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Participatory Grant Making Awards 2023



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Introduction

This information pack has been produced to help applicants to understand the background to this grant funding opportunity, how it will be delivered, and how individuals, groups and organisations can apply for an award.

Background to the award

Harnessing the Power of Communities (HPoC) is a programme of transformation funded through the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership with money from the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

The HPoC programme is being run across West Yorkshire and has engaged all our local Authorities in an ambitious programme of positive change. Bradford District and Craven, Leeds, Calderdale, and Kirklees are all working through the HPoC programme to improve outcomes for residents.

The HPoC programme (across our place) is being coordinated by a Steering Group, the membership of which is a collaboration of VCSE infrastructure providers from across the Bradford District and Craven.

HPoC is an undertaking to reduce health inequalities and thus improve health and wellbeing outcomes by working in partnership with the Voluntary and Community Sector and communities.

Alongside a push to improve the general health and wellbeing of all residents in our communities, *it* pays specific attention to what are known as Inclusion Groups; Inclusion Groups are those communities across our place that are most impacted by health inequalities and inequity.

The Voluntary and Community Sector Alliance has been asked by the Steering Group to design and administer a grant making process that is built around equity, transparency, and shifts the power to act. The model of funding we have designed is based on Participatory Grant Making and places affected communities at the center of grant-making by giving them the power to decide who and what to fund.

This Participatory Grant Making award runs alongside equity building work that will be delivered in 4 highly deprived areas of Bradford as part of the Harnessing the Power of Communities SCP (Sustainability and Capacity Programme).

Contacts

If you want to know more about this grant award opportunity, have questions about Participatory Grant Making please contact The VCS Alliance Grants Manager:

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Programme overview

Areas of focus.

The HPoC grant awards must target one or more of the following communities/ Inclusion Groups:

- Gypsy and traveller health/ Roma Health
- Black women's health and pregnancy outcomes
- Asylum seekers and migrant population health
- The Homeless and health
- Learning disabilities and health
- TRSE - Transport Related Social Exclusion

These communities/ Inclusion groups have been identified through national, regional and local research as being greatly impacted by health inequalities. In general, these groups can expect to live a significantly shorter life than the general population. This is largely down to health inequalities, for example:

- The average life expectancy amongst the Gypsy Traveller population is 50 years as opposed to 79 years in the general population.
- Roma in the UK have poorer health outcomes, the main issues are diabetes, respiratory diseases, and high blood pressure.
- Black women are 3.7 times more likely to die than White women, and Asian women were 1.8 times more likely to die than White women.
- Those seeking asylum or refugee status have greater instances of depression, anxiety PTSD than the general population and exhibit tendencies to self-harm and suicide directly linked to the asylum process and housing policies, e.g., extended stays in low budget hotels/ B&B's.
- People who sleep rough experience some of the most severe health inequalities and report much poorer health than the general population. Many have co-occurring mental ill health and substance misuse needs, physical health needs, and have experienced significant trauma in their lives.
- The average age of death for people with a learning difficulty was 56 years with the average in the general population being 79 for males, 82.9 for females. 6 out of 10 people with a learning disability died before they were 65, only 1 in 10 of the general population die before they are 65.
- **TRSE** - Transport Related Social Exclusion. This means being unable to access opportunities, key services, and community life as much as needed, and facing major obstacles in everyday life through the wider impacts of having to travel.

(For more information about the health inequities impacting these groups please see Appendix 2)

Grant Award Specifics

Delivery duration

All funded groups and organisations must complete their activities/ projects etc. by September 2024.

Delivery area

Delivery can be anywhere across the Bradford District and Craven.

Grant values

The value of grant awards is £500 - £6000

Total Funding Pot

£76,000.00

Link to application form: <https://bit.ly/PGMPortal-Login-Application>

What can't be funded.

- Activities that should be funded as a part of statutory provision.
- Events and or activities that have already taken place.
- Activities that exclude people on the basis of any protected characteristics. (*Unless there are reasons such as safeguarding concerns.* Any exclusions must be explained in the application).
- Political parties.
- Statutory bodies cannot be funded.

What can be funded.

All ideas will be considered, apart from the above. Below are some examples.

- One off event.
- A series of events.
- Resources to support and increase capacity of existing/ ongoing work.
- Extending the work of existing work. (If applying under this criterion, applicants must ensure that double funding does not occur. This must be explored in your application).
- Pilot/ Test and See projects.
- Direct project delivery work.
- Match-funding.

Eligibility – Who can apply.

This grant award is open to individuals, groups, and organisations across the Bradford District and Craven.

- Informal group.
- Grassroots group – unconstituted.
- Grassroots group constituted.
- CIO & CIC.

