

ONE SLOUGH COMMUNITY FUND GUIDANCE - APRIL 2021

Slough CVS is a registered charity (1069086) and was responsible for the delivery of the Slough Prevention and Alliance Tender that was commissioned out by Slough Borough Council in 2015, commonly known as SPACE (Slough Prevention Alliance Community Engagement).

As of July 2021, Slough CVS are looking to issue grants to support local voluntary and community groups to deliver projects to meet local needs/priorities that will benefit Slough residents to enhance their health and wellbeing. This will be financed by Slough Borough Council and administered by Slough CVS.

Voluntary and Community Sector groups are being asked to complete the funding application form which will be submitted to the Funding panel. The funding panel will consist of key representatives from Slough CVS, Frimley CCG, Slough Borough Council, a member from the community (i.e. co-production network or community champion network), and a representative of the business community.

Who can apply?

Any previous SPACE associates (paid or unpaid) can apply. Any group or organisation who has not previously received SPACE funding can also apply.

By applying to this grant, you will become an associate of SPACE.

Type of organisation

The Grants are open to all Slough Voluntary and Community groups and aim, in particular, to provide support to those smaller organisations that may have restrictions to apply for larger grants and are at the grassroots level and closest to those who face health and wellbeing issues and/or inequalities.

All applicants must have completed or be working towards the Slough Quality Protects assurance mark.

All applicants must have a bank account in the name of their group/organisation.

Slough CVS as administrator will also work with the successful applicants' organisations to help build their capacity at delivering.

Please note, we are unable to help you complete the grant applications.

Can I apply if I am already receiving a grant?

Yes, you can but this must be for a new initiative or project, with the aim to reach as many different target groups and grant recipients as possible. We may prioritise applications from organisations that have not already been funded.

You should also ensure there is only one application per project; we will not fund applications where elements of the same project have been put into separate applications to try and secure a greater amount of funding.

You may apply for multiple grants as long as these are for different projects.

What we won't fund?

- Projects where a statutory agency would normally be expected to cover the costs
- A 'shortfall' in funding from a statutory agency
- Services which schools could be expected to pay for
- Projects which have not demonstrated a clear local need for what they are proposing
- Political parties, lobbying and campaigning
- Individuals
- The promotion of religion
- One-off events, e.g. day trips/outings, party celebrations
- Food and refreshments (other than subsistence for volunteers)

Key Priorities

Proposed projects must work with people who are over 18 and living in Slough (except for the provision for young carers who are under the age of 18), and has highlighted the following priority groups that it wishes to engage with:

- Participants who are lonely or isolated;
- Participants with Long term conditions / mental health issues;
- Participants who have complex social needs;
- Participants living in the most deprived areas of Slough and
- Participants from ethnic minorities.

We will give priority to applicants that can demonstrate they will improve the lives of the most vulnerable individuals and have already established links in Slough as outlined in the key priorities below.

AIM	KEY PRIORITIES
Development of community support to support those identified as: vulnerable, ,carers including young carers and to integrate communities and reduce social isolation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted approaches to working with those identified as vulnerable • Development of provision to identify and support carers including young carers in the community. • To develop and enhance opportunities that provide support and reduce social isolation • To develop communication channels through which we develop messaging and provide further enhancement
Development of provision in areas of deprivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve outcomes to reduce poverty • Increase skills and employment opportunities • Improve health inequalities including mental wellbeing

The monitoring of delivery against our priorities will be overseen by SCVS and local intelligence will be used to deliver a flexible and innovative approach to emerging issues.

How much can I apply for?

There are three grants available:

For groups with an annual turnover of £10,000 or under, you can apply **for Grants of up to £2,000.**

For groups with an annual turnover of £10,000 or over, you can apply **for Grants of up to £5,000.**

For groups with an annual turnover of £50,000 or over, you can apply **for Grants of up to £10,000.**

We look for applicants to clearly explain how the grant funding will be used and how it will be used efficiently and effectively to deliver project outcomes.

If you are applying for match funding or funding over a period of years please state this in the application form under the relevant question.

What can I apply for?

Groups can apply for costs of activities and resources, such as volunteer expenses and / or staff costs. Grants can also be used to fund capital costs.

There are targets that you will need to reach, around numbers of participants and meeting the agreed outcomes. As part of your application you should outline what these would be, if you are successful these can be negotiated to ensure the best outcomes for Slough residents.

What is the funding period?

The funding is for a maximum of 1 year, until June 2022.

Funding will start from **Thursday 1st July 2021.**

When would I receive the money?

If we make an offer of funding, this will be conditional on:

- Providing Due Diligence information, such as financial documents - bank account information
- Providing your Slough Quality Protects certificate or agreed to work towards this.
- Providing any supplementary information that the Grant Panel might have requested.

Once we have received this and you have signed the Funding Agreement, we will make payments at the beginning of each quarter as required.

What will I need to report on/ provide monitoring on?

You will be required to complete a quarterly monitoring form. Examples of what you will be required to provide information on are as follows:

- How many people have participated;
- What activities were run;
- Number of sessions run;

- A narrative and case study of the work delivered in the quarter;
- Number of staff/volunteers;
- Number of volunteer hours committed and
- Ethnicity information of clients.
- Any Challenges
- What has worked well
- Customer/client complaints

Where can I find the Grant Application form?

The Grant application form can be found at: oneslough.org.uk/grants

Your application can be completed and submitted via the online Grant application form.

How will the decision be made?

The grant decisions will be made by a panel which will include a Slough CVS Board Member, a senior official from Slough Borough Council and a member of the Slough Borough Council Co-production board. The Panel may ask for further information before making a decision.

Applications that meet the participant needs and suggested priorities will be prioritised.

Applications for submissions will open on **Thursday 22nd April 2021**

Deadline for Funding submissions is **midnight on Sunday 16th May 2021**

Successful organisations will be notified on **Tuesday 1st June 2021**

The decision of the panel is final and there is no appeal process.

Who is providing the funding?

The funding comes from Slough Borough Council, the Better Care Fund and Slough Public Health

What if I have a question about the form?

If you have a question not covered in this guidance document, you can email us at sloughcommunityresponse@sloughcvs.org.uk