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# Investing in Community Health Fund

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## Frequently asked questions

- What is the purpose of this funding?  
The funding aims to strengthen the capacity of Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations to support health and social care priorities, aligned with Integrated Neighbourhood working.
- Who is eligible to apply for the funding?  
VCSE organisations currently providing services in the defined Integrated Neighbourhoods, focusing on the agreed priorities.
- How much funding is available?  
A total of £650k is available for VCSE partners, divided equally into 13 lots of £50k per Integrated Neighbourhood.
- What are the strategic priorities for the funding?  
The priorities are:
  1. Improving healthy lifestyles.
  2. Reducing frailty and social isolation.
  3. Reducing obesity and educating communities about healthy eating.
- How can organisations apply for the funding?  
Applications will be submitted via Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) using a provided template. The submission period is 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.
- What information must be included in the application?  
Applications must describe the proposal, requested funding, alignment with priorities, sustainability post-funding, partnership work, and plans to address health inequalities ensuring that the associated PCN benefit.
- Can organisations bid for multiple lots?  
Yes, organisations can bid for one or more of the 13 lots, provided they meet the criteria for each. If all the Neighbourhoods in a Locality agree then a bid for the entire Locality pot can be applied for too.



- Can organisations that previously received funding from other sources apply?  
Yes, provided their proposals enhance existing projects or services or increase local capacity, rather than duplicating efforts.
- How is the funding allocated across neighborhoods?  
Funding is divided equally into 13 lots of £50k, without weighting based on deprivation or population, to ensure equitable opportunities.
- Who will decide the funding awards?  
A scoring panel comprising representatives from the Integrated Neighbourhood (Program Manager and Clinical Director) for each locality will evaluate and award funding alongside a CCF nominated panel.
- When will successful applicants be notified?  
Notifications are expected in July 2025.
- How long can funded projects run?  
Projects may run for up to two years at the discretion of bidders.
- What are the reporting requirements for successful applicants?  
Quarterly progress reports based on agreed matrices and a final report outlining achievements towards the three key priorities are required.
- How will the impact of the funding be evaluated?  
Evaluation will focus on progress toward health and community priorities, with insights shared with the North Care Partnership.
- What happens if a project does not meet its goals?  
Specific actions will depend on the terms outlined during the agreement phase; monitoring processes will provide early insights into challenges.
- Why isn't funding weighted by deprivation or population?  
Weighting by these factors was considered but deemed to create inequities in funding opportunities across neighbourhoods.