

Community Health and Wellbeing Grants Guidelines 2024

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Community Health and Wellbeing Grant scheme, here are the steps to complete the application:

1. **Please read this guidance document and the associated FAQ document carefully**
2. **Complete the application form**
3. **Send the application form to glicb.hcitem@nhs.net by Monday 11th November 2024 at 5pm.**

If you fail to complete all sections and provide all the necessary information this will delay the grant process.

You can contact the Grant Team at glicb.hcitem@nhs.net to ask any questions. Please note that we receive a high volume of emails, and this will mean we may not be able to get back to you immediately. Your email is important to us, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Community Health and Wellbeing Grants Q & A Webinars

The Grant Team will be running two online webinars via MS teams, for organisations to hear more about the scheme and ask any questions.

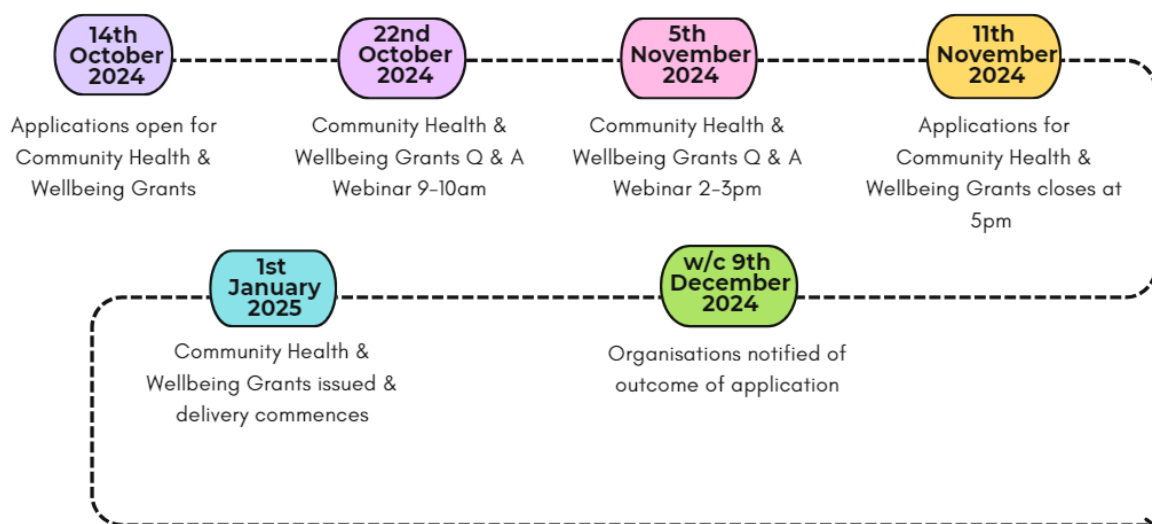
Webinar dates:

- Tuesday 22nd October 2024 9-10am
- Tuesday 5th November 2024 2-3pm

Please email glicb.hcitem@nhs.net for an MS Teams invitation for your preferred session.

These sessions will be recorded for those who are unable to attend, please get in touch via glicb.hcitem@nhs.net if you would like a copy.

The timeline for the Community Health and Wellbeing Grant Process



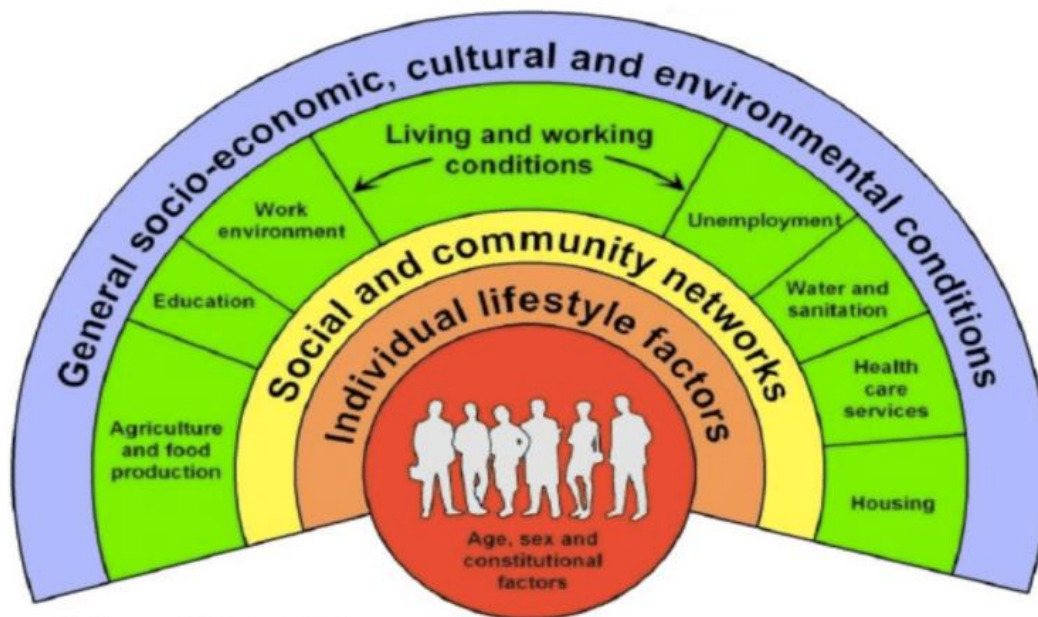
What is the Community Health and Wellbeing Grant Scheme?

