

Carers Grants – Information for Applicants

In addition to the general guidance notes, the following information is to help you to apply for a Carers Grant.

Grant Size

A total fund of £11,000 is available for organisations to apply for with a maximum grant of £5,500 available per organisation. Only one grant per organisation can be submitted, so if you have several ideas you will need to decide your highest priority.

What Will Your Group Use this Grant For?

Carers Grants will be available to voluntary and community sector organisations in Worcestershire to help them encourage carers to seek support, create opportunities for carers to receive training and reduce social isolation e.g. Facilitation of Carers networks and support groups

Objective

The Carers Grant is designed to stimulate diversity and flexibility in provision of breaks to carers or direct services to carers to support them in their caring role. Through providing support or training for carers to encourage social inclusion, carers will as a result feel supported and have increased confidence in their ability to continue their caring role.

Assessment Criteria

We will assess your application against the criteria below. We don't expect you to meet them all but the more of them you can demonstrate you support the more likely you are to be successful.

- The grant recipient(s) should demonstrate that the best use of income is made where possible through the use of volunteering
- Is the project accessible to the wider community? (e.g. is it being clearly promoted)
- Does the project cater for people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to receive support
- Does the application show a relevant degree of planning and management
- Does the project promote service user involvement
- Does the project fill gaps in current provision

Additionally we will take into consideration the value for money which your application represents.

Monitoring and evaluation

If you are awarded a grant we will require you to send us periodic monitoring information about how you are using the grant and how it is achieving its purpose.

For more information about these grants please contact Rose Ingram on 01905 728766 e-mail RIngram@worcestershire.gov.uk