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Inner East Community Committee

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Slow Cooker Pilot

This funding is to cover the costs of a 6-month pilot project in Seacroft which will include gifting 100 households a slow cooker with an ingredient's starter pack, as well as support in using the slow cookers throughout the duration of the project. The aim of the project is to support residents with the rising cost of living, as slow cookers overall use less energy than ovens, and they will also support residents to make healthy meals, utilising some of the food given via the food pantry offer.

50 slow cookers will be given through LS14 Trust, 25 through Seacroft Community on Top, and 25 through the parish of Seacroft. Alongside every slow cooker there will be an ingredients starter pack to enable households to use the slow cooker.

Over the summer months, LS14 Trust will work collaboratively to plan the pilot, the recipes and the ingredients and will build community engagement. The slow cookers will then be gifted in September. The organisations will complete some qualitative research, to understand how often the slow cookers have been used, how useful they have been, any barriers to usage and general feedback.

The overall application is for £4500. This includes:

- £2000 for slow cookers in a variety of sizes – please note, if other funding or donations are secured, this fund will be altered accordingly, and the funds will not be claimed. For example, if 50 slow cookers are secured by other means, then only 50 will be purchased.
- £500 for a starter pack of ingredients to go out with each slow cooker
- £500 for staffing for each organisation involved to support the planning, roll out and evaluation of the pilot (£1500 overall)
- £500 management fee for LS14 Trust to cover the coordination of the project, the links to the universities and other relevant organisations, and the collation of feedback for a monitoring report, and support determining the success of the scheme.

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