

## **HPOC- Resilience Funding: Criteria, Process & Guidance**

### **Summary**

*Organisations working particularly with diverse communities addressing health inequalities across West Yorkshire are invited to apply for grants of £500 to £3000 for the purposes of increasing their resilience through building their capacity to income generate for the future.*

### **Background**

The West Yorkshire Health & Care Partnership (WYHCP) Integrated Care Strategy recognises that the VCSE sector plays an essential role in the Partnership when it comes to reducing health inequalities and improve population health and wellbeing outcomes for our communities. WYHCP does, however, recognise that the VCSE sector is experiencing a challenging period and in particular those grass roots organisations who are working with our ethnically diverse communities face increased challenges.

As part of their 'Maximising the Potential of the VCSE' programme WYHCP have commissioned Wellsprings Together to administer a grants programme to support the resilience and capacity of the sector. This is delivered in partnership with the WYHCP 'VCSE Voices Group'.

Please note we have limited funding available and we are not able to fund every application we receive

### **Grants Criteria**

- Organisations will be able to bid for grants of £500 to £3000 for the purposes of building their capacity to income generate for the future
- Funding will be allocated to groups to enable them to test new ways of working which will maximise impact with a focus on supporting sustainability.
- You will need to evidence that your main purpose is to support ethnically diverse communities with a particular focus on health inequalities.
- Successful organisations must participate in the evaluation process to enable learning and impact to be captured.

### **Suggestions of Potential use of Grants**

- Consultancy support for evaluation work
- Development of businesses cases
- Development of a 'case for support' to support future fundraising materials

## Eligible Areas

Organisations based within any of the five local authorities of West Yorkshire are welcome to apply.

## What we will not fund

- Funding should not be used for bid writing for a single one off bid.
- Activity promoting a specific faith.
- Projects that are the normal curriculum work of schools and colleges, would fall under statutory health care provision, or are steered by local authorities.
- Individuals.
- Organisations with a high annual turnover (more than £500,000), with significant free reserves, or with a weak financial position.
- National organisations that are working locally.
- Existing salary costs, except where there is a significant increase in hours in order to undertake work directly in relation to Resilience.
- Organisational costs not associated with the funded project.
- Capital Costs
- Unspecified or excessive volunteer expenses or high staff costs/expenses.
- Work that has already been completed or started (retrospective funding).
- Deficits or loans.
- Revenue and capital funding for national voluntary/community organisations and public and private sector organisations.

## Grants Process

To maximise the opportunity for groups to apply whilst also providing a relatively quick decision making process the programme will have two open Rounds with panel decisions at the end of each round. The panel will be able to allocate up to 70% of the funding available in the first round of applications to ensure that those applying in the later round still have funds available. Applications rejected in the first round will be considered in the second.

**We strongly recommend that applicants to the fund speak to Wellsprings Together Grants Manager. They will be able to assist you with your application and ensure you are suitable for the fund. They will not be involved in the final decision making process which will be made by an independent panel. Contact details for the Grants Manager are available at the end of this document.**

Decisions will be made by an independent panel. The panel will not include any organisation who is also bidding for the funds.

### **Key Dates**

Round One Opens: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Round One Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (12 Noon)

Round One Decisions: Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Round One Two Opens: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Round Two Deadline: 22<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (12 Noon)

Round Two Decisions: Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Terms & Conditions**

All organisations, regardless of size and structure, must have:

- At least three Trustees/Directors/Committee Members (whichever is applicable, depending on your organisation's legal structure) who are independent and unrelated. For registered charitable companies (limited companies by guarantee without share capital, CICs and similar) we require a minimum of three unrelated directors, and none should be registered as Persons with Significant Control
- A governing document e.g. constitution or memorandum and articles of association that shows how your group is managed and includes a dissolution clause/asset lock
- A bank or building society account in the name of your organisation with a minimum of two unrelated authorised signatories on the mandate and transactions requiring authorisation by at least two of those authorised signatories
- Accounts or a record of income and expenditure for your organisation (if you are a new organisation, you will need to provide a bank statement and a project budget)
- A relevant safeguarding policy, if your organisation works with children or vulnerable adults (you can find information and advice on writing a safeguarding children policy [here](#), and a safeguarding adults policy [here](#))

### **Contact Details**

To discuss your application please contact Wellsprings Together Grants Manager Kaneez Khan on [grants@wellspringstogether.org.uk](mailto:grants@wellspringstogether.org.uk)