? Please include details below:

Successful: Tesco Bags of Help

Successful: Dorset Community Foundation

Dorset Council: Application submitted

Crowdfunder Campaign: £190 raised to date

National Lottery Community Fund: Application for £10,000 submitted

Plus a range of other applications are planned including The Alice Cooper Dean Trust, Allchurches Trust, Weymouth Rotary and the Comic Relief Community Fund

22. What fund raising activities took place in the **last** 12 months and what fund-raising activities are planned for the **next** 12 months, if any?

Since July 2020 we have started a Crowdfunder campaign to enable locals to donate to the project and we have submitted 3 grant applications; 2 successful, 1 pending decision

23. Anticipated income/expenditure for next 12 months?

In the next 12 months we plan to develop a sustainable fundraising strategy which will include more grant applications but also a plan to invest the small memberships fees back into the project to provide some core funding.

24. Details of any grants received from local authorities in the past three years with dates:

n/a

25. Other grants from any other sources in the last three years with dates, if you have any:

Tesco Bags of Help £500 received August 2020  
Dorset Community foundation £2000 received August 2020

26. Has the project that you want the funding for already happened? No

27. Will you be passing the funding on to any other groups (except to pay for goods and services)? No

28. If the funding is for security measures do you have the support of the local police and/or crime reduction officer?

Not applicable

29. If the funding is for work with Vulnerable adults or children, do you have the support of either Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

No/Not applicable

Please give us details of the bank account that the grant should be paid into if approved:

Name of Account: provided

Account number: provided

Sort Code: provided

**Please ensure you have read the policy on pages 1 and 2 before signing the form.**

*Checklist (please tick the appropriate boxes)*

*Have you submitted the following?*

- A copy of your most recent accounts
- Your most recent bank account statement & details of any other investments/savings;
  
- A copy of your constitution / terms of reference / set of rules;
- Details of your organisation's officers;
- A copy of your safeguarding policy if your group works with vulnerable adults, or children;
- A copy of your adopted equal opportunities policy or statement
  
- Any other documentation you feel may help in assessing your application.

Privacy Notice

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I agree that Weymouth Town Council will process and hold personal information about me only in relation to my grant application. I consent to my personal information, including that contained in this form, being stored manually and/or electronically. It will be held securely and treated confidentially for 6 years after an application is made. I understand that it will only be accessed by authorised staff members to manage the grant application process.

I also understand that Weymouth Town Council may pass details onto an official organisation where required to do so by law or contract. I understand that my data will be disposed of securely 6 years after the application and that I have the right to correct the information at any time. I have been made aware of my rights under GDPR.

Declaration:

I/we declare that the information confirmed in this application is correct and that any grant received will be applied as detailed in the request.

I/we declare that we have read the policy on pages 1 and 2 and that our application complies with the policy.

I/we declare that we have included all of the requested information.

I/we fully understand that if we do not include the requested information and/or if our application does not comply with the policy, the application may be rejected.

Signed: Fiona Daborn

Name: Fiona Daborn

Date: 16/09/20

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Grant applications must be checked against the following criteria. Any questions where the answer is no must be reported to the Finance and Policy Committee meeting where the application is being considered and must form part of the formal agenda items list for that meeting.

Yes	No (investigate)	
Yes		The grant will result in a benefit for the area covered by the Town Council and will contribute positively to the area of Weymouth?
Yes		Does the grant exclude ongoing running costs?
n/a		If the application is for running costs has the applicant included plans for where future running costs will be found from?
Yes		Is the grant for a group and not for individuals or organisations whose function is primarily undertaken by the health authority or Dorset Council's Social Services?
Yes		Is the grant for non-political or non-quasi-political organisations or projects?
Yes		Is the grant application for £2,000 or less?
n/a		For applications in excess of £2,000, has the applicant fully detailed the exceptional circumstances?
Yes		Does the application include the required financial and organisational information?
Yes		Is this the only application in this financial year from this group or organisation?
Yes		Is the applicant based in the Town Council area? If not has the applicant detailed what proportion of beneficiaries of the grant reside in the area?
Yes		Is the application for future funding? (i.e. not retrospective)
Yes		Is the grant for the sole use of the applying group and not to pass on money?
Yes		Has the applicant demonstrated how one-off grant funding will lead to greater self-sufficiency and lessen the need for future applications?
n/a		For applications for funds for security measures, does the applicant have the support of the local police or crime reduction officer?
n/a		For projects involving vulnerable children or adults, do the organisers have the support of Adult Social Care or Children's Services at Dorset Council?

Assessing officer: Helen Legg

Date of assessment: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Decision (delete as applicable) proceed to committee

Approved as agenda item for the Finance and Governance meeting on: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Outcome at that meeting: .....