**Midlothian Council Community Resilience Start-up Grant Fund - Coping with emergencies**

**Purpose and Criteria**
Experience has shown that increasing local resilience measures, even on a small scale can make a real difference to communities. These measures could include snow clearing shovels, tools and personal protective equipment. During challenging events, efforts which help those friends and neighbours who are less able are particularly valuable. Encouraging increased resilience within individual households too means that the whole community is better placed to cope whether impacts are anticipated, or come out of the blue.

**Who can apply?**
Applications are welcome from Midlothian community groups and community councils but not from individuals. Groups must be constituted and have a bank account. If you are a new group, you will need a statement of purpose and a bank account in the name of the group. The group must hold a community emergency plan.

**How much can you apply for?**
Grants of up to £250 are available. There is currently a small fund available. Applications will close when all the fund has been allocated.

**What can be applied for?**
Grants are for the purchase of simple equipment to deal with potential emergencies identified within the community emergency plan.

**Decision making**
Applications will be assessed against the extent to which the project will:
- Make a difference to the people you are working with
- Reduce inequalities by helping people most in need
- Promote a sense of place by connecting local people to their community
- Be community led
- Provide clear costings that demonstrate value for money

**How can you apply?**
Download an application form at [www.midlothian.gov.uk/funding](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/funding). Send the completed form by email to grants@midlothian.gov.uk or to Barbara Samuels, Midlothian Council Communities Team, Fairfield house, 8 Lothian Road, Dalkeith EH22 3AA. You will find out within one month of receipt of the application whether you have been successful. For more information email grants@midlothian.gov.uk or call 0131 270 6765.