

Safe, Sensible, Social Small Grant Scheme

Funding has been secured from the NHS South of Tyne and Wear to provide small grants to the Voluntary and Community sector in Gateshead.

Grant Guidelines and Information

AIM OF THIS FUND



To assist the voluntary and community sector to be innovative in seeking ideas for projects and activities that would alleviate alcohol related issues, potential focus may be - reducing crime, healthier lifestyles, guest speakers, events or reducing hospital admissions etc... we are seeking ideas from the sector on this one.

To promote partnership working between groups and organisations that will provide continuity and stability in the long term.

To increase the level of external funding and resources contributing to the voluntary and community sector through signposting groups to additional potential sources of funding.

WHO CAN APPLY

Local groups of 3 or more people active within the area of benefit that have:-

- ✓ A constitution or written set of rules and a set of aims where either all or some of the beneficiaries live within the geographical areas. (we can help you with these aims if you would like us to)

- ✓ A group bank account with 2 or more signatures (or an agreement with GVOC who can act as an intermediary for the funds)
- ✓ Applications will be particularly welcome from 2 or more organisations working together

WHO CAN'T APPLY FOR FUNDING

- ✗ Individuals
- ✗ Statutory organisations or groups seeking to replace Local Authority funding
- ✗ Community Interest Companies (CIC's)
- ✗ Social Enterprises
- ✗ Groups whose activities benefit individuals or are for commercial benefit
- ✗ Groups who's activities are of a political or exclusively religious nature

WHAT YOU CAN APPLY FOR

Grants of £250 - £2,500 for initiatives that improve the quality of life for local people promote equality and address issues of alcohol related matters. Applications must address one or more of the following criteria:



- Improve the health and well being of local residents
- Increase services or activities for disadvantages groups such as black and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, older people with a particular focus around alcohol prevention and education
- Enhance employment prospects, education or skills of local people who are affected by alcohol
- Tackle alcohol related crime and improve community safety

Some examples of what you may apply for:-

- Start up for new groups to create a new project
- Purchase of equipment that will enable more people to get involved in an activity to relieve health related issues

- Training to build a better understanding of matters surrounding alcohol and misuse
- Organising an event or campaign or guest speaker
- Transport costs to visit another similar project

HOW TO APPLY

1. To receive an information pack and application form - contact Victoria Clark or Colin Roberts at GVOC.



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2. Groups wishing to apply should return the completed form to Victoria Clark or Colin Roberts. (details above).
3. Our Funding Adviser, Victoria Clark will also be available to help groups who would like assistance in planning their idea and can be contacted at the address above.
4. A local panel made up of representatives from the Gateshead Voluntary and Community sector and a representative from the TPCT will meet bi-monthly to assess applications against the criteria.
5. Successful groups will be expected to spend the grant within the financial year.
6. Grants must only be spent for the purpose as described on the application form. Any alterations must be agreed in advance by the panel.

ONCE DECISIONS ARE MADE

1. You will be contacted in writing following the decision of the panel. The decision may be to part fund, fully fund, defer or reject your application and you will be given an explanation of the reason for the panel's decision.
2. Successful applicants will be required to collect their cheque from GVOC and sign an acknowledgement form for receipt of the grant.
3. If your application is deferred or rejected you will be offered help to rethink your idea and if appropriate re-submit your application.
4. There is no appeal system at this time and the panels' decision is final.
5. You are responsible for maintaining accurate records of how the grant is spent and to provide the panel with evidence of this if requested.
6. Any publicity you do should acknowledge the TPCT funding and GVOC.
7. Successful applicants will be required to report back on their project within the financial year. A short report, photos or video may be used. Details of successful projects will be publicised in GVOC's Newsletter and website to promote the fund to other groups and organisations.



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