

City Funds Bristol Community Health Grant Programme

Organisational Support Brief

1. Overall Purpose

To provide direct support to potential applicant organisations to the Bristol Community Health – Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme, which offers funding to organisations in the health and wellbeing sector.

Direct support will involve providing potential applicant organisations with help to review their current situation, work out the step change they might want to make and what they might need, and help these organisations to work up a funding bid to the Bristol Community Health – Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme to develop their ideas.

2. Background to the Bristol Community Health – Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme

Bristol Community Health (BCH) was the contracted health and wellbeing service provider in Bristol but lost its contracts during recommissioning. BCH has now closed but had some remaining assets which it decided to use for the benefit of the local health and wellbeing sector, via this funding programme. This programme is being run by Quartet Community Foundation as part of the Bristol City Funds initiative.

The funding has been made available by Bristol Community Health (BCH) as part of its legacy to community health in Bristol because:

- Health and wellbeing charities and social enterprises deliver valuable services which fill the gaps between commissioned services
- Health and wellbeing organisations typically rely on single/few public sector contracts and if/when those contracts are decommissioned or funding cut, the organisations are placed at immediate risk
- Demand for flexible, innovative community health and wellbeing support is growing, and needs are going unmet currently which results in avoidable hospital admissions
- Prevention and early intervention will help to reduce demand on our already strained NHS commissioned services.

Eligible organisations include those voluntary, community, charity and social enterprise organisations based and working in the Bristol local authority area providing health & wellbeing services which:

- Reflect BCH's historic services, including services in the community for adults and children, and services working with offenders
- Focus on prevention and early intervention
- Run projects supporting self-care
- Support people with or at greater risk of developing long-term health conditions, or
- Want to make changes to their organisation that will improve their resilience to public sector contract loss or funding cuts.

The aim of this funding is to support change that will make a real difference, so funding can be awarded to transform and strengthen local organisations themselves or it can be for the delivery of activities that will create change for local people.

Examples of what funding could be used for include:

- Providing time, space and help for leaders of health and wellbeing organisations to plan for the future of their organisation, and increase their action on environmental sustainability and diversity, equity & inclusion
- Providing resources and skills to help translate great ideas into business propositions, or creating new revenue streams
- Collaborations, partnerships or mergers between organisations
- Services delivered by health and wellbeing organisations, which
 - increase the reach, breadth or depth of service delivery by those organisations, increasing their social impact
 - reduce reliance on public sector contracts and grants, or
 - increase the financial sustainability of this critical sector.

Grants of up to £20,000 per year for a maximum of two years will be available.

3. Organisational support brief

In addition to the above, the Bristol Community Health – Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme is offering applicants direct support in making applications to the programme. Quartet Community Foundation is seeking a partner organisation to deliver this support.

This organisation providing support must be able to:

- Identify organisations with emerging aspirations to develop new approaches to financial sustainability and a desire to develop new ways to provide their services and support
- Provide potential applicant organisations with direct support to review their current situation, help them work out the step change they might want to make, consider what help they need and support these organisations to work up their funding bid to City Funds for capacity building support or to develop their ideas
- Explore the future development plans that organisations would need in order to move into further development phases
- Act as a trusted support and broker to encourage organisations to identify what they need in terms of skills and capacity to progress their development/project plans and support them in creating an appropriate bid for further development funding
- Help organisations to maximise the potential social impact of their ideas and develop robust plans to monitor and report on the impact they have.

4. Key outcomes from the process

- Organisations receive professional, effective support to plan for changes that will transform their services or organisations for the better
- Supported organisations make credible bids for funding to the Bristol Community Health – Health & Wellbeing Grant Programme and other relevant funding programmes

- Funded organisations are enabled to learn from each other, share good practice, build networks of mutual support
- Learning is shared with Bristol City Funds and Quartet on trends in the needs of organisations seeking support

5. Skills, experience and qualities required

- Skills, confidence and experience in brokering or providing support to individuals or organisations
- Skills, confidence and experience in business planning or finance management
- A track record of developing and delivering successful funding proposals
- Commitment and enthusiasm for working collaboratively and valuing all contributions.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to quickly build rapport and trust with a wide range of people.
- A creative and flexible approach which allows ample scope for responding to information and themes as they emerge.
- Sound experience or knowledge of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector – particularly the health and wellbeing sector – and the current challenges and opportunities in the Bristol area.

6. Oversight/management

The work of the partner organisation will be supported and managed by Quartet Community Foundation on behalf of City Funds.

7. Timeframe & funding

To start as soon as possible to the end of the programme, likely 2022. Funding available for the duration of the contract is £50,000 inclusive of VAT and all reasonable expenses.

8. Proposals

Written proposals are invited from interested consultants. They should cover:

1. Evidence of your understanding of the overall task and approach
2. Detailed description of how you would deliver this work
3. The skills and experience you would bring to this piece of work and the reasons why you are interested in doing it
4. A budget breakdown
5. Names and contact details of two referees

Please send your proposal to lucy.gilbert@quartetcf.org.uk no later than
12pm on Thursday 6th August

Feel free to email or call Lucy on 0117 989 7710 or 07788 214667 if you have questions, want to discuss your ideas or would like an alternative way to submit your proposal.