- Registered Charity.
- An unregistered voluntary and community organisation with a not-for-profit constitution.
- Unincorporated Charitable Association.
- Other Voluntary Sector organisations.
- Not-for-profit such as Social Enterprise.
- Individuals.

Reporting

All grant funding is subject to reporting, the grant funding The VCS Alliance distributes on behalf of our partners is no different. Unless otherwise stated, all recipients of grant funding are expected to submit both Progress Updates and Final Evaluations.

The only time this would change is if your project will run for less than 3 months, in this case you would only be asked to submit a final evaluation, but The VCS Alliance Grants Manager may arrange to visit your project to assess activity and offer any support needed, which you would be expected to agree to.

For one-off events we would only expect a final report/ evaluation. This would be the same for a series of one-off events.

For awards that are for the purchase of equipment the report should tell us how the money has been spent, how it is having a positive impact, built capacity in the group/ organisation etc. We would not expect a progress update.

On submitting your final report/ evaluation you will need to upload receipts for any purchases financed through the grant award one off purchases above £20 and for any capital items. There will be a facility to do this on the evaluation form.

Capital expenditures are typically one-time large purchases of fixed assets that will be used for revenue generation over a longer period. Revenue expenditures are typically referred to as ongoing operating expenses, which are short-term expenses used in running the daily business operations.

Both Progress Updates and Final Evaluations must be completed and submitted on the set dates unless you have an agreement that you can submit your reports on a different date. You must have this agreement in writing from the Grants Manager.

If reports are submitted late without prior agreement they will not be accepted, and the project will be marked down as failing to report.

- **Progress Updates** are due at the midpoint of your project delivery.
- **Final Evaluations** are due 4 weeks after the final delivery date of your project.

Consequences of late/ missing reports without permission

In all situations a late report (without prior permission) or a failure to submit may result in that group or organisation being unable to apply for grant awards in the future.

A late or missing report may result in part, or all the grant funding being returned to The VCS Alliance. This is at the discretion of The VCS Alliance

What is Participatory Grant Making

Participatory Grant Making (PGM) and Participatory Budgeting (PB) are often used interchangeably. Though there are differences in the circumstances in which they are applied the actual processes for determining the awards are shared processes. The video below talks about PB but applies to PGM also.



The participatory process is about local people having the opportunity to influence and be involved in the decision-making process and decide together how public money should be spent.

This provides an opportunity for the applicants to become engaged in a democratic process in which they decide who and what should get funded. It is a partnership between the funder, applicants and in some cases communities and residents. In practice, it means placing affected communities at the center of grant-making and a conscious effort to rebalance power.

Participatory grant-making particularly benefits affected communities, by ensuring they have a direct say in deciding how resources are used. But it benefits funders as well; this form of grant-making allows us to learn from and better align our grant-making with the needs and aspirations of local communities and constituencies. It can also help us reach new groups that would otherwise have been off our radar.

The Application Process

Stage 1.

West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership, Harnessing the Power of Communities Participatory Grant Making Awards 2023 opens for applications.

Stage 2.

Applications are audited to ensure they meet the basic expectations of who can apply, and the very limited list of things that can't be funded.

Stage 3.

Applicants that pass Stage 2 will receive an invitation to attend a participatory event (decision making day) to pitch their idea to the audience made up of other successful applicants. They will also be sent information, in the form of an Information Pack, about what will happen at the Participatory event/ Decision Making Day and what applicant organisation will do on the day.

Stage 4.

Before the Participatory event/ Decision Making Day takes place applicant organisations will be expected to attend one of the Information and Support Sessions (via ZOOM) that are scheduled in the run up to the event. **(See Appendix 1 for times, dates and login details).** These will cover PGM, the application process, and the Participatory event.

Stage 5.

Participatory event/ Decision Making Day:

Stage 5 in detail - Decision Making Day – The Participatory event process.

1. All applicants will have 3 mins to pitch their idea to all the other applicant organisations!!! This is your chance to sell your idea to your peers.
2. After a group of 5 pitches have been heard you will be asked to vote. This will be repeated until all applicants have had a chance to tell you their idea.
3. Once all applicants have pitched there will be an opportunity to amend your votes before final submission.
4. Once all the pitches have been completed and votes counted, the decisions about which applications have been funded will be announced. The applications with the most votes will be the ones funded. This will continue down the rankings until all the money has been allocated.
5. There may be a situation where some applications do not get funded as there is a limited pot of money. In this situation:

- We will run a short second process where we ask those projects funded if there is room in their budget to donate some money back to the central pot.
- This will be offered to the next project on the list.

