

SECTION 1: ABOUT THE APPLICANT

1.2 Name of the Organisation

This is required again because the front sheet of the application form with your contact details will be removed for data protection and administrative purposes.

North Lancashire Citizens Advice Bureau.

SECTION 2: ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

2.1 You need to submit one of the following documents to support your application

Please see guidance notes section 1.1 before completing this part of the form

Articles of Association

2.2 How many people are in your organisation?

Paid Staff	Volunteers	Total Members <i>Please include here the total number of people who use your organisation and not just elected members.</i>
12	99	

2.3 Has your organisation received funding from the Local Member Grants Scheme before?

X NO not to my knowledge

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SECTION 3: BANK DETAILS

3.1 We need documentary proof of your group's bank account.

We use the account details provided (e.g. sort code and account number) to make grant payments direct to your organisation's bank account. If you have a building society account please contact us before sending in the application.

(Please note - cheque payments are not possible)

Please attach a copy of your organisation's bank account statement (within the last year). We do not need the organisation's statement of accounts.

3.2 We need to know if your bank details have changed since you last received money from LCC.

If your bank details have changed and you do not inform us this could delay the payment of your grant.

No - this is the first time applying for any funding from LCC

SECTION 4: THIS APPLICATION

4.1 Which County Councillor electoral division(s) will your expenditure cover or benefit?

See guidance notes section 2.1. If you are applying to more than one county councillor, please make sure you list all the electoral divisions here.

Lancaster South East
Lancaster Central
Skerton

4.2 Name(s) of County Councillor(s) that the grant is being requested from

Councillor Name	Amount Requested
<i>If you wish to apply to more than one county councillor, make sure you list them all here with the amounts you are asking from each of them. See guidance notes section 2.2.</i>	
Erika Lewis	£100.00
Gina Dowding	£100.00
<i>Jean Parr</i>	£100.00
Total Amount Requested	£300.00

4.3 What are you going to spend the grant on?

You need to tell us what you are going to buy with the money from the grant, for example, the piece of equipment you are going to buy, or what items you are going to buy if the money is to help with an event you are arranging. Detailed costs are required on the next page.

We intend to install the quick benefit program on all our devices across 2 sites. We are working with Welfare Rights to ensure training is given and we hope to be able to help with some of the more basic queries, allowing Welfare Rights to take the more complex work. This will improve partnerships between us and ensure a better service for the local service users. We have applied for funding for some computers to provide a publically accessible computer hub. Since the introduction of full Universal credit, people are at a loss to access their accounts, find out their rights and generally manage. We intend to have help available to them and quick benefits calculation will allow us to check their entitlement with them more quickly and accurately.

4.4 How will the money benefit people in the Councillor(s) division(s)?

See guidance notes section – 2.3. You need to tell us how this money will help your organisation specifically and also the general public who live in the county councillor(s) electoral division, for example will it help bring people together or help stop anti-social behaviour.

See above. The problems being caused by Universal credit are well known in this area and far reaching. Access to computers is limited for claimants who don't have it at home. Many cannot afford internet at home. We have raised money to get some computers to help alleviate some of the problems. However, the universal credit journal is set out in a confusing way and people cannot tell if they are receiving the correct amount. A benefit check system will help claimants identify whether they are in receipt of the correct and amounts and also whether there is any missed entitlement. This is something we can do, but that Welfare Rights do not have the staffing levels to be able to do. We would use this program also for debt clients to ensure maximisation of income and to ensure that true entitlement is paid

4.5 What is the total cost of the activity?

For example this is the amount it will cost to buy the equipment/hold the whole event.

£588 (including VAT) for 2 sites for the quick benefit licence for 12 months

4.6 How much are you applying for from the Local Member Grants Scheme?

£ 300

4.7 If you are not asking for the full cost of funding for your activity please tell us where the rest of the money is coming from and if it has been secured at the time of your application.

The figures here, together with the figures in 4.6 should add up to the total cost in 4.5.

How much?	Funding period	Funder/Applied or Confirmed?
£ 288	12 months	North West Legal Support Trust
£		
£		
£		

4.8 If you do not get all the funds, or only a percentage of what you require, you need to tell us what will happen to your proposed activity.

It is possible, that your application may be supported, but not for the full amount of funds. If this happens, we need to know if you can continue with your activity, e.g. you may provide an activity for half the intended period.

As the money would be used for software, a smaller amount would not enable us to purchase the software. If we cannot use this particular software we will have to continue using the standards online tools which we find to be less accurate. Applying for match funding elsewhere would slow the process down. We believe and hope that the problems with Universal Credit are at a peak right now – the demand for help is now and we feel that our clients will suffer without access to the most reliable information.

4.9 What is the start and end date of the activity or when do you intend to purchase the items/equipment?

Please note you must spend the funds in the current financial year.

Start Date	End Date
Now	

4.10 Please give a detailed breakdown of your expenditure for your activity/equipment.

See guidance notes section – 3.4. The total costs here must add up to the figure shown in section 4.5 for example if you are buying plants and compost for a gardening scheme we need to know how much these are. In addition, if you have a quotation from a supplier please also provide this as evidence of the costs.

