

# NHSPS Community Fund

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## About the NHSPS Community Fund

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The NHSPS Community Fund aims to support local charities and community groups, helping to tackle health and social inequalities. It empowers NHSPS colleagues to get involved through fundraising, volunteering, and nominating causes that matter to them, making a real impact in their communities.

### How it works:

Each funding period (initially 2 years) the NHSPS Community Fund will support 27 different organisations which represent the 27 geographic regions NHSPS operates in. Colleagues will nominate charities and community groups, which will then be shortlisted. A colleague vote will determine the final selection of successful charities and community groups.

### Our Commitment

If you are successful in becoming a part of the NHSPS Community Fund, you will be guaranteed a minimum of £500. The overall funds you will receive will depend on our level of colleague fundraising. Based on previous efforts of our colleagues, we estimate this could be up to £5,000. As well as fundraising, we aim to support all organisations with our colleague's time and skills too.

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## Is your Organisation Eligible?

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Before applying to become a part of the NHSPS Community Fund, please read through the funding criteria to check you are eligible. If there is something you are unsure about, please contact [Social.Impact@property.nhs.uk](mailto:Social.Impact@property.nhs.uk).

### Eligibility

To apply your organisation must:

- Operate as a not-for-profit organisation with charitable aims
- Delivers activities and projects that supports at least one of [the key focus areas](#).
- Have an annual income of under £2 million per annum (can be averaged over the last three financial years)

- Have a UK bank account in the organisations name, with at least two unrelated signatories
- Been operating for a minimum of 12 months
- Has a safeguarding policy in place where supporting children and vulnerable people

### Ineligibility

Organisations that:

- Are not charitable and do not operate on a not-for-profit basis
- Have an income of over £2 million per annum (can be averaged over the last three financial years)
- Are not based in, or deliver services in England
- Primarily promote political or religious viewpoints
- Primarily focus on animals with no direct human benefit (Guide dogs or similar services qualify)
- Discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion or national origin

Funds cannot be used to:

- Pay for running costs or organisation overheads (including rent or building charges)
- Fund work that has already taken place
- Purchase prizes
- Make grants, bursaries or other financial donations to other organisations or individuals
- Pay for sponsorship, advertising or promotion (which generates income)
- Pay for third party fundraising activities (eg. the cost of skydive or challenge event)
- Support projects and services that are statutory bodies or services that fall within government responsibility by law
- Projects which, in our opinion, could harm the reputation of NHS Property Services

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### Process

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Once satisfied the eligibility criteria is met, NHSPS will run the below shortlisting process to ensure the diversity of beneficiaries and themes. Each charity or community group will be graded against the same criteria. Successful charities or community groups will go through a NHSPS colleague vote to select 27 charities across the country.

### Shortlisting criteria

- **Alignment with aims of fund:** Does the organisation's project aim align with the NHSPS Community Funds focus areas and outcomes?
- **Impact:** Does the organisation demonstrate measurable and meaningful results?

- **Volunteering:** Does the organisation offer volunteering opportunities/other ways of working together
- **Sustainability:** Does the charity have a long-term plan for lasting impact?
- **Deprivation:** Level of deprivation in the area they operate

All applications will also be compared against each other to ensure we are representing all focus areas and supporting diverse and a varied group of people. This ensures we are meeting the aims of the NHSPS Community Fund. Both the scores and this will be taken into consideration when deciding the final shortlist.

### Timeline

- February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 16<sup>th</sup>: Colleagues can nominate charities and community groups
- February 17<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>: Nominated organisations complete application form
- 20<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March: Shortlisting process
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April: Colleagues vote for their favourite successful organisation in each region
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April: Organisations who receive the most votes are selected and onboarded onto Crowdfunder

### If you are successful

NHSPS will be in touch with you to confirm you are successful. By accepting to be a part of the NHSPS Community Fund you agree to:

- Supply appropriate registration and financial documents, bank details and personal details of trustees/directors.
- Use funds for the purposes set out in the application. If circumstances change and the organisation wish to use funds for a different purpose, they must contact [Social.Impact@property.nhs.uk](mailto:Social.Impact@property.nhs.uk).
- Track, report and provide feedback on outputs and outcomes of the project
- Communicate and work with the NHSPS Social Impact team to enable us to publicise the work we are doing together (where appropriate) and inspire colleagues to support the fund and your organisation.

If you are unsuccessful, you can still consider applying when we next open up the applications for NHSPS community Fund. Meanwhile, we still would like explore ways we can support through our colleague's time and skills.

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## Focus Areas

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Because we want to overcome social and health inequalities in our communities, all organisations must demonstrate they support at least one the stated focus areas.

Focus Area	Description	Intended Outcomes	Example
Health and wellbeing	Improving access to quality healthcare and supporting mental and physical well-being for people and communities. This includes preventive care as well as direct, targeted support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving physical, mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>Preventing poor physical, mental health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	A local Age UK group who run weekly social events for local residents. This helps the beneficiary's that struggle with loneliness and isolation. Overcoming these boosts their health and wellbeing
Economic Empowerment & Poverty Alleviation	Addressing income inequality and economic insecurity by breaking down barriers to upward social mobility and break the cycle of poverty. This includes supporting access to food, affordable housing, community development, quality education and employment opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased access to food, affordable housing, community development, education and employment</li> <li>Developing life and employment skills</li> </ul>	A refugee support group providing beneficiaries with support to apply for support available to them and improve English skills. This could provide them with better access to housing, employment and community services
Safe and Healthy Environments	Ensuring all communities had access to a clean, safe environment and resources necessary for a healthy life. This includes clean water, air and sanitation,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making spaces safe and inclusive</li> <li>Creating cleaner and greener environments</li> </ul>	A women's shelter providing housing and support to women and children escaping domestic abuse. This can provide safe housing and support for them to rebuild their lives

	access to resources to support needs and well-being, creating psychological safe spaces and an environment that supports long term health of the planet.		in a physically and psychologically safe place
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All final decisions will be made by the NHSPS Social Impact Team.