

## **NHS Charities Together Community Partnership Grants Programme Greater Manchester**

Grants of £100,000 or more are available to projects which support the health and well-being of communities disproportionately affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is expected that the available funding of **£1,247,490** will support a small number of large grants to focus on sustainable health outcomes, spread across the three programme themes: Mental Health, Tackling Health Inequalities and Hospital at Home.

**Please read this guidance in full before submitting an Expression of Interest form.**

### **Background**

NHS Charities Together are the national membership organisations for NHS Charities. The organisation represents and supports the work of more than 240 charities. The Community Partnership Grants Programme has an allocation of £30 million, of which **£1,247,490** is available to support projects across Greater Manchester.

In Greater Manchester, the application, assessment and monitoring process is being administrated by Forever Manchester working on behalf of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System (ICS) NHS Charities. Stockport NHS Foundation Trust is the lead charity for Greater Manchester and has overall responsibility for distributing the funding. The final decision on how the funds are to be spent will rest with the Greater Manchester ICS NHS Charities and NHS Charities Together.

### **Who Can Apply?**

Funding is available to support projects delivered by Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations, working in partnership with the NHS, to support the health and wellbeing of communities affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications are welcomed from VCSE organisations with demonstrable relevant project delivery experience, who are based in and working across any or all of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

Project activity must take place in and be benefiting those living within Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan. Projects can cover one or more boroughs subject to the identified need.

Partnership applications are welcomed, but the lead applicant must meet all eligibility criteria and have the relevant experience and expertise to deliver the project, working alongside other organisations. The lead partner is also responsible for ensuring that all organisations involved in project delivery meet the eligibility criteria.

All applicants/lead applicants must have:

- A signed governing document which demonstrates relevant aims and objectives
- A management committee comprised of at least 3 unrelated individuals
- Relevant safeguarding, equality & diversity and health & safety policies
- 3 years of accounts which demonstrate that the funding requested (per year) is not more than 50% of your average annual income
- Relevant experience in delivering health focussed projects of similar scale
- A relationship with an NHS body who will be a project partner.

You must be able to demonstrate how you make sure what you offer is visible to those who need it, e.g. through social media pages, your website or sharing information through partners in the area.

We welcome applications that encourage new ways of working in partnership between the NHS and the community, as well as those that have the potential to be replicated elsewhere. Applications should demonstrate understanding of the need for their projects amongst target beneficiaries and within the context of current available healthcare support.

For further information on what documents you should submit alongside your application and what we expect them to contain please see here: [Supporting Information](#)

Please note we reserve the right to request further supporting documentation where it is relevant to your application (e.g. insurance, job descriptions).

### **How much can you apply for?**

The minimum you can apply for is **£100,000** (£50,000 per annum for two years) and there is no upper limit. Funding requested (per year) should not be more than 50% of your organisation's average annual income over the previous 3 years (or the combined income of all organisations if a partnership application).

Grants are expected to be awarded for a two-year period. Payments for year two of all projects will be in principle and subject to satisfactory monitoring and review in year one.

## Programme Criteria

Applicants to the Fund must meet all three of the national NHS Charities Together criteria for the fund as well as local thematic criteria set by the Greater Manchester ICS NHS Charities.

### NHS Charities Together Core Criteria

Applications must meet **ALL** three core criteria:

1. **Results in a measurable improvement in health outcomes for communities adversely affected by Covid-19.** For example, supporting patients to recover more quickly in the community after leaving hospital; initiatives that seek to remove health inequalities and disparity in health outcomes with a focus on diversity in the population.
2. **Involves a partnership of one or more NHS bodies and community organisations.** For example, NHS bodies supporting or partnering with organisations delivering social prescribing activities, where GP's refer patients to link workers who connect patients with community-based activities.
3. **Leads to a direct, positive impact on the NHS whilst it responds to the Covid-19 pandemic.** For example, end of life care that facilitates discharge from NHS care; an early intervention programme that can be shown to reduce pressure on the NHS.