NB

- Only applicants are permitted to vote.
- The VCS Alliance is there to oversee and administer the process so that it is fair, transparent, inclusive, and equitable.

Accessing the application form.

The application form is hosted through the Form Maker portal. You will be required to register an account with Form Maker.

1. Click on the link on The VCS Alliance website: [HPOC Participatory Budgeting Grant Making Award](#)
2. This will take you to the Form Maker registration page where you will be asked to make an account.
3. Once you have registered your account you will be sent a verification email, if it is not in your inbox please check your spam/ junk.
4. Click verify email, you will be then taken to the application HPOC Participatory Budgeting Grant Making Award application form to complete.
5. Once completed you will be given the option to either check your form or submit.
6. Once you submit you will be taken to your user dashboard, this is where you will find your completed application and other forms that are linked to your application.

This portal dashboard is where you will complete progress updates and final evaluations. Through the dashboard you can also download copies of completed forms.

If you have any problems registering with the portal please contact the Grants Manager.

Support and advice

We recognise that for many applicants this will be a new a perhaps daunting prospect. To support groups who may have questions or support needs that this information pack does not offer, we are hosting support events online. These are drop-in events via ZOOM on the following dates: **See Appendix 1 for more information.**

If you have questions that have not been addressed in this information pack, and you cannot attend an information event please get in touch using the following details:

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Appendix 1

All the important stuff in one place

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Support and advice sessions.	Monday 09 October 2023 1:00pm – 2:30pm ZOOM Meeting url: https://bit.ly/PGM-SupportSession1 Passcode: 100672 Meeting id: 883 6550 7257
	Wednesday 11 October 2023 10:30am – 12:00 noon ZOOM Meeting url: https://bit.ly/PGM-SupportSession2 Passcode: 423190 Meeting id: 835 5304 1717
	Friday 13 October 2023 2:00pm – 3:30pm ZOOM Meeting url: https://bit.ly/PGM-SupportSession3 Passcode: 002116 Meeting id: 821 9782 8496

Application Dates	
HPoC PGM Grant Making awards opens for applications	02 October 2023 12 noon
HPoC PGM Grant Making awards closes for applications	03 November 2023 5pm

Participatory Event/ Decision Making Day	29 th November 2023 10:30 – 15:30 Ganges Theatre Hall Kala Sangam Arts Centre St Peter's House 1 Forster Ct. Bradford BD1 4TY There will be a break and refreshments.
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Award amounts	£500 - £6000
How to access the Application form	https://bit.ly/PGMPortal-Login-Application

Appendix 2

Below are links to trusted data and research about the target communities/ Inclusion groups, and the wider social determinants of health. Please use them when writing your application.

Gypsy and traveller health/ Roma Health

- [Health inequalities of Gypsy, Roma & Travelling Communities](#)
- [Office for National Statistics - Health of Gypsies & Travellers England & Wales](#)

Roma Health

- [Improving Roma health: a guide for health and care professionals:](#)
- [Roma Community - Health](#)

Black women's health and pregnancy outcomes

- [House of Commons Report - Black Maternal Health](#)
- [Open Access Government - Is childbirth more dangerous for Black women in the UK?](#)

Asylum seekers and migrant population health

- [WHO - Refugee and migrant health](#)
- [BMA - Unique health challenges for refugees and asylum seekers](#)

The Homeless and health

- [Local Government Association - Health & Homelessness](#)
- [Homeless Link - Homeless Health Needs Audit](#)

NB: Homeless and health – We are taking the accepted view of homelessness:

“The term can mean different things to different people, and it is often applied inconsistently. In their annual Homelessness Monitor publication, Crisis defines "hidden" homelessness as people who may be considered homeless but whose housing situation is not "visible" on the streets or in official statistics”.

- Rough sleeping
- In temporary accommodation
- Hidden and 'core' homelessness
- Statutory homelessness

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/ending-homelessness/homelessness-knowledge-hub/types-of-homelessness/>

Learning disabilities and health:

- [Mencap.org.uk - Health Inequalities](#)
- [Office for Health Improvement & Disparities - Learning Disability Profiles](#)

TRSE - Transport Related Social Exclusion. This means being unable to access opportunities, key services, and community life as much as needed, and facing major obstacles in everyday life through the wider impacts of having to travel.

NB: Awards under this criterion cannot be used for maintenance, purchase or upkeep of vehicles, *it must be about TRSE.*

<https://transportforthenorth.com/press-release/over-3-million-people-at-risk-of-transport-related-social-exclusion/>

Additional sources of information

These are searchable tools that will help you to gather information about the wider social determinants of health.

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/wider-determinants>

https://www.who.int/health-topics/social-determinants-of-health#tab=tab_1