

## Community Health and Wealth Building Fund – Eligibility Criteria

### Who is eligible?

We are confident that our communities have the solutions to the priorities that the strategy and this funding stream are aiming to tackle therefore, the following voluntary and community sector organisations are eligible to apply:

- Voluntary and community sector organisations that are based in Huntingdonshire.
- Applications must be for projects that will be delivered in Huntingdonshire, and the beneficiaries are Huntingdonshire residents.
- No precepting authorities, private individuals or commercial organisations are eligible to apply for funding.
- Applicants will be asked to demonstrate that the organisation to which the application relates has a dedicated bank account.

### Funding criteria

For your **expression of interest** to progress to the support stage, your project/ initiative/ proposal must meet the following criteria:

- Contribute to achieving the priorities set out within the Community Health and Wealth Building Strategy by delivering projects/ initiatives that improves the quality of life for local people by focusing on one or more of the three themes:
  - To improve physical and mental health via supporting an increase in **physical activity**.
  - To support economic resilience via a focus on **employment and skills** and barriers to this.
  - To support **social connection** and sense of community.
- Your request for funding from the Community Health and Wealth Building Fund must not exceed £50,000.
- At least 10% of your project must focus on preventing in future, the issue that you are trying to tackle.

- Demonstrable match funding from partner agencies, organisations or other voluntary and community sector groups (this can include 'in kind' contributions such as room hire, use of equipment or staff time).
- If your expression of interest relates to an existing project/ initiative then you must be able to demonstrate how this funding will be used to 'grow' the offer to address continued or growing demand e.g. What is the problem that you are tackling, What do you need participants to commit to and how will you ensure that they will complete the project and exit the scheme with good outcomes?
- Funding for core costs will be provided for a maximum of 12 months and a clear plan of how this will be funded after this period must be included.
- The project for which funding is awarded must be able to commence within 3 months of the decision date.

If successful through to **Support Stage**, you must:

- Complete and submit a full application by no later than 30th September 2025.
- At the request of the panel, participate in a virtual or in-person meeting to discuss your application in more detail.
- Allow your application to be shared with relevant Parish/ Town, District and County Councillors for awareness and comment.

Should your application be **successful**, you must be able to:

- Sign and return Conditions of Grant within an agreed time period.
- Provide a one-page project brief within 7 days of the decision date. This will be displayed on the web page under the section for 'Successful Applications'.
- Issue a press release within 7 days of being notified of the award and within the information include:
  - The name of the funding stream
  - The priority that the funding has been awarded under
  - The name and a description of the project
  - The amount of funding awarded
  - Contact details for the project lead
- Complete project evaluations that will consist of written documentation, virtual interviews and in-person visits to the project/ initiative.
- Submit performance monitoring information and data that will be used within the Social Value Engine tool.

## Expression of interest

If after reading the eligibility and funding criteria you believe that your voluntary or community organisation is eligible to apply for funding and you have a project/ initiative that addresses one or more of the priorities, then in the first instance, please [complete an \*\*expression of interest\*\*](#).

## Full application form

If your expression of interest is successful, you will be notified and provided with a full application number. Please complete and return the application by no later than 30 September 2025. Failure to submit an application by this date will result in your expression of interest being cancelled. Complete a **full application form**.

## What happens next?

Applications will be heard by the Grant Panel at their meeting in October. You may also be asked to participate in a virtual or face to face meeting with one or more members of the panel to discuss your application in more detail. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by no later than 7 days after the date of the **panel meeting**.

## Successful applications

Following notification that your application has been successful, you will be asked to sign and return 'Conditions of Grant' that relate specifically to the project/ initiative that funding has been awarded for. In order for the funding to be released, the Conditions of grant must be signed and returned by email to (dedicated mailbox address) within the timescales specified. This document will include information such as what the funding can be used, project specific performance measures, when the funding must be spent by and what happens if your project is not able to go ahead.

## Learning Area

We are keen that there is the opportunity to share learning and make use of best practise. We have therefore set up a '**Learning Area**' where further information about the successful applications can be found including 'starter kits' to enable replication of projects where the need arises in another part of the district. All successful applicants will be expected to actively engage in sharing information relating to their project and provide help and support to other voluntary and community sector groups looking to set up a similar project.

## Unsuccessful Applications

Unfortunately, not all expressions of interest will make it through to the full application stage and for those that do, not all will be successful at panel stage. But please do not worry. You will be advised at each stage why your application is not progressing further and support will be available from Hunts Forum should you need it. You are not restricted on the number of expression of interests that you submit and following feedback and the suggested amendments, expressions of interest and full applications can be re-submitted for further consideration.

## Need further help?

If you are unsure if your group is eligible or if your project meets the criteria, then please reach out to the Community Development Team at Huntingdonshire District Council by emailing [chaws@huntingdonshire.gov.uk](mailto:chaws@huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

If you have questions relating to your group/organisation or need assistance with bid writing, then please contact [Support Cambridgeshire](#) who will be happy to assist.