

Take Action, Live Longer Grant Scheme

Spotting cancer at an early stage saves lives. Diagnosing cancer early when it hasn't spread means that treatment is more likely to be successful. Therefore, we are aiming to raise awareness of the early signs and symptoms of cancer in Barnsley to improve outcomes for our residents. Between April 2022 to March 2023, approximately 1560 patients in Barnsley were diagnosed with a new cancer. There are four stages of cancer. At the later stages, patients require more aggressive treatment.

The aim of this project is to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer in addition to enabling those without symptoms to access cancer screening programmes. We will adopt an inclusive approach to reduce health inequalities across the borough and ensure equal access to services for all.

South Yorkshire Cancer Alliance has allocated £100,000 non-recurrent funding to address some of these health inequalities and support timely presentation of signs and symptoms of cancer. Working in partnership with NHS South Yorkshire ICB and BMBC, Barnsley CVS will operate a grant scheme to explore creative community-led solutions to these challenges.

Applications are invited from Barnsley CVS organisations for individual grants between £2000 and £10000 that support the objectives outlined in this document. Applicants are asked to define how their proposals will support one or more of the following key activities:

- Increased awareness and engagement to try to increase participation in the three national cancer screening programmes: Breast (for 50-71 year olds), Bowel (for 60-74 year olds) and Cervical (for 25-64 year olds).
- Increase awareness of signs and symptoms of cancer, and how to access support when displaying these symptoms.
- Increased awareness and engagement in the most deprived communities and groups who experience greatest health inequalities.
- Provide support to individuals who experience cancer symptoms, enabling them to access appropriate treatment.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Awareness raising events and campaigns;
- Developing promotional material, to raise awareness of cancer signs and symptoms and ensuring this is distributed amongst the communities listed below.
- Supporting individuals to access appropriate treatment for their cancer symptoms.
- Undertaking community events, which raise awareness of cancer signs and symptoms in venues / places which are likely to engage with people who experience cancer inequalities.
- Working with communities to directly address barriers to cancer screening programmes.

We welcome creative, community led solutions to raising awareness of cancer signs and symptoms, and enabling access to cancer screening programmes. The projects outlined above are therefore indicative only.

This provision is for the whole of the Barnsley population, but must focus on improving early diagnosis and accessing screening in a timely manner in some of the communities of greatest need, including:

- In the neighbourhood areas of Dearne, North East, and Central.
- People with Learning Disabilities. These people are significantly less likely to be screened and are far more likely to die from certain cancers like testicular cancer (1 in 10 chance) compared to general population (1 in 36 chance of death).
- People with Serious Mental Health Illness. These people are 2.1 times more likely to die from cancer than those without SMI even though incidence rates are similar.
- Inclusion health groups, including (but not limited to): migrants, ethnic minorities, people who have experienced homelessness, care-leavers, people in contact with the justice system, sex workers and gypsy and roma travellers.

You can apply for £2000 - £10,000, to be spent up to the end of September 2024 The deadline for your application is 4pm on 29 February 2024.

We are seeking creative solutions from the community and voluntary sector to tackle the challenges outlined above. All organisations that meet the eligibility criteria outlined below are welcome to apply for this funding, however, priority will be given to organisations which are:

- Supporting mental health, learning disability and wellbeing.
- Providing support to any of the health inclusion groups listed above.
- Able to demonstrate how their project will address inequalities in cancer outcomes in Barnsley.
- Working in the neighbourhood areas of Central, Dearne and North East.
- Able to meet at least one of the objectives specified above or undertake a project similar to those specified above.

Who can apply?

Not-for-profit community organisations in Barnsley (e.g. charities, community groups, clubs and some social enterprises). Priority will be given to local, grassroots organisations.

To be eligible for a grant, you must:

- Have a governing document (e.g. a constitution or memorandum of association).
- Have a board or management committee of at least three unrelated people who are volunteers.
- Have a bank account in the name of the group requiring at least two unrelated signatories.
- Identify at least one member of the team to attend a half day training session.

What can I spend the money on?

- Incentives for communities to engage in particular projects.
- All costs which are directly attributable to this project, including:
 - Developing and printing resources, paid for social media activity etc.
 - Staff salaries for the duration of the project (must be able to evidence the time of staff spent on the projects)
 - Renting venues for events.
 - Providing refreshments at community events.
 - Expenses for staff/volunteer time and travel for attending the half day training session.

What cannot be funded?

Grants cannot be awarded to fund:

- For-profit organisations, statutory organisations (e.g. schools and hospitals) or overseas organisations
- Payments to trustees or directors
- Retrospective funding (activity and costs that have already taken place or repayment of money which has already been spent)
- Core costs
- Overseas trips or expeditions
- Grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals
- Activity that promotes a particular political or religious point of view

What happens after I apply?

Decision making:

- Our panel will assess your application against the criteria.
- We may contact you to ask some additional questions
- If your application is successful, we will inform you by 31 March 2024.

Payment:

If the panel decide to award a grant, we will inform you by email and pay the grant by BACS transfer.

Reporting:

Quarterly monitoring reports will be required from successful organisations. These reports will be light touch, but must include a summary of all activity undertaken during that quarter in relation to achieving the project's aims. A report template will be provided for completion.

We might also contact you during the project to discuss your progress.

Contact us:

If you would like more information or to discuss your application, please get in touch with funding@barnsleycvs.org.uk