



Bolton Health and Wellbeing Community Investments *Information and Guidelines*

Aims

The Health and Wellbeing Community Investment Fund supports an asset-based approach to promote, strengthen and develop what makes and keeps us healthy in Bolton. This means we want to focus on the amazing array of skills and resources our community and the people who live here have.

The investment reflects policy maker's commitment to put community involvement at the heart of health policy and practice. Policy shapers and makers are starting to look at how engaging individuals and their communities in health and wellbeing can ease the pressures on the health service by developing people's knowledge, skills and confidence to manage their own care.

Background

This investment is a result of a successful bid made to the Greater Manchester Transformation Fund as part of Bolton Locality Plan from the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership. The Transformation fund aims to support savings and efficiencies in health and social care provision and the development of new models of care.

Who can apply ?

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must be either:

- a voluntary or community group with a constitution
- a registered charity or community interest company (CIC)
- another type of constituted not for profit organisation

You must have a bank account in the name of the group (not an individual) with at least 2 signatories of people who are not related or living at the same address.

You must be based and/or provide benefit to people living in the Bolton local authority area.

Investments

There are two levels of Investment:

- Up to £5,000 a year for up to 2 years
- From £5,000 up to a maximum of £10,000 per year for up to two years

We expect applicants to apply for realistic costs rather than the maximum grant.

When applying for a grant, you will need to tell us how long you see the underlying work or project running for and the length of grant you are seeking.

If you are applying for an investment for more than 12 months, a second year's investment is contingent on receipt of satisfactory monitoring for the first year.

If you are applying for more than one year's funding, please include the total costs in the costings section. For example, if you are applying for 18 months funding provide costings for the full 18 months.

What we will fund

The most important thing about any project we invest in are the changes your project will bring about for people's health and wellbeing.

Please refer to **The Investment Themes and Priorities** document for detailed information about the **activities** and **outcomes** we will fund.

We will fund projects working with people of all ages.

Investments are to help you maintain, expand or improve the delivery of existing health and wellbeing services or deliver a new service.

We are also keen to fund projects where you have identified a "gap" in services; where a service that is needed is not being provided. It may be that there is a gap

geographically or that certain groups of people in the community are not accessing a service.

If you are applying for investment between £5,000 - £10,000 we welcome applications using match funding to a limit of £80K for the total project.

We welcome “in kind” match funding – for example donated skills, items, volunteer hours.

Where we are over-subscribed with high quality applications we may prioritise organisations with an annual income of under £40,000 in its last financial year.

We will fund

- Volunteer expenses
- Staff costs
- Equipment – we will ask you to explain why you need this equipment
- Reasonable contributions towards project running costs
- Training costs

We will not fund:

- Organisations who have not completed the monitoring of a grant we have previously awarded
- Trips, outings, meals, parties or any other one off activity that does not demonstrate significant community benefit
- The purchase of alcohol
- Activities of a political or exclusively religious nature
- Projects which will be primarily of benefit to people living outside the Bolton Local Authority Area
- Wages of sports coaches and instructors who are not listed on Bolton Council’s Sport Coaches and Instructors Register, where the grant is for work with people aged under 18 year’s old
- Individuals or organisations on behalf of individuals
- Organisations or activities that duplicate statutory services
- Organisations that do not operate with a charitable-type dissolution clause or an asset lock
- The cost of projects that take place or are paid for before a grant from us is confirmed
- Projects taking place outside of the UK
- Deficit funding or repayment of loans, interest or fines
- Fundraising on behalf of another organisation
- Land or building projects where the applicant’s ownership or lease is not already in place

Social Value

At the end of the application form we ask you about the wider social value of your project. We're asking this because we want to make sure we promote the full value of the voluntary sector's work - in Bolton and beyond.

What is Social Value? Social value is about the wider benefits your project could bring. This could be to the environment, our local economy as well as promoting inclusion, empowerment and happiness. For example:

- If your project is about encouraging people to increase their physical activity by walking more, it could bring environmental benefits by reducing car use.
- You could decide to purchase materials for your project from an independent retailer in Bolton; resulting in increasing the amount of money circulating within Bolton.
- Your project could require a new paid post. If you employed a Bolton resident, the resulting social value would be that you have contributed to the local economy.
- You could decide to use apples grown in people's gardens, collected by volunteers, to make apple pies for a community event. As a result, your wider social value may be empowered individuals and increased connections.

Deadlines and how to apply

Investment Themes	Deadline
<i>For more information about each Investment Theme please see document Investment Themes and Priorities</i>	
1. Activities in Green Spaces 2. Arts Based Activities 3. Mental Wellbeing and Early Intervention 4. Promotion of Good Health	Round 1 5pm, Wednesday 31 st January 2018
5. Healthy Lifestyle Activities 6. Information Resources 7. Physical Activities	Round 2 5pm, Friday 30 th March 2018
8. Finance and Budgeting Support 9. Inclusion and Access to Services	Round 3 5pm, Friday 29 th June 2018
10. Self-care 11. Befriending and Connectivity 12. Support and Respite for Carers 13. Peer Support and Development	Round 4 5pm, Friday 28 th September 2018

- There are two application forms. One for applications up to £5,000 and one for applications over £5,000.
- The application form needs to be completed online. Please go to the Development, Funding and Grants section on the Bolton CVS website.
- If you need help completing the online form, Bolton CVS can help you.
- We aim to contact you with a decision within 6 weeks of the closing date.
- If you are applying for more than one year's funding, this will be subject to satisfactory monitoring after the first 12 months of the project.

Further information

If you would like to chat about a potential application or you need help with the application form, please contact Jane Attfield.

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