

Funding Opportunity

As part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Essex County Council is reaching out to the local community and voluntary sector with opportunities for grant funding. There are two funds available: one-off small grants, which can be used for small organisations to offer support to their own workforce; and larger one-off grants to target key groups identified as having additional needs for wellbeing support.

Small Grants to Support the Workforce

Small grants of up to £2000 to enable small organisations within the community and voluntary sector to offer interventions to support the wellbeing of their own workforce where they are feeling the impact of COVID-19. The funding is for small organisations who may not have their own dedicated HR function and can demonstrate a need for funding to deliver targeted support, for example group coaching, counselling or other well-being resources.

To register interest, please contact kate.fabricant@essex.gov.uk by Friday 27th November 2020. Organisations expressing interest, will be provided with an application form, to be returned by Friday 11th December. Organisations will be notified as to whether or not they have been successful by Friday 18th December.

Grants for targeted well-being support

Grants of up to £20,000 to target key groups identified as having a need for additional wellbeing support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Successful bidders will demonstrate that they can support one of more of these groups through an intervention which may be delivered online or face to face. The target groups are:

- Women over 40
- Lone parents
- Care leavers
- Individuals in supported accommodation
- Unaccompanied asylum seekers
- Early intervention for victims of domestic abuse
- Parents of and children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

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