

These guidelines have been designed to support your application to the Provide Foundation, please ensure you read them carefully before you start your application.

### History of the Fund

Provide is an Essex based social enterprise owned by its staff members and provides a broad range of community health services in the County. Provide has established the **Provide Foundation**, managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF) to recognise and support the many voluntary and community organisations whose work complements their own.

### Aim of Fund

To improve and increase access to community health projects and services by supporting voluntary and community organisations working in Essex, Southend and Thurrock.

### Your application must demonstrate how your project or activity meets one of the following:

- ✦ To help keep people out of hospital
- ✦ To help people leave hospital more quickly
- ✦ To help people stay healthy in their community
- ✦ To improve health and wellbeing in the community
- ✦ To maximise use of technology which will improve the way your service users access your services

### When do we submit our application?

Your completed application, together with supporting documentation, should be submitted to ECF by close of business on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest.

### How much can we apply for?

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available for one year and you should demonstrate, in your application, how your work will meet the criteria outlined in these guidelines and provide at least two clear measurable outcomes.

### Who can apply?

- ✦ Voluntary and community organisations, registered charities and social enterprises.
- ✦ Your organisation or project must benefit local people in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock).

### What can't be funded?

- ✦ Projects or activities that have not demonstrated a clear link to health and social care.
- ✦ Projects or activities that have not stated clear outcomes.

### How to apply

Please use ECF's application form (**over £1,000**), which is available on our website: <http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/>

### How are grant decisions made and when?

ECF will assess all grant applications and present these to the Provide Judging Panel for decisions in February 2019.

## What are outcomes?

Outcomes are the changes that occur as a direct result of your work. For example, 'our project will improve the physical health of people with long-term health issues by increasing opportunities to engage in exercise, sport and social activities'. Further examples could include:

We will **raise** awareness of drug and alcohol misuse in teenagers through training workshops.

We will **increase** numbers of carers receiving respite care by improving access to day care facilities.

## Examples of Grants

- ✦ Headway Essex received a grant of £5,000 towards the costs of a support worker in South Essex that will support people who have acquired and traumatic brain injuries, and their families.
- ✦ St John Ambulance received £4,000 towards the purchase of Ipads for the Essex Youth Team to continue to teach first aid and leadership skills to young people.
- ✦ Helping Hands Essex received £5,000 to support the aftercare programme of a Chelmsford based charity supporting those with alcohol addictions.

## Contact ECF Grants Team

We would encourage you to contact the ECF Grants Team on 01245 356018 [grants@essexcf.org.uk](mailto:grants@essexcf.org.uk) if you have any questions or wish to discuss your funding request once you have read through the guidelines.

You can contact ECF at any time however, you may wish to call during a phone-in funding surgery for this programme on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 between 10am to 12 noon.