



Suicide Prevention Grassroots community funding Guidance Document

What is the purpose of this funding?

This funding is provided by the Suicide Prevention Alliance in partnership with Durham Time To Change hub and Stamp It Out on behalf of a successful allocation of money from NHS England which is part of a number of initiatives that aim to reduce suicide rates in line with the national ambition of a reduction of 10% by 2020-2021

Criteria:

The aim of the fund is for local organisations to develop and implement community-based activities that will have a positive effect on the mental health and emotional wellbeing of residents, particularly those people who are most vulnerable or isolated within our communities. This funding is open to applications from projects that support both adults and children.

Grants available

Voluntary and community organisations can apply for grants between £1,000 and £5,000. All projects must be completed within 12 months of receiving the funding.

Who can apply?

Voluntary and community organisations in County Durham

Who can not apply?

- Individuals
- Sole traders

Applying again

The Time To Change Hub Suicide Prevention Grassroots Community Fund will not award more than one grant per organisation within a Six-month period. We work this out using the date we confirmed our grant. This does not include dependent branches. Your organisation as a whole (parent organisation and dependent branches could make more than one bid if the delivery is at different dependant branches).

What types of activity will we fund?

Activities and community support to reduce stigma and discrimination about mental health and to improve mental health and emotional wellbeing. Preference will be given to those projects that demonstrate innovative ways of engaging with men. Examples of the kinds of activities, but not exclusive to include:

- Lunch clubs/Cafes
- Befriending
- Art classes/mindfulness activities
- Peer support groups
- Physical activity groups (Light exercise or adventure activities)
- Volunteering groups
- Equipment needed to support facilitation of groups that meets the criteria

- Partnership approaches are encouraged

What types of activity will we not fund?

- One off promotion events
- Travel
- Equipment not relating directly to the facilitation of the project receiving funding
- Fundraising activities
- Training courses
- Salary costs not directly associated with the activities
- Costs incurred before the start of the grant award unless otherwise stated in the application

Criteria for assessment

Applications will be judged by an assessment of the quality of the information provided on the funding application and how well this relates to the priorities identified above.

A decision relating to the approval of grants will be made by a panel of members from the Time To Change Hub, Stamp It Out and the Local Authority connected to the Suicide Prevention Alliance. Successful applicants will be notified via email. The decision of the panel is final and there will be no opportunity to appeal, however, there might be further opportunities to re-apply if more funding is secured. Successful applicants will need to invoice Stamp It Out to secure the funding, sign a funding agreement and complete the agreed evaluation documents.

Monitoring and Evaluation

There is a mandatory requirement for successful applicants to complete monitoring reports. You will be asked to complete a 6-month report and an end of grant report telling us how the grant has been spent and what was achieved. We will be auditing the fund against bid criteria at regular intervals.

You may be asked to showcase your project at appropriate partnership events.

We may visit or telephone you or ask to see original receipts to check how the grant was spent.

The Small print

1. Where actual costs incurred are less than the amount of Grant offered, the organisation will return any unspent amount.
2. The Council may reduce, suspend or withhold Grant payment, in any of the following circumstances:
 - a. The Organisation fails to meet any of these terms and conditions.
 - b. The Grant has not been used for the purposes for which it was given.
 - c. There is unsatisfactory progress towards completing the Project.
 - d. The application form was completed inaccurately, or the supporting documents gave false or misleading information.
 - e. Any financial irregularities or fraud on the part of the Organisation has been identified.
 - f. The Organisation becomes legally ineligible to hold the Grant.
 - g. There are reasonable grounds to believe that it is necessary to protect public money.
 - h. There are any other reasons why continuing to fund the scheme would be undesirable.
3. The Organisation will maintain adequate insurance at all times in respect of the Project and if asked with supply evidence to the Council.
4. The organisation shall obtain competitive quotes for the goods and services it wishes to pay for with the Grant.
5. The Organisation must seek the prior written consent of the Council in respect of any change to the Project.
6. The Organisation must notify the Council in writing of any events which might adversely affect the delivery and/or completion of the Project or any part thereof.
7. The Organisation recognises that the Council accepts no liability arising out of the Project, including for the avoidance of doubt the use of the grant or from the withdrawal of the Grant.

8. If your Project involves work with children, young people or vulnerable adults (“vulnerable people”), the Organisation shall take all reasonable steps to ensure their safety. You will have and carry out an appropriate written policy and set of procedures in place at all times to safeguard vulnerable people, which will include procedures to check backgrounds and disclosures of all employees, volunteers, trustees or contractors who will supervise, care for or otherwise have significant direct contact with vulnerable people with the Disclosure and Barring Service. The Council reserves the right to request evidence of this as necessary.
9. The Organisation consents to any publicity about the Grant and the Project as the Council may from time to time issue.

Equal Opportunities

Any organisation to whom payments are made must not commit any act of discrimination rendered unlawful by the Equality Act 2010.

How to apply?

Complete the application form and send to **Lucy Wilkins** at PublicHealth@durham.gov.uk

We will also accept postal bids, but the deadline will still apply. Postal bids to be sent to:

Lucy Wilkins
Public Health Office
Room 3/56 - 3/71
County Hall
Durham
DH1 5UL

Further Advice

Advice on applying to the fund is available from Lucy Wilkins on 03000262801
Only fully completed application forms will be considered.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020