



Women's Health Hub Small Grants Fund Guidelines

Links CVS has been successful in bidding for administration of the Women's Health Hub Small Grants Fund in Derbyshire (excluding Derby city) on behalf of NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Groups operating or have coverage in Derby city should contact Community Action Derby in relation to this grant fund.

The objective of the Women's Health Hub Small Grants Fund is to enable local voluntary and community groups and organisations to facilitate community engagement and improving women's health services across Derby and Derbyshire. The Grant will support local voluntary and community sector groups **in facilitating vital conversations about women's health needs.**

Grant awards between **£200 and £1500** per organisation can be used for a defined 'one off' project.

Project duration: **1st October 2024 to 15th December 2024.**

Monitoring report from the grant recipients is due by: **15th January 2025.**

All the grant recipient organisations are expected to attend the **Sharing and Learning Event** on **12th February 2025** in Chesterfield.

Groups will need to provide evidence of how the grant has been spent.

If you are interested, please fill in the attached application form and return it to Links CVS at shruti.vispute@linkscvs.org.uk by the closing date, **Friday, 27th September 2024, 12 noon.**

Who Can Apply for a Grant?	Who Cannot Apply for a Grant?
An Unincorporated Association (a group set up with a constitution) For example, a community group or voluntary organisation.	Individuals
A Registered Charity	Private Businesses
A CIO or CIC (excluding those limited by shares)	Any organisation that has political activity as one of its stated purposes i.e. as defined by the Charity Commission for England and Wales: any purpose directed at furthering the interests of any political party; or securing, or opposing, any change in the law or in the policy or decisions of central government, local authorities or other public bodies, whether in this country or abroad.

The following information is written and compiled by the NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (ICB).

**Understanding the specific health needs of women, girls and people with a cervix:
A small grant fund to support conversations with local communities and inform the
development of the Women's Health Hub initiatives**

Aim:

To listen to the health experiences specific to women, girls and people with a cervix, and use this to shape what a Women's Health Hub (WHH) should look like for Derby and Derbyshire.

Objectives:

1. To influence the design of the Women's Health Hub in Derby and Derbyshire by listening to the voices of women, girls and people with a cervix about their needs, and what would be important to them in their local "Hub".
2. To reduce health inequalities and make services more inclusive by better understanding the needs of communities who have poorer health outcomes and/or poorer experiences of women's health and care services.
3. To build positive relationships with voluntary and community sector organisations that already have good relationships with women, girls and people with a cervix, particularly from groups with poorer health outcomes and experiences of women's health services.
4. To learn from the co-design and delivery process how best to communicate with and involve diverse communities both for its co-development and beyond

Eligibility:

To be eligible for a grant, the community organisation receiving funds must meet the following criteria:

1. Currently works with or supports women, girls, and/or people with a cervix
2. Is willing and able to facilitate engagement with the women, girls and/or people with a cervix who they are in contact with, to meet the objectives above
3. Is willing and able to provide feedback to Links CVS (the organisation administering the grants) in written or other suitable pre-agreed format about what women, girls and people with a cervix have shared.
4. Is willing to work in partnership with the ICB Engagement Team in developing an engagement approach.

Who do we want to hear from?

Women, girls and people with a cervix who might be more at risk of having a worse experience of the services

Women, girls and people with a cervix who are at greater risk of poorer health outcomes

Evidence suggests that this may include women, girls and people with a cervix from or living in the following communities, however the fund is not restricted to these groups:

- Young people (adolescents and young adults with a cervix, from puberty to 24 years of age) who might be more at risk of having a worse experience of the services above and/or who are at greater risk of poorer health outcomes
- Women and people with a cervix of perimenopausal or menopausal age who might be more at risk of having a worse experience of the services above and/or who are at greater risk of poorer health outcomes
- Those living in more deprived areas (20% most deprived nationally)
- Black communities
- Asian communities
- LGBTQ+ communities
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- Refugees, asylum seekers and migrants newly arrived in the country
- People living with a disability/disabilities
- Carers
- Those with problematic drug and/or alcohol use
- Survivors of domestic abuse
- Those who do not speak English, or for whom English is not their first language
- Sex workers
- Other marginalised groups

The expected outcomes of the project:

- To find out:
 - People's experiences of accessing services, what are the barriers and solutions
 - What people would prefer for future services
 - People's communication preferences
 - What are your experiences of accessing women's health services in the past?
 - How comfortable would you feel going to/using these services if you needed them?
 - Where would you go if you were experiencing any women's health issues
 - How and where would you prefer to access these types of services?
 - What could services do to be more inclusive and better meet your needs?
 - Where would you go or who would you ask to find out information about women's services?
 - Have you experienced any barriers to using women's health services?
 - How do you think these barriers could be overcome?
 - How would you like Women health services information to be available to you?
 - If you do not speak English as your first language, what would help you access the information?
 - How would you like to receive the information e.g. dual language documents, using visual aids, conversation.
 - Who would you prefer to receive information on health and wellbeing from?