

**Hertfordshire and West Essex Suicide Prevention Wave 4
Community Grants Fund 2021/22**

PLEASE NOTE:

Applications for funding must be submitted before
5pm on Friday 7 May 2021 to
SuicidePreventionHerts@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please note the following conditions:

1. Any voluntary or not for profit organisation can apply but may make **only one** application
2. Maximum grant will be up to £3,000
3. The project must be related to delivery of services that support mental health and wellbeing to prevent suicide as laid out in the “Who we want to help” section below:
 - a) expanding existing services to target men delivered in a Covid-19 proofed way i.e. can be delivered during local/national lockdown with adaptations following easing of lockdown
 - b) creating new types of support specifically for men whose health and wellbeing has been particularly impacted by Covid-19 and lockdown. You need to explain this in your application
4. There are six questions to answer. Organisations must evidence how the request for funding relates to 3a) and/or b) above

Principles

1. Bidders must tell us if they are also being funded/seeking funding from other bodies and for what. We will not fund bids for the *same* project but may well fund bids for a *different* or specific

- enhancement to an existing project even if bidders are funded by others.
2. Match funding and/or other evidence of joint working will increase chances of success. You should clearly identify which other funding organisations are involved, and how much they will be contributing.
 3. There can only be one bid per organisation. Multiple organisations may collaborate to provide a single project, but applications should be submitted by only one lead organisation.
 4. Up to £3,000 is the maximum size of any bid (this will help to ensure the funding goes to more organisations) but it will not be reduced on the basis of match funding. We will consider grants over the maximum size if the scheme covers more than one locality/district (see principle 7) and the application clearly identifies and evidences the need.
 5. We encourage joint working between VSCE/community and other (including statutory health and social care) organisations.
 6. This funding is for 12 months.
 7. Every bid must specify the locality/localities within Hertfordshire and West Essex to be served
 8. Every bid must specifically identify at least one category listed in the criteria that applies to the application
 9. Every bid must evidence how the project will be conducted safely in terms of Covid-19 guidance
 10. Every bid must evidence how the project will be evaluated and sustained following the end of the funding period
 11. Every organisation must commit to signing up all staff delivering the proposed service to have completed the basic Zero Suicide Alliance's e-learning training. It takes about 20 minutes <https://www.zerosuicidealliance.com/> . Additional training such as

[MHFA/ ASIST and Spot the signs would also be viewed favourably.](#)

Reporting and monitoring

All applicants will be required to provide quarterly updates on how the project or initiative is delivering against the objectives identified in the application.

As part of this monitoring, successful applicants will need to tell us how they are spending the funding. You should tell us, as soon as you become aware, if there is a risk that some of the funding will not be spent in line with the agreed plan or timescales. We will work with you to understand the challenges and overcome possible obstacles, but in some circumstances, we may seek to recover these costs.

Part of our monitoring may involve us coming to your project or initiative in person. We may need to speak to staff/volunteers, and to people who use your project. We will give you reasonable notice of our visit, and we will try to minimise the impact of our visit on the project.

Process

Where funding is oversubscribed or more information is sought, bidders may be interviewed remotely or asked to provide more detail by email.

Your bid is most likely to be successful if it:

- Evidences clearly defined needs and demonstrable outcomes
- Plans to work in partnership with other organisations to maximise impact and build community resilience
- Closely reflects the criteria and relevant geographical, demographic and deprivation factors

Timescales

- The deadline for bids is 5pm Friday 7 May 2021.
- Applications will be assessed during (w/c 10 May through to 19 May 2021) and notified by 21 May 2021.

- Your application will be reviewed by a panel. If your application is unsuccessful, we will let you know why and how future applications might be improved. The panel's decision is final, and we will not accept any appeals.
- Grants will be awarded during June 2021 with the expectation all projects will be mobilised for delivery commencing 1 July 2021.
- Money should be spent between 1 June 2021 and 31 May 2022.
- If for any reason the money cannot be spent as per any successful bid, providers should contact the Suicide Prevention Programme Manager as soon as possible.
- Evaluation measures will be agreed with commissioners at the point of award, but it will be helpful to mention if you have monitoring tools/process already identified and outline how you will demonstrate that your project is successful

This application and any clarification responses will form the basis of a grant agreement setting out your responsibilities based on the bid and to agree compliance with the conditions of the use of the Grant awarded, unless an existing contract with Hertfordshire County Council, Essex County Council, Herts Valley CCG, East and North Herts CCG and West Essex CCG can be amended in line with procurement regulations.

You will need to sign the grant agreement before we will release any funding to you. The person signing the agreement on behalf of your organisation must be duly authorised to do so.

We will issue a Purchase Order number, which you must use when you invoice us for funding. You must send the invoice to:

SuicidePreventionHerts@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Broadly our aims are to:

- Build resilience to Mental Health problems in local communities
- Promote positive mental Health in local communities
- To reduce the stigma of self-harm and suicide.
- To increase the community-based support for those at higher risk of suicide.

- To reduce the incidence of self-harm and repeated self-harm.
- To reduce the impact of self-harm and suicide.

