

Funding Criteria 2013- 2014



Adult Services Innovation Fund

The government policy document “Putting People First” (DoH 2007) set out the blueprint for a transformed model of Adult Social Care. It identified 4 key areas of change;

- Facilitating greater access to universal services
- Building and making good use of social capital within local communities
- Ensuring people have greater choice and control over meeting their needs
- Making a strategic shift to supporting prevention and early intervention

The focus of this grant fund is the fourth element identified above however there is recognition that all four elements are interdependent and real transformation can only happen with a focus on all four elements.

Given the clear demographic pressures e.g. an ever increasing ageing population, there is an increasing need to identify ways of supporting people to stay well and healthy and reduce the pressure on health and social care budgets. There is increasing evidence that making the strategic shift in resources towards early intervention and prevention results in better outcomes for individuals, organisations and communities and is a more efficient use of existing resources.

The Health and Social Care White Paper “Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” (DoH 2006) said about prevention: “A greater focus should be placed on preventative services through the wider well-being agenda and through better targeted early interventions that prevent or defer the need for more costly intensive support”.

The Adult Social Care White Paper “Caring for our future – reforming care and support” (DoH 2012) states; We will legislate to introduce a clear duty on local

authorities to incorporate preventive practice and early intervention into care commissioning and planning;”

Supporting people to remain independent is central to a strategic approach to wellbeing and to cost effective services. This involves preventing them from needing intensive care services by intervening early before they reach crisis point.

- **Prevention** is about stopping a problem arising in the first place.
- **Intervention** is aimed at halting the development of a problem which may already be evident. This approach seeks to ensure that people are not forced into using health and social care earlier than they need to; and that they are enabled to live safe and active life as a citizen for as long as possible.

Cheshire East Council’s early intervention and prevention approach operates on the principles of:

- Early identification of risk
- Appropriate use of assessment and planning
- Holistic approach – Think Family
- The use of evidence-based interventions and programmes of work
- Facilitating access – i.e. focus upon intervention that builds confidence, resilience, skills, etc that enables adults to access services and support rather than creating dependence
- Appropriately qualified and experienced staff – multi-agency delivered / co-ordinated

Funding purposes

Cheshire East Council is committed to supporting prevention and early intervention activities.

To support this commitment Cheshire East Council operates an Innovation Grant Fund to enable organisations to deliver new and innovative services or activities that meet **adult social care** needs across Cheshire East that can not be met through individual social care packages funded by Individual Commissioning.

Organisations are able to apply for up to £10,000 per specific project and multiple applications will be accepted from organisations. Each application will be evaluated based on the proposed outcomes included in any application.

Criteria for making an application

To be eligible for support through this fund your organisation must:

- Have an appropriate organisational structure or legal status for the activities for which funding is being sought
- Be able to demonstrate good governance, financial/business planning and organisational management
- Have an Equal opportunities policy and demonstrate how this is put into practice
- Have appropriate types and levels of insurance for the activities or services you are planning to deliver
- Have a bank account in the name of the organisation
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Restrictions that apply

Capital Funding

Applications can only be made for revenue funding. Major capital expenditure cannot be funded, however certain minor capital items may be included. Please contact us if you require further clarification.

Previous Council Funding

Applications will not be considered for funding where;

- The activities being applied for have been previously supported by the Council and that the previous support has been or was withdrawn in the last three years for reasons of performance or were identified as not meeting required outcomes.
- The activities or services being applied for are currently funded by another area of the Council or would be more suitably funded through another area of the Council. Advice on activities funded by the Council can be offered

Criteria for assessment of applications

The following factors will be used in assessing your application for funding;

- The extent to which your funding application meets the funding purposes listed on page one of this document.
- The outcomes that your organisation expects to achieve as a direct result of the funding that it is applying for, that is, the changes that you expect will be brought about through early intervention and preventative work.
- The ability and capacity of the organisation to deliver the activities or services for which funding is sought.
- Value for money – whether the activity provides value for money which could

include the amount of leverage in cash or in kind from other sources and match funding.

- The outputs you expect to deliver, for example, the number of people taking part in early intervention and preventative activities.
- Sustainability – the degree to which positive outcomes will be maintained beyond the period of funding and how the project will be funded going forward e.g. charging for services, skilling up of volunteers
- Identification that the activity is needed and/or supported by relevant local stakeholders and/or partners.
- **Innovation** – new projects, activities and ways of working that will bring about positive change for local people.

Award Process

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a grant selection panel using a scoring system based on the above criteria. Decisions to make specific funding offers will be taken by the panel, based on the results of this assessment. All funding offers will be subject to a signed agreement that will include a commitment by the recipient organisation to report on outputs and outcomes of the agreed funding purposes. The decision of the panel is final but feedback will be provided upon request.

Costing of applications

- The council recognises that it is legitimate for organisations to include the relevant element of overheads in their cost estimates for providing a given service under this agreement.
- Where applications include staffing costs you will need to demonstrate that there is a direct link between the member of staff and the activities or project.

Monitoring

For monitoring purposes you will be required to provide a quarterly progress report and financial statement. Such information may be subject to validation by periodic inspection visits from Cheshire East Council staff. In addition to this the Council will also request an end of project report, summarising the activities undertaken and outputs delivered, and showing the outcomes achieved and how any benefits will be carried forward.

Method of application

All applications should be for funding within the financial period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014, and should be made on the application form we have provided. Copies of the application form are available in MS Word format for electronic completion on request.

Information Sharing

Council Departments – Details provided on your application may be shared with other departments of Cheshire East Council and entered on our internal grants database.

Other Partners and funding Agencies – Details of the purpose of your application and, if successful, the level of funding awarded may be shared with other funding agencies if those details are requested or if we need confirmation of another funding agency's intention to provide match funding to deliver the services or activities included in your application.

Website – We will publish details of successful awards on our website. This will include details of the purpose and also the level of funding awarded.

Please note; the above requirements apply specifically to information provided as part of your application. Information relating to any subsequent award will be treated in accordance with the requirements and the constraints of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Further Inquiries – For enquiries about this funding or completing the application form please contact Alex Grimshaw at the address below, or by telephone on 01270 375155 or by e-mail at alex.grimshaw@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Completed application forms and supporting documentation should be returned to;

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