**Bristol, North Somerset South Gloucestershire**

**Voluntary Sector Diabetes Improvement Grant**

**Criteria for BNSSG Voluntary Sector Diabetes Funding**

1. **Introduction to the fund**

As part of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Board (ICB) there is a Diabetes Programme that focuses on the improvement of diabetes prevention and treatment. Funds within the Diabetes Programme have been approved for a voluntary sector grant of £100,000 to support the aims of the programme from grassroots and community level. This will be available as 7-10 individual grants of £7,000-20,000 each.

Our approach to managing this fund is to support community applications that underpin local initiatives across BNSSG which:

* Improve the prevention of diabetes in the local population
* Support the treatment of the local population who already have diabetes

1. **Intended impact of this work**

The focus of these community grants is to:

* Facilitate in the recovery of diabetes monitoring and treatment (further detail in point 3 – Diabetes background information) to pre-covid levels, because treatment of long term conditions has taken a hit during the pandemic due to other priorities
* Build on the existing foundation of diabetes prevention in BNSSG to establish a more robust system of support and interventions for those at risk in the community

It is recognised that our community organisations are a trusted voice for many people and can play an important role in providing information and support to those who may face challenges and practical barriers to receiving their diabetes treatment or engaging with prevention initiatives.

This opportunity is to support communities to design and implement their own solutions to improving diabetes care rates and prevalence rates.

1. **Diabetes background information**

The prevention of type 2 diabetes is currently being tackled nationally through the [NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (NDPP).](https://www.england.nhs.uk/diabetes/diabetes-prevention/) This is a programme previously run by WW (Weight Watchers) and currently run by Living Well Taking Control (LWTC). It focuses on healthy lifestyle changes including diet and exercise as key pillars for preventing type 2 diabetes in people at risk (high blood sugar or overweight).

The treatment of diabetes is monitored through the nine care processes. These are widely established key care measurements that patients with diabetes should expect to receive on an annual basis. They include:

* HbA1c (blood sugar)
* Blood Pressure
* Cholesterol
* Weight & BMI
* Eye (Retinopathy) Screening
* Foot Risk stratification
* Urinary Albumin test (for kidney damage)
* Serum Creatinine (for kidney efficiency)
* Smoking Status

Three of these measurements have been established as key treatment targets by [NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence)](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28/chapter/Recommendations), and diabetes patients need to maintain these within a certain range in order to live with or treat diabetes effectively. These include:

* HbA1c (blood sugar)
* Blood Pressure
* Cholesterol

Any project would be welcome, including unique and creative ones, which address one or both of the following:

* Prevention of diabetes (as determined by the national programme NDPP)
* Treatment of diabetes (as measured by the 9 care processes and 3 key treatment targets)

These include projects such as ones that lower cholesterol or blood pressure in any way (e.g. nature connection & activity), improve people’s diets towards less sugar-intensive foods (hence lowering their blood sugar levels), decrease smoking (e.g. education & awareness campaigns), and any other projects which will have an impact on diabetes in BNSSG.

1. **Eligibility criteria for the funding**

All community applications will be reviewed internally.

The application functions as a mini-proposal, and will be measured against the selection criteria detailed below:

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| **Criteria** | Score Weighting | Maximum Score (ranked out of 10 with 1 being lowest and 10 highest) | Maximum weighted score |
| Please provide an overview of your proposed project. | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| a) How will you support the treatment of patients with diabetes through improving uptake of the nine care processes and and/or achievement of the diabetes treatment targets?  b) How will you improve the prevention of diabetes through supporting access to existing schemes (e.g. NDPP, LCD)\* | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| Please outline the anticipated cost effectiveness of the impact achieved. | 2 | 10 | 20 |

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| Please describe the sustainability of the initiative after the funding has ended.  What do you expect to be the lasting impact(s) from the project? | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| Please highlight the ability to share / transferability of the initiative across other communities and partners. | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| Please demonstrate your understanding of existing pathways and services and how you will work collaboratively with these. | 1 | 10 | 10 |
| **Total maximum weighted score** | | | **90** |

Applications will be marked out of the maximum score and then the weighting applied. The top scoring applications will be approved, which will be the top 7-10 grants until the £100,000 of funds are fully allocated.

1. **Who can apply?**

Applications for funding are welcomed from Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector (VCSE) organisations across BNSSG who can demonstrate reach into the priority communities identified (those suffering or at risk of diabetes).

Applications are also welcome from service providers to use within existing volunteer networks.

Informal (non-constituted) groups can get involved are encouraged to contact BNSSG Diabetes Programme to access the funding.

Working in partnership is encouraged, to extend the reach of funded activities.

All awardees will receive support from the Diabetes Programme to ensure they have access to accurate and up to date information, comms and additional resources.

Awardees will also be asked to contribute to the ongoing engagement that underpins this funding.

1. **Grants available**

As a general principle, awards will be made up to maximum of £20,000. However, the funding application can cover several different initiatives. Applications for smaller amounts of funding (from £7,000 upwards) are also very welcome focusing amongst the priority groups stated above.

1. **Types of activity that funding can cover**

We are supporting communities to come up with the solutions that best meet their needs in regards to diabetes treatment and not be prescriptive. Therefore, grants can be used to enable a range of activity, including but not limited to:

* Increasing community capacity, capability, awareness, acceptance, and uptake of the Diabetes Programme (including treatment work, NDPP, etc.)
* Increased staffing costs to support community engagement and related costs, to overcome diabetes inequality
* Costs relating to community meetings, webinars etc
* Production and distribution of information/ printed materials, including signage and small capital items directly relating to activities to overcome diabetes inequality
* Translation services
* Volunteer expenses or additional staff costs directly related to supporting Diabetes Programme uptake
* All public facing promotional campaigns and media/social media promotion should be discussed with the ICB Communications Team to ensure all branding and messaging is in line with local activity and national guidance
* You may also be asked to share any materials or resources created with your grant to support other related community engagement activities

**7. Process how to apply?**

Applications that match criteria can be made after via an online application form submitted to [bnssg.diabetesprogramme@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.diabetesprogramme@nhs.net) before the deadline of midnight on Sunday 4th September.

**8. Selection Process**

The Selection group will be made up of at least three people in the Diabetes Programme including Simon Bailey (Programme Manager).

* The selection group will meet in the week commencing 5th September to review and ratify applications against the criteria
* Shortlisted organisations will be invited to the second round for a 30mins Q&A interview with the selection panel on either the 8th, 9th, 12th or 13th of September.
* Decisions will be announced by 16th September and successful organisations will be awarded the grants
* Successful organisations will be expected to sign an agreement including T&C’s related to the outcomes of the project and their specific project details included within their application
* Once funding is confirmed, organisations can raise an invoice to BNSSG ICB and start the project/initiative
* Funded organisations are expected to provide regular updates on learning and progress – monthly as a general principle but more often if needed in certain situations
* Project close, review and lessons learnt; organisations are expected to provide Diabetes Programme with a review of their outputs and outcomes and any lessons learned
* Projects must be completed by March 31st, 2023