The Community Health and Wellbeing Grant scheme aims to invest in Gloucestershire's communities to help local organisations and groups that help create the conditions for healthy individuals and communities. The Community Health and Wellbeing Grant scheme is a flexible, light-touch, targeted grant scheme which aims to build community capacity.

What do we mean by community capacity building?

Community capacity building is the process of helping a community develop the skills, knowledge, and resources it needs to solve its own problems and improve its quality of life. It is about empowering people to work together to create positive change in their neighbourhood, town, or city. This is linked to health creation, which is the process through which individuals and communities gain a sense of purpose, hope, mastery and control over their own lives and immediate environment; when this happens their health and wellbeing is enhanced. [Watch a short video: *An introduction to Health Creation.*](#)

Our health and wellbeing is impacted by more than access to good quality healthcare (though this is also important) and the diagram below shows these 'wider determinants of health'.



Source: Dahlgren and Whitehead, 1991

This links directly to [One Gloucestershire's Integrated Care System Strategy](#):



The key national drivers are:

- [Darzi Report](#)
- [NHS Long Term Plan](#)

Who can apply?

- Community or voluntary groups
- Registered charities
- Community interest companies
- Art, music, performance, nature-based and sports groups.
- Faith-based groups (where the application demonstrates that the funding will bring wider community benefit and the primary purpose of the activity is not religious)

Who can't apply?

- Sole traders
- Statutory organisations
- Schools and Academies
- Organisations located outside of Gloucestershire

What is the grant for?

- Organisations who can demonstrate the investment will support healthy communities and individuals through creating conditions that promote health and wellbeing (health creation) and community capacity building
- Organisations who can start the work immediately, so please demonstrate in your application how the activity can be increased or start promptly once the funding is released
- Organisations who can demonstrate they are developing community connections, social networks and building resilience

Examples of what can the grant money be used for

- Staffing costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Project/programme delivery costs
- Equipment costs
- Core funding (for example, insurance, rent, utilities)
- Transport costs (for example, taxis)
- Continued delivery of projects or increased activity to meet demand
- New work to support an identified community need but you would need to demonstrate you can start immediately.

From our current intelligence, here are some examples of themes that have been raised as current challenges across our communities impacting on people's health and wellbeing: social isolation and loneliness, transport, finance/debt/benefits, food/fuel poverty, living with a long-term condition/co-morbidities and whole-family approaches.

Please note this list is not exhaustive therefore you may apply for funding for other areas of need that you have identified.

What can't the grant money be used for?

- Capital (building and planning works)
- Consultancy costs

How will the applications be scored?

A panel of people from across our system will look at the applications against initial scoring criteria and sift out any applications:

1. That do not meet the initial criteria of creating community capacity,
2. Where no community need has been identified
3. That are unable to provide delivery immediately once the grant is awarded

If the application is successful at this stage, then scoring would be against the following categories:

- Community Capacity Building
- Health Inequalities/Evidence of need
- VCSE Sustainability
- Partnership Working
- Value for Money

Grant Conditions

- **We will support applications between £10,000- £30,000**
- You must have a bank or building society account in the name of your organisation or group
- There must be two or more signatories for the bank or building society
- You must be a not-for-profit organisation. We cannot fund sole traders or any organisation with less than two unrelated directors or signatories.
- Organisations that are funded will be required to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of their work