Who we want to help:

- Men are more likely to take their own life than women (3:1).
- Middle age men are most likely to take their own lives but this risk is also evident in older men and young adults.
- A quarter of people who take their life are known to mental health services. Therefore, three quarters are not. But pre-existing mental illness is a risk factor in most cases
- Stressful life events can also play a part; these include:
 - the loss of a job;
 - debt (including gambling) and financial insecurity
 - living alone, becoming socially excluded or isolated;
 - bereavement;
 - family breakdown and conflict including divorce and family mental health problems;
 - imprisonment.
- Other characteristics for vulnerability to suicide include:
 - History of self-harm;
 - specific occupations such as doctors, nurses, veterinary workers, farmers and agricultural workers;
 - people known to the criminal justice system
 - survivors of abuse or violence, including sexual abuse;
 - veterans;
 - people living with long-term physical health conditions;
 - people with untreated depression;
 - people who are especially vulnerable due to social and economic circumstances;
 - people who misuse drugs or alcohol;
 - lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people;
 - Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups and asylum seekers.
- Those subject to stigma, prejudice, harassment and bullying as these can all contribute to increasing an individual's vulnerability to suicide.
- Those whose emotional health and wellbeing is being impacted by Covid-19

Exclusions:

- Bereavement – there will be another national fund for bereavement from suicide, but we will accept more general bereavement support e.g. to tackle social isolation.
- Training e.g. mental health first aid or suicide prevention training is already available through other initiatives.

Ideas implemented elsewhere in the country:

<https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/suicide/suicide-prevention/innovation-fund-projects>

https://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/97370/Suicide-Prevention-Innovation-Fund-evaluation.pdf

Samaritans research on reaching out to men:

[Engaging men earlier | Our policy and research | Samaritans](#)

<https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbI9saW5rX2lkIjoxNDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGjIjYlImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoimjAyMTAxMjkuMzQyMzAzMTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3Byb3RIY3QtZXUubWltZWVhY29tL3MvazBQb0NKWlhXczhKcjRXVUdyRFpxIn0.QUj5HRGGiUcmJhZfRi3Qiiww6bB5K5xzUifzo1nS9OY/s/787511377/br/94563720516-l>

General Resources on Suicide Prevention:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/suicide-prevention-resources-and-guidance>

Thank you for your interest; we look forward to hearing from you

Grant Application Form

Please complete all sections of this application form. The maximum length of a response is different for each question. Please do check each question.

The score for each question will be solely based upon the response to each individual question. There will be no cross reference to other questions if subjects overlap.

Organisation Name: [What is the full legal name of your organisation, as shown on your registration/governing document?]	
Main or registered address of your organisation, including postcode:	
Company or Charity number (if applicable)	
Telephone no. (day):	
email address:	
web address (if you have one):	
Principal contact: Who is the main contact for this application?	
Position within the organisation:	
email address (if different from above):	
mobile number:	
Bank account (Sort code and account number)	
Insurance Please note that Hertfordshire County Council requires a minimum <u>for each and every occurrence and not in the</u>	

<p><u>aggregate of:</u></p> <p>£5,000,000: Employer's Liability Insurance for this contract.</p> <p>£5,000,000: Public Liability Insurance cover for this contract.</p>	<p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p> <p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p>
<p>CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS (CRC) OR DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) AND SAFEGUARDING – COMPLIANCE</p> <p>Please confirm that you will comply with this mandatory requirement and that your organisation will be responsible for all DBS checks.</p>	<p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p>
<p>Confirmation/Commitment of policy/procedure</p> <p>Data protection and GDPR</p> <p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Equalities</p>	<p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p> <p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p> <p>Yes/No If 'No' please provide details:</p>
<p>One reference/referee from a local community stakeholder (local charity, faith group, social worker, GP, or similar).</p>	

<p>Proposal Name: Please give a short</p>	
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<p>name for the project you are applying for (not the name of your organisation)</p> <p>[10 words maximum]</p>	
<p>Which locality/district within Hertfordshire and West Essex ICS are you making an application in relation to?</p>	
<p>Brief description: [Describe what you are planning to do, where/how will the service delivery activities take place and why. Please include how you are planning COVID safe delivery. Who will it help and how – 300 words maximum.]</p>	
<p>What do you want to achieve with your project? [Please explain the target population of your project and how they will benefit if your project is successful. 300 words maximum]</p>	
<p>How much are you applying for?</p>	£
<p>How much will your project cost in total?</p>	£
<p>How many people in total do you think will benefit from your project?</p>	

Question 1: Please tell us about your organisation, it's main function and activities. What was the impact of Covid on you and your Service Users? What issues are you hoping to address via this application?

Your response to this question is limited to 500 words

Please enter your response here

Question 2: How would you address any safeguarding issues if they arose?

Your response to this question is limited to 100 words

Please enter your response here

Question 3: How will you encourage the local community target population to participate in your project? Especially those facing disadvantage, health inequalities and have been impacted by Covid-19.

Your response to this question is limited to 100 words.

Please enter your response here:

Question 4: How will your project support suicide prevention and reduce suicide rates among your target population, as lockdown eases but social distancing is still in place?

Your response to this question is limited to 100 words.

Please enter your response here:

Question 5: If you are making use of other community resources or working in partnership as part of this proposal, please tell us a) who are the partners and/or b) detail any match funding from district or county council or other funders so we can discuss your proposal with them.

Your response to this question is limited to 100 words.

Please enter your response here:

Question 6: What will you spend the money on (basic costings)? Over what period do you expect the work be done?

Total £ (this should add up to the amount you are applying for)

Please enter your response here:

Question 7: How will you know and demonstrate that your project is successful? What sort of evidence would you use to demonstrate this?

Please enter your response here: