

## Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System – Health Inequalities Microgrant Fund

### Guidance and Criteria

#### **Background**

The Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System (ICS) is a new partnership between the organisations that meet health and care needs across mid and south Essex. We are a partnership of primary care, hospital, social care, mental health, community health, wider local authority and voluntary services. We plan and deliver joined up services to improve access and quality and to reduce health inequalities.

The Strategy and Partnership Directorate is supporting the four NHS Alliances, working in Mid Essex, Brentwood and Basildon, Thurrock and South East Essex, by providing funding to support a wide range of projects and programmes which tackle health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.

Addressing health inequalities experienced by our citizens both in terms of access to services and population-level health outcomes, is central to the work of the Integrated Care System. In this work, we recognise certain key groups who are especially disadvantaged, as expressed in the Core20PLUS5 approach (more detail can be found by following this link)

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/about/equality/equality-hub/national-healthcare-inequalities-improvement-programme/core20plus5/>

#### **Process**

- Confirm you meet the criteria
- Apply online here: <https://forms.office.com/r/uhNHngL4SY> or email [funding@community360.org.uk](mailto:funding@community360.org.uk) to request an application form.
- Application verified and passed to the local CVS/Alliance lead
- Local CVS/Alliance lead reviews applications for panel submission
- Local Alliance panels take places once per month
- Your application will then be reviewed at a panel which takes place once a month, if successful you will be notified and the grant awarded.
- Monitoring required **3 months** after project start and on **completion** of project to share outcomes and impact of the project.

#### **Grant amount**

£500 - £1,500

#### **Who can apply**

Any small-scale voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector organisations who come together to support tackling health inequalities within the communities across Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood Castlepoint and Rochford, Chelmsford, Maldon, Wickford, Southend and Thurrock. **Annual income must be under £100k per year.**

### **Time frame**

Applications open on **7<sup>th</sup> November 2022** and will be offered on a rolling basis until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 or until all funds are spent. The panel will aim to meet on a regular basis to make decisions on applications and therefore you are encouraged to get your applications in as soon as possible

### **Spend**

All grant spend must take place between **November 2022** and **October 2023**

### **Criteria**

The microgrant programme is in place to support projects or initiatives which address health inequalities and the wider determinants of health within your local area. Health inequalities refers to differences in the care that people receive and the opportunities that they have to lead healthy lives. Health inequalities grants could therefore be focused on reducing differences in:

- health status, for example, life expectancy
- access to care, for example, availability of given services
- quality and experience of care, for example, levels of patient satisfaction
- behavioural risks to health, for example, smoking rates
- wider determinants of health, for example, quality of housing, employment, environment, training, and education

They could also be focused on supporting individuals or groups that may experience poorer health outcomes due to:

- socio-economic factors, for example, income, level of deprivation
- geography, for example, region or whether urban or rural
- specific characteristics including those protected in law, such as sex, ethnicity, or disability
- socially excluded groups, for example, people experiencing homelessness.

For more information on work to reduce health inequalities in Mid and South Essex please see <https://www.midandsouthessex.ics.nhs.uk/work/health-inequalities/>

### **Support**

You will be asked to provide the following 4 answers and at least 2 outcomes will be required

- Brief overview/description.
- Why is this project needed?
- Who is it helping and where will it take place?
- How will it tackle health inequalities/wider determinants of health?

If you would like to access support to complete your application, please contact:

[Funding@community360.org.uk](mailto:Funding@community360.org.uk)