



COVID -19 Local Outbreak Management Plan
Winter Pressure Equality and Diversity Grants
Urgent Call for Funding Proposals

Living Options Devon (LOD) along with a specialist voluntary sector panel are seeking project proposals for the 2021 Winter Pressure Equality and Diversity Fund (WPEDF) that **supports people protected by the Equalities Act 2010** who are adversely affected by Covid.

We are asking Devon based non-profit organisations and partners to consider identified needs that have arisen as a result of the pandemic and apply for Winter Pressure Equality and Diversity Funding to address and mitigate these impacts over the Winter months. **The funding must be spent by recipients by the end of March 2022.**

Grant applications from eligible organisations are invited for between **£5,000 and £20,000**. Proposals must not provide funding for core statutory services and must be aligned to the following WPEDF criteria:

- a. Enhanced communication and marketing e.g. towards hard-to-reach groups and other localised messaging.
- b. Targeted interventions for specific sections of the local community and workplaces.
- c. Extension/introduction of specialist support (behavioural science, bespoke comms).
- d. Community-based support for those disproportionately impacted such as the BAME population.
- e. Providing support, as needed, to vulnerable people classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

Types of organisations we would like to support

Community, Voluntary Sector, Social Enterprises with Social Purpose. Only not for profit organisations are eligible.

Beneficiaries we would like to support

People protected under the Equalities Act including but not limited to:

- People with a disability;
- Deaf (British Sign Language users);
- People with mental health issues;
- People from Black and Minority Ethnic communities (BaME);
- Gypsies, Travellers and Refugees;
- People from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Questioning Community (LGBTQ+);
- Carers (including young carers);

- Older people.

Timescales

- Provision of funding from December 2021 (depending on application approval)
- Spend required by end March 2022

Proposal deadline: Rolling basis until funding is distributed. Please submit bids as soon as possible to enable funding to be spent by 31 March 2022.

Terms of Funding

Successful applicants will be required to enter into a formal grant agreement with Living Options Devon which will specify the terms and conditions of the funding, the required outputs, the timescales and reporting requirements. This will include providing regular progress reports, case studies and evidence of expenditure.

What funding can be used for:

Directly attributable costs relating to the above criteria a) to e)

What cannot be funded?

Delivery of NHS services or core statutory services.

The following are not eligible costs for WPEDF purposes. This list is not exhaustive.

- costs of democracy
- promotion of political or religious activity
- interest payments
- annual costs (e.g. licences) where the supply continues after the 31st March 2022
- redundancy costs
- non-attributable operating overheads etc
- any ongoing liabilities resulting from the project activity
- any items which you have already had EU or other public funding for
- recoverable VAT

Our Decision Process

A panel will be established to consider if applications meet the above criteria. The panel will consist of LOD, a member of DCC and other VCSE organisations.

We will also endeavour to ensure a geographical spread of projects across Devon and that priority areas of need are met.

Payment of grant funding

Payment terms will be agreed based on individual projects. As a standard this would be when the signed service level agreement has been received by LOD.

No expenditure on your project before the agreement is signed by both parties will be covered by this grant.

You won't automatically get a grant

Winter Pressure Equality and Diversity Fund (WPEDF) is limited and the panel will prioritise the applications that contribute the most to the WPEDF's criteria.

We're looking for projects that best meet the priorities for funding, and that are good value for money. If you can show this clearly in your application, you're more likely to get a grant.

Living Options Devon reserves the right not to make any awards if it is considered that the proposals are not aligned with the WPEDF criteria or they are not showing good value for money.

Funding proposal form

The funding proposal form is your opportunity to describe how your project will meet the above criteria identify the aims and anticipated impact of the project, describe how you will ensure the project is delivered and will be able to meet the delivery date of March 2022 and describe the learning and evaluation process you will apply.

Project Budget example:

Breakdown of project costs		
Eligible expenditure (cost or activity) *	Amount (£)	Date expenditure will be completed

Total funding package example:

Total Funding package		
	Amount (£)	Details/Comments*
COMF requested		
Other Public Funding		
Private Funding		
Total Project Costs		

The application can be found at:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FtPUHIBgH0mc-IrQnKCn2IBa46JMCmdJhrUUEh7saxRUM1dVMIFLUzNHOFZCRVNaUkxNUDIOTzhGNS4u>

If you would like this information in another format, please contact the WPEDF team on info@livingoptions.org.