Communities adversely affected by Covid-19 may include: those living in areas which rank high on the Indices of Deprivation, ethnic minority groups and those from inclusion health groups who are most at risk of experiencing health inequalities. Inclusion health includes any population group that is socially excluded. This can include people who experience homelessness, drug and alcohol dependence, vulnerable migrants, Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, sex workers, people in contact with the justice system and victims of modern slavery, but can also include other socially excluded groups.

**In addition**, applications must also address **one** of the following themes:

- **Mental Health**
- **Tackling Health Inequalities**
- **Hospital at Home.**

Further details on each theme and examples of desired project outcomes can be found below. Please note individual applications are not expected to address all themes and desired outcomes or reach all target beneficiaries, but to contribute towards achieving these.

## Mental Health

### Overall objective:

To support adults and young children with their mental health focussing on those most negatively impacted by Covid-19 economically and socially. This includes but is not exclusive to, recovery from the consequences of social isolation, disruption to education for young people and reduced access to health services during this period.

### Expected beneficiaries:

Children and young people, adults and older people with mental health problems who may not currently meet the threshold for formal NHS Support.

### Desired outcomes for beneficiaries:

- To build personal and mental health resilience
- Prevent deterioration of mental health symptoms.

### Desired outcomes for the NHS:

- Promote positive mental health and recognition of its importance as equal to physical health
- To support mental wellbeing through effective prevention and promotion strategies
- Avoid the need for crisis intervention and attendance at Emergency Departments.

## Tackling Health Inequalities

### Overall objective:

To support initiatives that seek to remove health inequalities and disparity in health outcomes, with a focus on diversity within the population where identified as disproportionately affected by Covid-19.

### Expected beneficiaries:

Adults and children & young people with long term physical health conditions, such as respiratory conditions (asthma, COPD), those on hospital waiting lists and people most at risk or experiencing poor health outcomes, poor maternity outcomes and reduced life expectancy.

#### Desired Outcomes for beneficiaries:

- To improve health outcomes
- To improve maternity outcomes
- Increased engagement with health and wellbeing services.

#### Desired outcomes for the NHS:

- Helping people stay well and detecting illness earlier
- Making it easier for people to access NHS services
- Reduction in crisis interventions and admissions to hospital/inpatient services.

### **Hospital at Home**

#### Overall objective:

To pilot projects that help patients who can be supported at home to manage their conditions, help them to live independently and prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.

#### Expected beneficiaries:

Elderly and vulnerable adults, ethnic minority groups, patients with long term conditions.

#### Desired outcomes for beneficiaries:

- To improve health outcomes
- To feel more confident to manage their own health
- To have a choice on where care is delivered/to stay at home.

#### Desired outcomes for the NHS:

- To support people to live well at home and support those with complex health needs with care at home
- To prevent people going into hospital and to return home as quickly as possible
- Improve the reach of services into disadvantaged communities
- Help people remain independent wherever possible through the promotion of self-care and prevention.

## What can you apply for?

Proposals should include a clear programme of activity and be fully costed. Costs can include:

- All relevant staffing costs including on-costs
- Promotional/information literature
- Equipment
- Travel, room hire and associated expenses
- Other costs that contribute to full cost recovery for project delivery and/or service development.

## Is there anything that can't be funded?

Unfortunately, there are some types of activity, organisations and costs which can't be supported through the Fund:

- Projects that do not meet the essential criteria and themes.
- Projects and equipment which statutory bodies have a duty to fund, including the NHS, Police, Schools and Local Authorities.
- General capital appeals and large building projects.
- One-off events or materials with a short-term impact. For example, one off exercise class or wellbeing packs that do not lead to sustainable outcomes for those the project seeks to support.
- Grants and gifts to individuals including respite care, trips, holidays, food parcels, gym membership, digital devices and welfare grants.
- General appeals, fundraising activities and profit-making activities. Activities or services provided (including apps) should be free at delivery to those the project seeks to support
- Political activity or direct lobbying and promotion of religion.
- Retrospective and backfill funding or duplication/replacement of committed restricted funding.
- Payments towards loans, endowments, interest, contingencies, and any costs that do not directly relate to the project.
- Funding is not currently provided by NHS Charities Together for memorials including statues.