£588 is total cost of installation and a one year license for the Quick Benefit Calculation programme (designed by Lisson Grove) and recommended by Welfare Rights. We are applying for 50% of the total cost and other funds have been raised from North West Legal will be used to meet the remaining costs.

SECTION 5: CONFIRMATION OF ORGANISATION'S POLICIES

5.1 Will the activity involve members of your organisation having significant contact with children or vulnerable adults?

See guidance notes section 4.1. If you are purchasing equipment this will not involve children or vulnerable adults. This section is only relevant for example if you are holding an event.

No – Please go to question 5.4.

5.2 If you have ticked 'Yes' above, does your organisation have children or vulnerable adult

protection policies in place?

See guidance notes section – 4.1.

- Yes – Please supply relevant copies with your application.
- No – Please answer question 5.4.

5.3 If you answered 'yes' to question 5.1 are the appropriate individuals cleared by the appropriate DBS Check (Standard/Enhanced/Enhanced with Barred List)

NB we operate a 'spot-check' procedure, which may require you to provide evidence at a later date.

- Yes
- No – Please answer question 5.4.

5.4 If you have ticked 'No' to either questions 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3, please explain why and why you feel clearance is not necessary to enable us to consider whether your application can proceed.

If you are purchasing equipment, you need to state here that no children or vulnerable adults will be involved in the purchase of the equipment.

No children or vulnerable adults will be involved in the purchase of equipment.

Local Member Grant: Funding Agreement

You will need to read carefully through the below terms and conditions and sign and date on the next page to declare that you agree to meeting these terms and conditions if your application is successful. We will not be able to process your application if it has not been signed or dated. **Please print off this Funding Agreement and send in a signed hard copy. We will not be able to process applications unless we have received a hard copy of this signed Funding Agreement.**

- ✓ We agree that any funding awarded will be used solely for the purposes set out in this application form and that the County Council can recover any monies not spent during the project.
- ✓ We will consult the Council about any changes to the project by completing and returning a 'Notification of Change' form. We will await agreement of the change from the County Council before the funds are spent.
- ✓ We agree that we will be responsible for any overspend on the project, and that the County Council will not be liable for any costs in excess of any funding awarded.
- ✓ We agree to keep all financial records and accounts including receipts in relation to the project for seven years after the completion of the project.
- ✓ We accept responsibility for ensuring we have all the necessary consents including planning, statutory and landownership. We also accept responsibility for ensuring there is appropriate insurance cover for the people and assets involved in the funded project and the County Council will not be held responsible for any liability, which arises before, during or after the project.
- ✓ We will meet all legal requirements relating to child protection (including Standard or Enhanced Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) checks with appropriate Barred list checks in accordance with DBS Guidance for all persons involved in the project. We will also meet the necessary requirements of having children and/or vulnerable adult policies in place
- ✓ We will adhere to all Health and Safety regulations and Lancashire County Council will not be held responsible for any liability, which arises before, during or after the project.
- ✓ We will ensure the fund is not used to pay for any expenditure that has already been incurred prior to the approval of the grant.
- ✓ We agree that in the event of any project ceasing to operate, any equipment purchased through grant aid will be retrieved for reallocation.
- ✓ We agree to provide Lancashire County Council with accurate, timely monitoring information in line with the requirements set out in the offer letter and/or service level agreement.
- ✓ We agree that Lancashire County Council reserves the right to publicise our project in the local media. If we intend to publicise the grant we will consult with the County Council before making any public statement relating to the service that the County Council is helping to fund. Any public statement must acknowledge that the Service is delivered in partnership with, and funded by Lancashire County Council, and should include Lancashire County Council's logo.
- ✓ We agree that Lancashire County Council will have the right to withhold any or the entire grant and/or request all or part of the grant to be repaid if they feel that:
 - We have not complied with all or any of the terms and conditions of the grant.
 - Information provided by us was inaccurate, incomplete or misleading.
 - No organisation can receive any grant funding, if to award a grant would contravene

State Aid rules.

- The use of the grant is in breach of County Council Policies and Procedures.

We understand that by signing this form, if the application is approved by the County Councillor(s) named, we are contracting to spend the funding as stated in this application form and to provide the monitoring and other information required under the terms of the Local Members Grant Scheme.

Declaration

- ✓ We certify that to the best of our knowledge the information provided in the application form is accurate and correct.
- ✓ That the persons below can both sign on the organisation's bank account (please note that the two signatories cannot be related to each other)
- ✓ By signing and submitting this form, we agree to the funding agreement detailed here.
- ✓ We declare that the organisation meets the general eligibility criteria as set out in the guidance notes.

We also understand that should this application be successful, the information contained in the application form will be used to form the basis of the funding agreement and for monitoring purposes.

Name of Organisation: NORTH LANCASHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE

John Beresford
Name of First Signatory

Finance Officer
Position in the Organisation


Signature

Date:01/02/2018

Helen Greatorex
Name of Second Signatory

Chief Officer
Position in the Organisation


Signature

Date:01/02/2018