



Tackling Loneliness Fund

(Closing Date 21 September 2017)

Criteria

Grants of up to £2,500 will be made available to support the work of charities, voluntary and community groups who are addressing loneliness in the districts of Colchester and Tendring.

These groups may be providing services and support or advice to young people, people with mental health issues, older people or those with disabilities. National organisations which have a local office with their own constitution and relevant documents can apply if they deliver within the local community and trading area of the East of England Co-op.

What sort of work does the fund support?

The aim of the fund is to support projects that address one or more of the following themes:

- Improving health and well-being - Reducing isolation, providing hot meals and refreshments and helping isolated people to engage with others through sports, arts, recreation, social clubs and volunteering.
- Improving access to facilities, advice and training - Providing transport, supporting Good Neighbour Schemes, befriending schemes and improving access to information (including via technology for older people).
- Overcoming problems - Helping people who are experiencing difficult circumstances due to an illness, injury, disability, bereavement or financial difficulty.

Funding should be for project costs. These can be existing services, if they can show additionality and an element that can be identified as being funded by East of England Co-operative. For advice, please contact a member of our Grants Team.

Funding proposals will need to demonstrate:

- Evidence of a co-operative* approach to the project, particularly in its implementation
- Solutions to tackling loneliness that support our differentiating community engagement work
- Significant reach – benefitting as many people as possible
- Intergenerational solutions are encouraged

*Open to all without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination and illustrating concern for the community. Demonstrating social responsibility and self-help.

As part of the initial research in establishing this fund the following interventions were identified, and are offered as examples of projects that would be considered if they met the above criteria: -

1. Community Transport
2. Befriending Schemes
3. Counselling & Mentoring
4. Intergenerational Projects
5. Volunteering
6. Community Engagement

Please read our application [here](#) to check your eligibility prior to applying to this Fund.