

Assura and NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB Grants Programme Round Two

Promoting health and well-being and opportunity for all, by tackling health inequalities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Background

Assura PLC (via The Assura Community Fund) and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Board are providing funding - and working in partnership with Cheshire Community Foundation, NAVCA, the Voluntary Sector Network, local CVSs and Integrated Neighbourhood Management Teams, to deliver a grants programme, to reduce health and wellbeing inequalities, help prevent poor health - and improve opportunities for better lives in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Programme Outcomes

All applications must reduce health and wellbeing inequalities and improve real, or perceived access to health services supporting people to live a healthier life.

Areas of focus

This round of funding is open for projects taking place in the following Integrated Neighbourhood areas, which were not funded in round one of this grant programme:

North

- Bretton, Park and Hampton
- Central, Thistlemoor and Thorpe
- Peterborough and East
- South Peterborough
- St Ives
- A1 Network
- Huntingdon or St Neots
- Fenland
- Peterborough Partnerships

South

- NW Cambridge
- North Villages
- Meridian/Granta/Royston
- Ely South and/or North

Any areas not funded in this round will be considered for the third round of the programme.

Funding Available

- Expressions of Interest are sought for funding up to £12,000 per project.
- It is planned that c. 11 one-year awards will be made in 2025.
- Any areas not funded in this round will be eligible for the third round of the programme.

The Application Process

- All organisations wishing to apply must first submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form by 11.59pm on 26th January 2025. This form can be requested by e-mailing debbie@huntsforum.org.uk.
- Before submitting your EOI, you must also gain the support of your local Intergrated Neighbourhood Manager. Details for how to contact these can be found below.
- Your local CVS can advise on completing the online Expression of Interest form. **Please use the details below to contact your local CVS team.**

- Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by a Panel and a number of organisations will be invited to submit a more detailed proposal, to be further reviewed by a Panel, to make the final decisions.
- Organisations not taken forward to full application stage, may be invited to submit a full application in the third round of the programme, which will take place at a later date.

The above approach will: -

- Reduce numbers of unsuccessful applications for small voluntary organisations, with limited resources.
- Ensure that key charitable organisations are actively engaged and encouraged to work together.
- Ensure a fully collaborative process, engaging primary care in conversations with local grass roots community organisations, whilst also involving and developing the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

Applicant Criteria

The programme is designed to support smaller projects with measurable impact that are developing new or innovative ways of working - or taking forward ideas or concepts to implementation. Projects for existing work, *can* be considered, if they positively develop the activity *further* – for example; by increasing the reach of the project to more marginalised communities/new geographies, developing the project concept to make it better, adapting the project to take on board latest best practice – ultimately to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for disadvantaged communities.

Successful organisations who will receive funding under the programme will: -

- Be charitable and local. Regional organisations are not eligible to apply.
- Have identified a health and wellbeing issue in a specific local community.
- Be able to involve local people in understanding the problem and developing solutions.
- Have evidence of a clear need (based on data/local views/primary care evidence of under-use of services etc.) together with evidence that the proposed solution is fair.
- Can implement solutions, with a proven history of delivering services, which make a positive difference to people's lives.
- Be able to collaborate effectively with partners, referral agencies and stakeholders.
- Have robust outcome monitoring and reporting methods (can collect feedback from people to show the difference the work has made with a focus on reducing health inequalities).
- Have a well costed and reasoned budget.
- All projects must also meet Cheshire Community Foundation's grant-making principles (acknowledging that this programme is specifically for projects delivered in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough).

Below are two examples of the *types* of health and wellbeing activity the programme seeks to fund:-

Oxmoor Community Project

The problem: parents were taking their children to A&E with a high temperature.

Finding out more: local mums' groups were asked why this might be.

The solution: Free thermometers given out and mums trained to use them.

The Ferry Project

The problem: high percentage of homeless people missing their GP appointments.

Finding out more: discussion between the Ferry Project and GP surgery

The solution: Nurse drop-in sessions at the Ferry Project

Ineligible Organisations

- Statutory bodies such as town, city, and county councils - or health institutions, schools, universities, and hospitals.
- Organisations generating private profit.
- Applications from individuals.
- Regional or national organisations

Who can I contact for pre-application support?

Connect with Integrated Neighbourhood Managers via this generic email:

North Integrated Neighbourhood Managers nwangliافت.northcpcarepartnership@nhs.net

South Integrated Neighbourhood Managers cuh.cscp@nhs.net

For support with completing the EOI:

Hunts Forum	Kathy@huntsforum.org.uk	01480 420601
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Peterborough CVS	communities@pcvs.co.uk	01733 342 683
Cambridge CVS	enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk	01223 464696

Any other queries about this grant programme

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What Can the Grants Fund?

- Staff costs: (full and part time staff), sessional staff and other related employment expenses
- Volunteer costs: reimbursements of actual expenses, e.g., telephone calls, travel, and subsistence.
- Activity costs: resources to facilitate a project/activity, e.g., catering, insurance, room hire.
- Small capital items: to enable activities to take place such as craft materials, sports/health, and wellbeing equipment etc.
- Transport costs: for activities/services that may be short travel distances away, to ensure that these are accessible.
- Community space hire/rental.
- Preference is to support projects in their entirety - or where the other funding sources for the project are already secured.
- The programme will not make a general % contribution towards an organisations core cost but we will consider a fair and reasonable contribution towards overheads related to the project activity.

When Will We Hear the Outcome?

- The deadline to submit your Expression of Interest form is **11.59pm on 26th January 2025**.
- Applicants will hear the results of their Expression of Interest submissions in Early February.
- They will then have until **11.59pm on 2nd March 2025** to submit their full applications.
- Final decisions will be communicated in Early April 2025, with projects delivering from Mid-April 2025 onwards.

What grant monitoring will I need to submit?

Successful grantees will be required to complete a brief, online End of Grant Monitoring Form including case studies outlining the impact of the grant award and accounting for the grant funds spent.