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**NHS West Yorkshire**  
Integrated Care Board

**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
FOR CALDERDALE**

Creating Strong Communities through Local Giving

# **Harnessing the Power of Communities: Applicant Guidance 2023**

## Introduction

The NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board has provided £50,000 to *Voluntary and Community* to reduce health inequalities and encourage a diverse and sustainable third sector in Calderdale. This fund will be administered in partnership with *Community Foundation for Calderdale* and has a focus on disability.

## Background

The West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board has a commitment to working together with the voluntary and community sector to improve the lives of West Yorkshire residents and to reduce health inequalities. Covid and the cost-of-living crisis have added to the challenge in reducing health inequalities and these funds are to help build the resilience of voluntary and community groups as well as supporting people living with disability.

West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board has co-designed a *Memorandum of Association* with West Yorkshire's VCSE sector. This outlines a regional vision for health:

*We have worked together to develop a shared vision for health and care services across West Yorkshire: -*

- Places will be healthy - you will have the best start in life, so you can live and age well.*
- If you have long term health conditions you will be supported to self-care through GPs (General Practitioner) and social care services working together. This will include peer support and via technology, such as telemedicine.*
- If you have multiple health conditions, there will be a team supporting your physical, social, and mental health needs. This will involve you, your family and carers, the NHS, social care, and voluntary and community organisations.*
- If you need hospital care, it will usually mean going to your local hospital, which works closely with others to give you the best care possible*
- Local hospitals will be supported by centres of excellence for services such as cancer and stroke*
- All of this will be planned and paid for together, with councils and the NHS working together to remove the barriers created by planning and paying for services separately. For example, community and hospital care working together.*
- Communities and staff will be involved in the development and design of plans so that everyone truly owns their health care services p.1 [Please click here for more information on the shared memorandum of understanding](#)*

Locally, the focus is on 4 strategic goals to reduce health inequalities and encourage Calderdale residents to live a larger life:

- Starting well (age 0-5) – The goal is children are ready for school
- Developing well (age 6-25) – The goal is every 15-year-old has hope and aspiration

- Living and working well – The goal is working age people have good emotional health and wellbeing and fewer suicides
- Ageing well (over 75) – The goal is older people have strong social networks and live in vibrant communities

[Calderdale Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2027](#)

NHS England defines Health Inequalities as:

*Health inequalities are unfair and avoidable differences in health across the population, and between different groups within society. These include how long people are likely to live, the health conditions they may experience and the care that is available to them.*

*The conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age can impact our health and wellbeing. These are sometimes referred to as wider determinants of health.*

*Wider determinants of health are often interlinked. For example, someone who is unemployed may be more likely to live in poorer quality housing with less access to green space and less access to fresh, healthy food. This means some groups and communities are more likely to experience poorer health than the general population. These groups are also more likely to experience challenges in accessing care.*

*The reasons for this are complex and may include:*

*the availability of services in their local area  
 service opening times  
 access to transport  
 access to childcare  
 language (spoken and written)  
 literacy  
 poor experiences in the past  
 misinformation  
 fear*

*People living in areas of [high deprivation](#), those from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and those from [inclusion health group](#), for example the homeless, are most at risk of experiencing these inequalities.*

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/equality/equality-hub/national-healthcare-inequalities-improvement-programme/what-are-healthcare-inequalities/#:~:text=Health%20inequalities%20are%20unfair%20and,that%20is%20available%20to%20them>.

This fund seeks to reduce health inequalities for people who face multiple challenges from the wider determinants of health.

## Who can be supported by grants?

The funding partners recognise that people living with a disability are more likely to experience health inequalities and face barriers in accessing health and advice support services.

They would like to fund projects/services/activities that support the disabled community. This could include:

- Carers
- Young carers
- People living with a physical disability
- People living with a learning disability
- People living in supported housing/care

This list is not exhaustive.

Within this cohort of people, there are groups who experience more health inequalities. The funders are particularly keen to see applications from groups working with **older/younger people** and **people from minority ethnic backgrounds** but other applications are welcome.

Applications must support **residents in Calderdale** in the following wards:

- Park
- Ovenden
- Town
- Illingworth & Mixenden
- Warley
- Todmorden
- Elland

## How much can you apply for?

50% of the funds will be allocated to **Park** and **Ovenden** wards reflecting the higher levels of deprivation in these areas. If your group is applying to deliver projects/activities/services in these wards you can apply for up to £12,500.

