



## Leicestershire County Council SHIRE Community Grants 2018-19 Project Proposal Form

Before discussing your request for funding with the Grant Officers, the project initially needs to meet the following criteria, to ensure it is eligible for SHIRE Grant funding.

1. The project, service or activity helps to improve the lives of **vulnerable or disadvantaged people or communities** (see overleaf for examples) who are residents of Leicestershire County
2. The project, service or activity provides an **early intervention** solution to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable/disadvantaged people, i.e. **prevents** their situations or conditions from worsening
3. The project, service or activity helps people to live well within the community and therefore **reduces the demand on public services**, such as Council services, social care services and health services (e.g. GP, hospital)

For example:

- A project which provides support to older people with dementia, to help them live in the community and reduce or delay the need for residential or nursing care
- A project which supports people with mental health problems, helping them to manage their mental health and wellbeing more effectively, thus reducing the need for hospitalisation or frequent visits to the GP
- A project which works with young people who might be involved in anti-social behaviour and are at risk of being excluded from school. The project provides positive opportunities and development of skills which will prevent the young people from getting involved in crime and more likely to continue with their education or help them to find training or employment.

The SHIRE Community Grants **cannot** be used to fund the following:

- General upgrades to community buildings (e.g. village halls, church buildings, community centres)
- New roofs, resurfacing of parking areas, or new disabled toilets
- Sports activities or equipment which are utilised by the general community (i.e. not focussed on vulnerable/disadvantaged groups)

Before approaching the Grant Officers to discuss your project, please think about the following:

1. Who will your project support? (i.e. groups/individuals from the list overleaf)
2. How much funding do you need?
3. What will the funding pay for? e.g. staff, equipment, room hire, training etc.
4. What project, service or activity will you deliver with the funding?
5. What difference will the project make to lives of the people it supports?
6. Why is your organisation best placed to deliver this project?
7. Are you sure that no other organisation is already doing something similar?
8. If other organisations or agencies are delivering similar services/projects for the same service users, how will your project complement what they are doing?

Potential beneficiaries/target client groups we expect to be supported through SHIRE Grants will include (but will not necessarily be not limited to) the following:

- Vulnerable and disadvantaged young people
- Older people, particularly those who are frail and/or socially isolated and/or have dementia
- People with long-term health conditions, or those at risk of developing health conditions, including people living unhealthy or inactive lifestyles
- Carers/people with caring responsibilities
- People who are experiencing financial hardship or are economically disadvantaged due to socio-economic or welfare status
- People who are physically disabled
- People with learning disabilities and/or other special educational needs
- People who currently or have previously experienced mental health difficulties
- People who have a history of misusing drugs/alcohol
- People experiencing homelessness or other adverse housing related issues
- People from the Gypsy and Traveller community
- People with refugee or asylum seeker status
- People who have been the victim of crime or abuse
- Vulnerable people from the above groups who are NEET (not in employment, education or training) and/or face significant challenges accessing employment, education or training
- People who are socially isolated (including rurally isolated) who experience challenges or a lack of opportunities with regards to accessing services or support
- Residents of communities in areas of (multiple) deprivation

Please note that SHIRE Grants can only be awarded to projects where the beneficiaries are vulnerable/disadvantaged people who are **residents of Leicestershire County**.

#### Others sources of funding and support

If your project is unlikely to be eligible for a SHIRE Grant, try the following:

Leicestershire Funding Toolkit: [www.fundingtoolkit.org](http://www.fundingtoolkit.org)

Voluntary Action Leicestershire: [www.valonline.org.uk/groups/advice-support](http://www.valonline.org.uk/groups/advice-support)

Other sources of support: [www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/funding-support](http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/funding-support)

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