

## Application Guidance for the Community Fridge Set Up fund

This document outlines the application questions that will be scored for the Set-Up fund. It provides the question's purpose as well as an example answer. You can use this guidance, along with the **Co-op Grant Eligibility Criteria** to support you with answering the questions in the application form.

Question	Question Purpose	Example Answer
Why would you like to set up a community fridge?	This question helps us understand the type of community fridge you want to set up and why. We're looking to see how your fridge will fit with the Community Fridge Network's ethos—focusing on reducing food waste and building community connections, rather than being mainly about addressing food poverty. It also lets us know if your idea has been shaped by your community or if it's something you or your group decided to do on your own. Fridges that are well-supported by the local community tend to be the most successful.	We're keen to set up a community fridge because we've noticed that local farms, allotments, and our nearby grocer often have surplus food but nowhere central to share it. By creating a community fridge, we can link these sources of surplus food with our neighbours, bringing everyone together in a positive initiative that helps the environment. We've worked closely with our community on this idea and have found a perfect spot in a local church, which ties in well with other activities happening there, like the knitting group, children's creche, and mental wellbeing support group.
In 4 bullet points, please list how this grant will enable your group to establish and maintain a community fridge.	<p>Please review what you can spend the funding on via our <b>Set-Up Fund Eligibility Criteria</b> page.</p> <p>Answering this question demonstrates your understanding of how the funding will help establish your fridge.</p> <p>It will also help to better to clarify what the ongoing costs are required to keep the community fridge running so that it can be a sustainable project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide food safety training for 10 volunteers, ensuring they feel confident and enjoy their roles, which will improve volunteer retention.</li> <li>• Purchase a fridge and freezer, and allocate funds for any necessary repairs to ensure long-term functionality.</li> <li>• Cover power costs to maintain the ongoing operation of the community fridge.</li> <li>• Acquire storage and shelving to efficiently organise and store the food.</li> </ul>

Where do you plan on locating the fridge and who would be able to visit it?	This question helps us see that you have a confirmed location for your community fridge. Tell us where it will be placed, whether that's in a library, community centre, street, youth centre, church, school, or another accessible place. This shows us how easy it will be for the community to find and use the fridge, and who it's intended to serve.	Our local church has confirmed that they are happy to host our community fridge. It will be located near the entrance of the church, so visitors will see it when they walk in.
Do you have established connections with food providers who can share their surplus food with you and make sure your community fridge is stocked? Please tell us who with and the conversations you've had with them	There's no community fridge without food waste! Do you have connections with local shops, farms, or other food sources and checked there is available surplus food going to waste? If so, please tell us who they are and what conversations you've had with them.	We've spoken with our local farms, allotments and the local supermarket and told them that we are looking to set up a community fridge at the local church. They have all confirmed that they will share their surplus food with us. We will have volunteers who can collect the surplus from these venues and the farm has offered to occasionally bring the surplus over themselves.
If you have one, please can you share your organisation webpage and/or social media links?	Sharing links to your organisation's webpage or social media is a great way for us to see your current activities. While this information will not be scored initially, it can be a valuable reference in making decisions if we need to choose between equally strong applications. Please leave blank if you do not have a webpage or social media account.	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/TownXCommunityHub">https://www.facebook.com/TownXCommunityHub</a>