

These guidelines have been designed to support your application to the Provide Foundation, **please ensure you read them carefully before you start your application.** We would encourage you to contact the ECF Grants Team on 01245 356018 grants@essexcf.org.uk if you have any questions or wish to discuss your funding request once you have read through the guidelines.

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 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

When do I submit my application?

Your completed application should be submitted to ECF by close of business on **Friday 20th October** 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.

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 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 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/>

You must provide at least two clear measurable outcomes that you are expecting from your project (*include these in your answer in Question 2.12*).

How are grant decisions made and when?

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

For further help and guidance, please contact ECF on 01245 356018 or grants@essexcf.org.uk.

Additional information:

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.