

# Covid-19 Response Grants 2020

## Tilly Community Larder

### Who are Tilly Community Larder?

Tilly Community Larder was launched on 1st June to help those affected by the Covid-19 situation or those finding themselves struggling to afford the basics. It is run by volunteers, and food and toiletries provided by donations from the community are provided free to local people.



### How was the grant used?

- With the funding awarded, the Larder has procured shelving which means donations are no longer laying on the floor.
- The volunteers feel it is now a better organised space and that their time is spent more constructively packing items rather than hunting for where items are on the floor.

### What had to change due to Covid-19?

- The Larder had been in the planning stages at the start of the year but put on hold in March due to Covid-19. Having recognised a need in the community, plans were quickly brought forward in May and the Larder opened on 1st June. As well as opening three afternoons per week the larder provided a delivery service to those that were unable to get to the Larder due to shielding or other issues.



*Procured Shelving*

## What difference has the grant made?

- The Larder can retain more donations as a result of having additional storage and can therefore, support more people in the community.
- In addition, as the food items are more visible and accessible, there is less wastage.
- Prior to funding the Larder received on average seven people in the two hours during opening times on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Throughout August this has almost doubled to on average of 14 people attending during each of the opening times.
- The funding has allowed Tilly Community Larder to almost double its capacity and to reach more people in the community affected by Covid-19.

'Although we do not provide fresh fruit and vegetables, we encourage our clients to eat these too. We provide information on other support agencies in the area and hope that this advice will help those through the struggles they find themselves in COVID and beyond.'

*(Volunteer)*

