## 4th Round of funding: DEFRA support to people in poverty

Bids are invited for the 4th round of DEFRA funding, via Northants County Council, and administered by Hope, to support activity to help people on low incomes.

The money can only be spent on direct, demonstrable costs in supplying food and other essential items to people in proven need. Bidders must be able to show they can reach people in need and have systems in place to ensure fair distribution of food and other support. The fund cannot be used for salaries or capital items or renovation; nor for historic expenditure: it must be for new, direct spend such as purchase of food and toiletries, volunteer or staff expenses. If in doubt about whether your idea will meet the criteria, ring us for advice on 01604214300.

There is a limited fund size remaining of £72000 so please be reasonable and realistic in your bids. If submitting a partnership bid it must be a real, active partnership

All activity bid for, such as purchase of food, must be set in process before 31/3 and happen in the West Northants Unitary area.

## Bids must be submitted by the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to Hope, at this address:

adminfc@northamptonhopecentre.org.uk

Application forms can be downloaded from www.northamptonhopecentre.org.uk

Funding decisions are made by representatives from the 4 councils involved.

Decisions will be made in the third week of March

Lobbying board members is not acceptable