You can apply for grants of up to £5000 if your project/activity/service helps to reduce health inequalities in the following wards:

- Town
- Illingworth & Mixenden
- Warley
- Todmorden
- Elland

## Who can apply?

- Constituted voluntary, community and faith groups run for and by local people (individuals cannot apply)
- Registered charities and groups with charitable purposes working in Calderdale, (including Charitable Incorporated Organisations, IPS etc)
- Community Interest Companies (CICs) who do not, and cannot, pay dividends  
CFFC recognises that other kinds of organisation may also carry out activities which are charitable. This may include Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies, and Companies limited by guarantee. Organisations that do not fully meet the not-for-profit criteria above but do carry out activities which are charitable and have a clear public benefit can be supported where:

1. *There is demonstrable public benefit and clear protection against private benefit*
2. *The organisation has a minimum of three directors, the majority of whom are not paid employees*
3. *The salaries and benefits of any paid directors must be approved by most non-executive directors and must be reasonable and proportionate to the work they do and the financial position of the organisation*
4. *CICs must have an asset lock body with objectives which are both charitable and like the CIC*

We are unlikely to award a grant of more than £5,000 to CICs or social enterprises which allow for payment to members of their governing body.

- Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) whose Governance documents include a clear community benefit clause, open membership and an asset lock
- Schools (except private, fee charging schools), whether part of the Local Authority or direct funded in some way, to apply for grants for activities which are clearly extra-curricular. CFFC welcomes applications from PTAs/Friends of School groups and Academies.
- Partnership projects are particularly welcomed.
- Applicants should supply all of the items listed below:

1. constitution, terms of reference, or relevant governance document
2. bank account details and a recent bank statement (within the last 3 months)
3. annual accounts and evidence of the ability to track all financial transactions
4. a written policy for safeguarding children, young people and/or vulnerable adults
5. an equalities and diversity policy
6. Committee Members Contact List
7. Quotes/Estimates/Costs (where applicable) as outlined in Section 4 of your application
8. Risk assessment for activity (if appropriate)
9. Confirmation of public liability insurance
10. Evidence of Food Safety Training and registration with Environmental Health, if your application involves handling fresh food.

If you have applied to Community Foundation for Calderdale in the past few months, you can contact us to check if we have the most up to date documents on our system. Please get in touch **before** submitting your application.

### **What cannot be funded?**

- General appeals
- Retrospective applications (i.e. the funding of activities that have already taken place or the repayment of money that has already been spent)
- Projects that would normally have been funded from statutory sources (e.g. Calderdale CMBC, the local Education Authority, Social Services or Central Government).
- Religious activities or projects that promote religion, although we may fund activities carried out by faith groups for wider community benefit.
- Political activities.
- Projects where the main beneficiaries are animals.

### **What will successful applications deliver?**

Applications should show that they will have a lasting positive impact on individuals and families in Calderdale. **We are looking for community-focused methods and innovative approaches to reducing health inequalities.**

### **What should be included in an application?**

- Please highlight which of the **7 wards** above your project will benefit
- Please **evidence** your experience in reducing health inequalities e.g. demonstrate your partnerships and how your work complements existing projects and local health providers.
- Please demonstrate how your project fits one or more of Calderdale **Wellbeing Strategy Goals** above
- Please describe how you will **use the funds** in line with the fund criteria
- Please include an appropriate **timescale**

### **Monitoring**

- Groups will be asked to collect basic demographic data on beneficiaries, list services provided, record volunteer involvement and the difference the grant has made
- Groups will be asked to complete online end-of-grant monitoring; a link will be sent to successful applicants
- Evidence of spend will be required as part of the monitoring process
- NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board may require further monitoring data. Whilst this information is not available at this time, we will keep in touch with successful applicants about monitoring expectations.

### **How to apply**

Applications are completed online: [Please click here to apply to Harnessing the Power of Communities](#) Please register your email address and a unique application link will be sent to you. You can save your application as a draft as many times as you like and

click the 'submit' button when you are ready to complete the application process. Please send all the supplementary documents we need to complete our due diligence checks.

CFFC will make a reasonable adjustment for groups who are unable to apply online. Please click here for more information: <https://cffc.co.uk/support-for-your-grant-application/>

You can also find top tips for grant applicants here: <https://cffc.co.uk/top-tips-for-applying-for-a-grant/>

## **Timescales**

Online applications and supporting documentation will be accepted up to **10am Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

## **Support for your application**

If you have any questions, please contact [rachelb@cffc.co.uk](mailto:rachelb@cffc.co.uk) 01422 349700

You can also speak to VSI Alliance <https://www.vsialliance.org.uk/> 01422 348777 for help in applying as well as support in policy development and registering your group as a regulated organisation e.g. Charity, CIC, CIO.