

Solihull Fairer Futures Fund

Background

In its Inception Framework, Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System sets out a series of radical ambitions both to transform how health and social care services are run, but at the same time to give real focus to improving outcomes and tackling inequalities.

To help to achieve this, they have created a Fairer Futures Fund to support community, clinical and professionally-led innovation. The FFF for Solihull has been delegated to the local Place Committee to administer in line with the needs of local communities.

The fund is designed to seed-corn and support activities that will contribute to improved integrated working which in turn will improve outcomes and help to tackle inequality. Initially, the majority of these may be on a very localised or team-based level, with a view to some initiatives creating new ways of working that can be scaled up and adopted across Birmingham and Solihull.

The purpose of the fund is to:

- bring teams and organisations together to think, plan and deliver in a different way;
- support the core purpose of the ICS - improve outcomes, reduce inequalities, enhance value for money and support broader social and economic development;
- support the Leadership Transformation Priorities - Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, technology, workforce, estates, inequalities, and using excellence to standardise care;

The Fund is **not** intended to be used to directly stabilise existing delivery models or plug funding gaps in existing services.

Fund Aims

The Fairer Futures Fund is designed to fund activities that will contribute to improving outcomes and tackling inequality. The Fund can support projects which are targeted at:

- Improving population health and healthcare;
- Tackling unequal outcomes and access;
- Enhancing productivity and value; and,
- Supporting the broader social and economic development of Solihull.

We are seeking applications from organisations with project ideas which:

- improve health and
- care outcomes for the most vulnerable communities in Solihull

Projects must:

- Be based on evidence of need
- Include community engagement and co-production
- Test out new ideas that would otherwise not be possible
- Encourage innovative solutions to local problems

FFF projects will be expected to align to Solihull's local priorities which are:

1. Integration of services in the community to:
 - Make sure people understand how to get urgent help
 - Make sure the most vulnerable people receive the care they need in a co-ordinated and planned way
 - Reduce unnecessary emergency attendance, acute admissions and optimise independence post discharge
 - Make sure we are doing everything we can, at every stage, to support people to stay well.

2. Improving our approach to 'Prevention and Early Help', including family hubs

3. Mental health including priorities around prevention, children and young people, maternity and parenting, primary care support, crisis support and rehabilitation

Projects will also be expected to contribute to the following outcomes as set out in the Solihull Outcomes Framework

<u>Outcomes for people</u>	<u>Wider Determinants</u>	<u>Our services</u>
Level up life expectancy	More children will be ready for school when they start	People with additional needs experience care and support that helps them recover and maximise their independence
More people have good mental health	More people adopt a healthy lifestyle	Our health and care services deliver good quality care and support to the population
More people live independently for longer	More people are in well paid work	Our services work together to have a positive impact on outcomes and reduce health inequalities
	People live in an environment (physical and social) which supports their health and wellbeing	

Available Funding

Grants of up to £10,000 per organisation are available. Projects must be completed within 12 months from commencement date.

Priority Area

Grants are available for projects in Solihull and will support Solihull residents. Organisations will need to have a strong track record of delivery in Solihull.

We Will Fund

- Start up costs for a new project
- An extension or development of an existing project in order to add value and meet the criteria of the fund
- A pilot project (to gather evidence for future projects)
- Salary, equipment or volunteer costs that are clearly budgeted in line with delivery of the project

Eligibility

You can apply to this fund if you are one of the following:

- Registered charities
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives - registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprises

***Funding to Community Interest Companies and other non-charities may include conditions to restrict funding to charitable objectives only.*

- Additionally, your organisation/company income level must be equal to or less than £1 million as shown in your most recent annual accounts.

Please note, we are unable to fund the following:

- Individuals or sole traders
- Capital Builds
- Direct replacement of statutory obligations and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Organisations or charities which are solely to promote any particular religion
- Organisations who have indicated poor management of any previous grants or who present poor financial health

- Payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Pure sponsorship purposes or funding purely for costs of fund-raising events

Additional Supporting Information

To be eligible to apply you must be able to provide proof of:

- Your organisation / company has a management committee / board of trustees / board of directors with at least 3 unrelated people as members, a list of those directors will be required showing who has bank authorisation.
- A written constitution / articles / set of rules.
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts or financial records showing your organisation's balance of funds, income and reserves.
- A bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- A bank statement from the last 3 months.
- Copies of your safeguarding/policy (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults)
- Equal opportunities policy.
- Quotes for capital items over £300.

For the Foundation's full eligibility criteria see our website.