Community Fridge

Spaces that bring people together to eat, connect, learn new skills and reduce food waste.





Who can apply?

You can apply if you're a:

- constituted community group with a charitable purpose and at least 3 unrelated people aged over 18 on the management committee
- registered charity
- social enterprise
- community interest company with 2 or more directors.

We cannot accept applications from:

- individuals or sole traders
- groups based outside the UK
- anyone applying on behalf of another group
- groups without at least 2 related* people on the board or committee
- companies aimed at generating profits for private distribution.

*Related means any family member whether a blood relative, by marriage, civil partnership or by common law. Directors, trustees or management committee members can be related but they must not form the majority on the board or committee.

What you can use the funding for

The funding must be spent on the development of a Community Fridge which meets the needs of a diverse local community.

- 1. It should show in your accounting as a restricted fund.
- 2. You must keep track of Community Fridge spending as Hubbub and Co-op will ask you to submit receipts and details of spend. We'll send more information in the Letter of Agreement (LOA).

You can spend the funding on:

- staffing costs
- buying fridges and freezer
- Community Fridge volunteer expenses

Community Fridge funding criteria

- utilities relating to the Community Fridge (power, water)
- insurance for the Community Fridge
- print display materials
- cleaning materials
- relevant staff training, for example food hygiene and safeguarding.

How we decide who gets funding

There is a high demand for funding. This means we are not always able to offer funding to every Community Fridge which meets our criteria.

We assess funding applications against our priorities as well as our criteria. Our current priorities include:

- supporting applications in regions with not enough Community Fridges see our map: https://bit.ly/3nHGSsE
- supporting groups in areas of deprivation
- making sure there are equal opportunities for everyone, regardless of background, culture and race.

Our commitment to equality and diversity

Hubbub and Co-op are committed to diversity and inclusion. We'll offer funding equally across all areas. We recognise that discrimination and victimisation is unacceptable and that it is in the interests of the company and society that everyone is treated fairly.

We'll make sure no applicant receives less favourable facilities or treatment (either directly or indirectly) on grounds of:

- age
- disability
- gender or gender reassignment
- marriage, civil partnership
- pregnancy or maternity
- race, religion or belief
- sex, or sexual orientation (the protected characteristics).

We'll assess all applications on an individual basis and review on merit and suitability only.