

## Provide Foundation - Application Guidelines

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**These guidelines have been designed to support your application to the Provide Foundation, please ensure you also read our Grant Application Guidelines before you start your application, available on our website.**

Provide is a not-for-profit organisation owned by their staff members and provides a broad range of community health services across Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon.

Provide has established the Provide **Foundation**, managed by ECF to recognise and support the many voluntary and community organisations whose work complements their own. Through this fund Provide want to encourage organisations working in health to apply for a grant. This is a good opportunity to secure funds for your work, if you are interested in applying then please read these guidance notes and complete ECF's **general application form**. Please contact the ECF Grants Team on 01245 356018 if you have any questions

### When do I submit my application?

Applications should be submitted to ECF by **Friday 12 September**. Decisions will be available after the Provide AGM in October 2014.

### Aim of Fund

To improve and increase access to community health services by supporting voluntary and community organisations working in Braintree, Chelmsford and/or Maldon.

### Who can apply?

- Voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, social enterprises and not for profit organisations. Parish Councils and schools will be considered as long as the activity is not a statutory obligation.
- Your organisation or project must benefit local people in Braintree, Chelmsford and/or Maldon
- The funded activity must demonstrate a clear link to health care.

### What can't be funded?

- Projects or activities that are not for the benefit of local people in Braintree, Chelmsford and/or Maldon.
- Projects or activities that solely focus on mental health issues.
- 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 much can we apply for?

- You can apply for a grant up to £5,000.
- In addition **one** larger grant of up to £20,000 will be awarded each year to an exceptional project (See below).
- Grants will be awarded for up to one year.

## How to apply

Please use ECF's **general application form** your application must demonstrate:

- At least two clear outcomes that you are expecting from your project and when you expect these outcomes to happen.
- How these outcomes will improve health care locally.
- How your project benefits local people in Braintree, Chelmsford and/or Maldon.

## 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 **reduce** isolation of elderly clients by increasing the hours of our drop-in centre.

We **raised** awareness of drug and alcohol abuse in teenagers through training workshops.

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

**Your application must identify examples of the outcomes you expect your work to achieve and when you expect them to happen.**

## General Grants

Grants of up to £5,000 are available from the Provide Foundation and you should demonstrate, in your application, how

your work will meet the criteria outlined in these guidelines.

## Exceptional Award

The Provide Foundation will award one grant of up to £20,000 each year for an exceptional project or piece of work that clearly demonstrates how it will reduce the pressure on health services and complements the work of Provide. For example:

- A falls prevention service that reduces the number of hospital admissions.
- It could be that your organisation has piloted a different way of working and you would now like to roll this out.

## Vital Signs

In 2013 ECF published its first Vital Signs. An annual initiative, Vital Signs brings together existing data and most importantly comments and perspective from people in local communities to provide an annual check-up of life in Essex under 12 common social issues.

Your organisation should be able to demonstrate how your work or activities address local issues and you may wish to visit the Impact pages on ECF's website for further information about Vital Signs.

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