



## ***Cheshire West and Chester Home Support Grants Scheme***

### ***Application Criteria 2022- 2023***

Cheshire West and Chester Council are committed to providing community led support that enables residents to live independently and remain in their own homes and communities. The community led offer that you'll provide will be informal, on a personal level and responsive to the needs of older and vulnerable residents in Cheshire West and Chester. This community led offer will complement specialist care and statutory services.

The benefits of supporting local people in the community include:

- People being able to stay living at home;
- Improved physical and mental health;
- Increased connectivity and sense of belonging;
- People being valued in decision making for their own life requirements.

The Council have a duty under the Care Act 2014 to prevent or delay the development of care needs and to support the reduction of care needs that already exist.

### **Scope**

The Council intend to launch a grants programme that will allow organisations the space and funding to pilot new projects that ultimately support people to live independently, stay connected in their communities and able to live in their own homes. This will include a range of low-level home support tasks and low-level assistance with daily living.

Projects that meet these criteria would include but are not limited to:

- Informal good neighbour models of support
- Home from hospital help
- Assisted shopping both supported and online where appropriate
- Putting shopping away

- Preparation of snack / food and drink
- Low level cleaning to include
  - o Hoovering
  - o Washing up
  - o Loading/unloading washing machine or dishwasher
  - o Cleaning bathroom
  - o General tidy round
  - o Making beds
- General individual support
  - o House management
  - o Assisting to make appointments
  - o Feeding pets
  - o Ensuring heating and electricity are supplied
- Life Skills
- Organisational skills
- Social support networks

Cheshire West and Chester Council intend to have services reaching across most geographical areas, including rural areas.

### **Outcomes**

#### ***The required outcomes will be:***

- Residents feel supported to live independent and confident lives in their own homes
- Residents have a good support network to maintain the running of their own lives
- Residents feels safe and are connected to the communities that they live in
- Residents can access support locally to their home in order to prevent them accessing high level care

### ***Applications and Timeline***

All applications should be for funding within the period of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and should be made on the application attached and returned via (email address).

To make the process accessible to all eligible organisations, applications will be accepted in alternative formats. If you wish to apply using an alternative format

please contact Cheshire Community Action (CCA) to discuss it. Funding is capped at £10,000 per application. We would expect projects to last up to 12 months.

Applications open – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Closing date for applications – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Awards made – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Projects start – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Voluntary and community sector organisations are invited to apply for funding awards up to a maximum of **£10,000 – and a maximum of one application per organisation.**

### ***Eligibility***

***You can apply if your organisation is a:***

- voluntary and community organisation
- constituted group or club
- registered charity
- charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- not-for-profit company
- community interest company (CIC)

There are other eligibility conditions that need to be met and these will be made clear in the application process.

### ***Award Process***

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a grant selections panel using a scoring system based on the above criteria. Decisions to make funding offers will be taken by the panel. All funding offers will be subject to a signed agreement that will include a commitment by the recipient organisations to report on outputs and outcomes of the agreed funding purposes.

We will prioritise bids that are:

- for financially accessible support
- delivered locally by local organisations, and
- clearly address the home support tasks listed above or similar tasks that will achieve the same outcomes.

Commissioners are particularly keen to encourage bids that demonstrate innovation and sustainability, particularly in relation to innovation in the approaches to home support which promote choice and independence of the individual.

### ***Management of Successful Awards***

Once awards have been determined by Cheshire Community Action (CCA) and the Council, and agreements have been entered into with successful applicants, the subsequent monitoring of those agreements, and the issuing of payments, will be managed on behalf of the Council by CCA.

There will be a mid-year review and you will be required to complete an end of grant report with a focus on evidence, impact and case studies. A clear expectation of agreed targets will be agreed with CCA and detailed in the grant agreement. The mid-year review will be completed by CCA, and the end of year report will be submitted to the Council.