

## Birmingham Fairer Future Fund Localities Small Grants Programme

The Fairer Futures Fund is designed to fund activities that will contribute to improving outcomes and tackling inequality. This current round of Localities Small Grant funding is aimed at community organisations and projects to address health inequalities for communities of identity and experience who are based in one locality within Birmingham.

### Fund Aims

The Fairer Futures Fund should enable delivery against the objectives of the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System Strategy for Health and Care 2023-33. In particular, the fund is intended to support targeted interventions to:

- Reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing outcomes for communities of place, identity, and experience.
- Tackle unequal access to health and care.

### Available Funding

Small grants of up to £15,000 per annum or up to £45,000 for individual projects over a 3-year delivery period. However, there is no requirement for organisations to bid for a 3-year delivery period – applications should be welcomed irrespective of value or length of delivery period; subject to the upper limits of 3 years and £45,000. The key criteria is that the proposal will have an impact against the priorities for the fund.

Multi-year projects will be assessed at each end-of-year and continued funding will be dependent upon performance/meeting monitoring requirements.

Applicants are limited to apply for funding to target one distinct theme per application. Groups/Consortiums leads are invited to apply for a maximum of two small grants only.

### What We Will Fund

To receive grant funding projects will need to be able to clearly demonstrate the following:

- Innovative, new or additional services you will deliver in addressing long-standing health and wellbeing inequalities for the specific health and well-being inequality(s) your project is designed to impact
- An evidence-informed rationale for how the project will show impact on fund priorities, patient behaviours, knowledge and/or clinical outcomes against identified health and well-being inequalities for one or more specific priority for the fund:

### **Best start in life – with a focus on:**

- Children, particularly those in care and children living in low-income households, via activities that support the uptake of vaccinations; uptake of healthy start vouchers; reduce infant mortality and hospital admissions caused by injuries and asthma
- Young adults – including reducing conception rates in those aged below 18 and interventions to improve mental health
- Women – including projects encouraging breastfeeding; develop parenting skills; uptake of long-acting reversible contraceptives; uptake of antenatal screening; continuity of maternal services and reproductive health particularly for those from deprived and ethnic minority backgrounds

### **Healthier lives in communities – with a focus on:**

- Increasing physical activity for people living with long-term conditions and disabilities
- Men, women, children, families and those from deprived and ethnic minority backgrounds – activities aimed at improving nutrition, reducing sugar and salt intake and increasing physical activity; reducing the prevalence of diabetes and cardiovascular illnesses and related admissions to hospitals
- Manual workers, people with long-term mental-health conditions, and the unemployed – through smoking cessation reducing the prevalence of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and related admissions to hospital

### **Better outcomes through earlier intervention and treatment**

#### **- with a focus on:**

- Ethnic minority backgrounds including African, Caribbean and South Asian Communities – through activities to increase uptake of NHS health checks particularly for hypertension, cardiovascular disease (CVD), and mental health
- Deprived communities – through activities increasing immunisation uptake; uptake of cancer screening; and increasing dementia diagnosis in the under 65s
- Heterosexual women – through activities preventing and treating blood borne viruses (BBV) such as HIV and Hepatitis

### **Empowering and connecting communities – with a focus on:**

- LBGTQ+ and people with long-term conditions and disabilities - through activities improving mental health; reducing social isolation; supporting adults with learning disabilities into employment; increasing uptake of annual health checks; reducing suicide and self-harm rates
- Migrant communities, ex-offenders, gypsy, Roma and travellers, and those with English as a second language – through activities that improve health literacy
- Carers – increasing uptake of annual health checks

## 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.*

- The fund's ambition is to award at least 50% of the funding to groups with an income level of under £1,000,000

## Monitoring

- Successful applicants will be required to provide a quarterly written report to the Heart of England Community Foundation and take part in:
  - Quarterly monitoring meetings
  - Data collection to support additional monitoring in partnership with an external evaluation partner using an online system to collect base line and follow-up surveys of outcomes and participant data. Budgeting for proposed projects should allow for this requirement up to approximately 15% of the requested grant amount.
  - Participate in a wider evaluation of the programme and impact outcomes (details TBC)
  - Yearly grant review to assess project delivery and impact
- Complete an End of Grant Monitoring Report at the end of the delivery
- Provide case studies

## Sorry, we cannot fund:

- Direct replacement of statutory obligation and public funding
- Promotion of religious or political activities (we can fund religious or political organisations if their project benefits the wider community and does not include religious or political content)
- Groups with significant financial free reserves
- Retrospective grants
- Contribution to endowment fund, payment of deficit funding or repayment of loans
- Overseas travel or expeditions
- Medical research and equipment for statutory or private healthcare
- General appeals
- National Charities who don't have an existing strong local connection/presence
- Animal welfare, unless the project benefits people (e.g. disabled riding schemes)
- Statutory work in educational institutions
- Sponsored or fundraising events or groups raising funds to distribute to other causes
- Schools, Churches, Parish Councils or PTA's unless community benefit is demonstrated

## 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.
- Up to date safeguarding policy in line with the most recent legislation (if you will be working with children or vulnerable adults)\*
- Up to date Equal opportunities policy in line with the most recent legislation\*
- Quotes for capital items over £500.

\*\* Applicants should refer to our online support and FAQ's as insufficient supporting documentation will result in a delay or rejection of your application

All grant applicants will be expected to participate in any appropriate publicity as requested by HoECF.

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