

Community Capacity and Service Delivery Grants

Prospective applicant overview

Grants to test, develop or extend practical community-led support and strengthen the organisations, partnerships and systems needed to deliver it well. Proposals should support people living with cancer, frailty or chronic disease and improve equity across West Hertfordshire.

GRANT AVAILABLE	INDICATIVE ROUTE FUNDING	EXPECTED NUMBER OF AWARDS
£2,500 to £10,000	Approximately £40,000	Approximately 4 to 8

What this grant can support

- Testing, developing or extending a community service, preventative activity or practical support offer.
- Staff, sessional worker, volunteer and direct delivery costs, including reasonable project-related overheads.
- Training, systems, equipment or organisational development needed to deliver safely and leave a sustainable local benefit.
- Stronger pathways and partnerships between community organisations, neighbourhood services, hospitals and statutory partners.
- Outreach, transport, translation, interpretation and other steps that remove barriers for underserved communities.
- Proportionate monitoring, evaluation and learning to understand whether the approach should be adapted, sustained or developed further.

Who can apply

West Hertfordshire voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations can apply. Smaller or unconstituted groups may apply through an eligible accountable organisation. Local branches and partnerships are welcome where the activity is locally designed, delivered and ring-fenced for West Hertfordshire.

What a strong application will show

- Evidence of local need, meaningful community involvement and a clear link to at least one Anchor programme outcome.
- A credible delivery plan, proportionate budget, suitable governance and the ability to manage the grant.
- An inclusive approach and realistic arrangements for partners, referrals and neighbourhood services where relevant.
- What will change, how it will be measured and how learning will inform future delivery or investment.

Start with a 50-word idea - before completing the full application

Send the Anchor Coordinator no more than 50 words covering **your idea, who it is for and what you hope will change**. The same pre-application support will be available to all prospective applicants.

You will receive one of three clear, early responses: (1) not currently eligible or sufficiently aligned, with a brief reason; (2) potentially suitable, with the points to address before applying; or (3) well aligned, and a full application would be welcomed.

The Coordinator can help you test the fit, respond to feedback, identify a suitable accountable organisation or partners, work through any skills, systems or governance requirements, and complete the application form. **Pre-application feedback is guidance, not a funding decision or guarantee of an award.**

How applications will be considered

A Grants Panel will consider alignment with the Anchor outcomes, local need, community involvement, inclusion, deliverability, value for money and learning, alongside the overall balance of awards. Applicants will select one primary outcome and a small number of proportionate indicators. Monitoring will normally include a short progress update and final return covering reach, delivery, outcomes, partnership working and learning. Organisations and groups may submit one application to each grant route during this grant window. This means they may submit up to two applications in total, one for each grant route. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis while funding remains available. We reserve the right to close applications early if the available funding has been allocated.

To discuss an idea, send your 50 word summary or submit your application, contact **Maria Tanko, Anchor Programme Coordinator**, at mariatu.abdulrahmantanko@nhs.net or 01923 436182.