## How to Apply

Applicants must first complete a brief Expression of Interest (EOI) form to ensure eligibility for the fund. Those that meet the eligibility requirements will then be sent the full application form within 3 working days of submission. To complete the EOI form please click on the link below:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5051372>

Please complete your EOI as soon as possible and no later than **5pm on Monday 24th April** at the latest, to ensure you have time to complete the full application by the final deadline of **Tuesday 9th May**.

We encourage you to contact us at any stage to discuss your application in more depth. Please email [awards@forevermanchester.com](mailto:awards@forevermanchester.com) with the subject header '**NHS Charities Together**' or call us on 0161 2140940 and ask to speak to Natasha or Rachel.

## Deadline for Applications

We will close for applications at **5pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023**. Any applications received after this time will not be considered.

## What is the decision-making process and how long will a decision take?

There is a two-stage decision making process.

Following assessment of full submissions, eligible applications will be submitted to a panel of representatives from the Greater Manchester ICS NHS Charities who will decide which applications will be taken forward for final approval by NHS Charities Together.

You will be informed if you have been successful at this first stage in late June/early July 2023.

After this stage, applications approved at the local panel are submitted to NHS Charities Together who will make final decisions by the end of October 2023. Successful projects should therefore be ready to start from November 2023 onwards.

In making their decisions the panel will consider the following:

- Project fit against core criteria and themes
- Organisational experience and capacity
- Understanding of need for beneficiaries
- Understanding of how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted NHS services
- Clarity of expected outcomes for beneficiaries and the NHS
- Clear plans of activity which link to project aims and anticipated outcomes
- Value for money and clear breakdown of costs.

The panel may also consider sustainability and the overall balance of projects against the 3 local themes and the collective geographic reach.

Programme Stage	Date(s)
Open to applications	Wednesday 5th April 2023
EOI Deadline	5pm Monday 24th April 2023
Full Applications Deadline	5pm Tuesday 9th May 2023
Greater Mcr ICS NHS Charities Local Panel	June 2023
Local Panel Decisions Communicated	Late June/Early July 2023
NHS Charities Together Final Decisions	End October 2023
Project Delivery	November 2023 – October 2025

### Monitoring and evaluation

Applicants should have systems in place to capture qualitative and quantitative data throughout the lifetime of their projects to demonstrate achievements against anticipated outcomes. Successful projects will be expected to complete monitoring information every 6 months.

Full monitoring and evaluation requirements will be communicated to successful applicants at the time final decisions are announced.

### Publicity

A condition of all grants from NHS Charities Together is that the recipient will provide a case study and photograph relating to the grant for media and publicity purposes and agrees for their project to potentially be used as a case study.

Successful projects will also be required to share learning with health and care partners across Greater Manchester and a networking event with other successful applicants will be arranged at a later stage.



## About the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System NHS Charities

The Greater Manchester Integrated Care System NHS Charities are a consortium comprised of the following individual charities.

1. Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust Charity: Reg No 1055429
2. Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust Charity (MFT Charity) : Reg. No. 1049274
3. NorthCare Charity: Reg. No. 1049226
4. Our Bolton NHS Charity: Reg. No. 1050488
5. Pennine Care Charitable Foundation: Reg No. 1055205
6. Stockport NHS Charity: Reg. No. 1048661
7. Tameside Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Fund: Reg. No. 1055818
8. The Christie Charitable Fund: Reg. No. 1049751
9. Three Wishes Charity (Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Health Services Charity): Reg No 1048659