

Supporting Community Based Activities and Day Services for Older People

Information for Applicants

In addition to the general guidance notes, the following information is to help you to apply for grants to support community based activities and day services older people.

Applications will be considered from individual VCS organisations or two or more VCS organisations applying jointly. Any joint bid will be classified as a consortium bid. Consortiums must submit their bid through a single lead organisation but must make clear their arrangements for working with other organisations.

Types of Grants Available

There are 2 types of grants available. Organisations may submit one application for each if they wish.

A. 3 year Strategic Grants Supporting Community Based Activities and Day Services for Older People

- The total grant available over the three-year period is £352,257, equivalent to an annual amount of £117,419 for each of the 3 years
- The maximum grant that will be considered in a single application is for an annual amount of £ 35,000 over the 3 years. No increases will be made for years 2 and 3 and applicants must ensure that their bids clearly reflect this
- You may submit an application requesting differing amounts over each of the 3 years, however in no case must the annual amount requested exceed £35,000
- Only one application will be considered from any single organisation or consortium

Outcomes for 3 year Strategic Grants

Grant recipients will be expected to achieve the following outcome:

Improved health and well-being of older people because:

- older people have access to a wide range of services and activities and/or
- day activities form part of a wider provision of befriending services and volunteer opportunities and/or
- older people do not experience barriers to learning and leisure because of age and/or
- older people can access facilities locally so that community links and friendships can be sustained.

Applications should also reflect one or more of the priorities identified for this grants process as set out below. (The priorities are the same for both 3 year Strategic and 1 year Community Grants.)

Strategic grants will be paid in instalments over the three-year period – this will give successful organisations a degree of financial stability, within which further service development and expansion may be possible. There is an expectation that organisations will successfully apply for external match funding over the three- year period, to enhance or extend strategic grant activity.

B. 1 year Community Grants
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- A total amount of £ 27,325 is available for organisations to apply for
- The maximum grant that will be considered in a single application is £ 5,000
- Only one application will be considered from any single organisation or consortium

Objectives of 1 year Community Grants

To improve health and well-being of older people through one or more of the following: improving quality of life, making a positive contribution, having increased choice and control, freedom from discrimination or harassment, economic well-being, maintaining personal dignity and respect.

Applications should also reflect one or more of the priorities identified for this grants process as set out below. The priorities are the same for both 3 year Strategic and 1 year Community Grants.

Priorities for grants to support Community Based Activities and Day Services Older People – Strategic and Community Grants

The priorities are the same for both 3 year Strategic and 1 year Community Grants.

Priority will be given to VCS organisations who:

1. Show creative ways of addressing one or more of the following range of needs of Older People:
 - a) Friendship and social stimulation
 - b) Overcoming social isolation
 - c) Maintaining good physical and mental health
 - d) Engaging in meaningful activities
 - e) Meeting cultural needs
 - f) Enabling participation in aspects of life that are valued and maintain a sense of purpose
 - g) Preserving links with the local community
 - h) Giving carers a break
 - i) Addressing factors associated with rural isolation
2. Provide services for Older People who:
 - a) have dementia
 - b) have a Physical Disability
 - c) are physically frail and/or have sensory impairment
 - d) are dependent on others for care
 - e) are socially isolated
 - f) have a functional mental illness
 - g) belong to an ethnic minority group

Application process

Please see the guidelines on the strategic grants application form.

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

Decisions about the allocation of these grants will also be based on whether they fill gaps in local provision and whether they show innovative collaboration with other organisations, e.g. learning or leisure organisations and/or the district councils.

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

Grant Agreement

Grant recipients must enter into a Grant Agreement with the County Council. If the Grant is awarded to a partnership or consortium, the single lead organisation must enter into the Grant Agreement on behalf of all consortium members. The Grant Agreement will set out arrangements and conditions relating to the Grant, together with the responsibilities of the Council and the grant recipient(s).

Monitoring and evaluation

If you are awarded a grant, you will be expected to provide regular monitoring information throughout the lifetime of the grant to show how you are using the grant and how it is achieving its purpose. Details will be specified in the Grant Agreement.

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