

SEFTON IN MIND GRANT CRITERIA FOR 2022-23

This Sefton In Mind grant aims to support groups and organisations to deliver targeted activities that have a positive impact on adult mental health and wellbeing.

We are looking to fund activities to improve the mental health and wellbeing of adults in Sefton. Our priority is to improve the mental health and wellbeing of working age adults, particularly men. We understand that poor mental health can impact on the wider family and will accept applications that take a think family approach, including men, women, children and families. Projects that have been coproduced with people of lived experience would also be welcomed.

Criteria

1. The organisations eligible to apply for this grant are community groups, residents' groups, voluntary organisations, faith-based groups, and social enterprises working in, or providing services to the residents of Sefton.
2. The maximum grant available to organisations is £7,000.
3. Organisations involved in the project for which the grant will be used must all:
 - Be a constituted body and have a bank account with a minimum of two signatories
 - Follow an open access policy
 - Be non-political
4. Applications for funding must demonstrate they:
 - a) Have completed the necessary risk assessments required to meet the Covid Secure guidelines provided by the Government at the time of delivery.

AND

- b) Support the aim to reduce health and social inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of people and families in our most deprived communities and delivering the strategic goals of:
 - Address inequality by improving the health of the poorest fastest.
 - Increase resilience at individual, household and community levels.
 - Contribute to supporting people to stay well and live independently for longer, without reliance on additional support such as social care and the NHS.
 - Being innovative or creative to address a specific problem or need.
 - Working in partnership with others to avoid duplication and maximise impact.

AND

- a. Helping to contribute towards the Sefton Borough Council 2030 Vision, along the following themes:
 - Resilient people and places
 - Growing, living and ageing well
 - A great place to live, work and play
 - Community activities, sociability and wellbeing
 - Accessibility and links between services and the community
5. Activities funded should have clear and specific outcomes to be achieved within a defined period of time. This may be reviewed due to Covid-19 government guidance being updated regularly.
6. Delivery of funded projects should not be dependent on groups securing further additional funding.
7. Sefton In Mind Grants cannot fund political activities, religious activities, or the promotion of personal objectives.
8. Groups are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that their activities can be made available for as broad a range of people as possible and that positive measures are put in place to remove any barriers to access.
9. All organisations must have safeguarding policies in place as well as being Covid-19 Secure.
10. Organisations awarded a grant must have the appropriate public liability and employer's liability insurance for the activities that they provide if necessary.
11. All grant recipients will be required to publicise the support of Sefton In Mind on publicity material including using the Sefton In Mind logo.
12. Applications must be submitted on the Sefton In Mind 2022 application form. If the application form is not fully completed then the application will not be considered.
13. Funding will not be awarded for activities that have already taken place.
14. Organisations and individuals receiving funding will be required to take part in the monitoring and evaluation process and provide feedback when requested. Projects should be able to report on outcomes within 12 months of receiving the grant.
15. Grant recipients are expected to attend Sefton In Mind Forum Meetings and undertake MECC training if they have not already done so.

Further Information for Applicants

1. The deadline for Sefton In Mind applications to be received by is 11.59pm Wednesday 4th May 2022.

2. The Sefton In Mind Grant is a limited fund and not all applications meeting the criteria will be able to be supported.
3. We particularly welcome applications which support activities that take place in community and faith-based settings.
4. We recognise the venue in which a project is based can sometimes be owned or managed by another organisation subject to additional safety requirements. In this instance, we encourage groups to state this in their application.
5. Grant funds awarded will need to have been spent before March 2023 with any remaining funds being repaid 4 weeks after this date.
6. The decision to award a Sefton In Mind Grant rests with the Grant Panel. All decisions are final and there is no appeal process.
7. All successful applications will be notified within four weeks of the application deadline date.