

Frequently Asked Questions - Cancer focused Community Outreach Work

Q: What is the purpose of the Cancer focused Community Outreach Fund?

A: The Cancer focused Community Outreach aims to support voluntary and community organisations in Cornwall to implement innovative engagement activities that increase awareness of signs and symptoms in our targeted cancer sights and increase the education and uptake of cancer screening. The funding is intended to address health inequalities in these communities and encourage innovative and targeted approaches to meet the need of our communities in Cornwall.

Q: What are the grant amounts available?

These bid submission forms are split into two funding streams:

A: Under £10,000

B: Over £10,000

Q: What is lowest/highest amount I can bid for ?

We understand that the scale of projects will vary so we are happy to accept bids from £1,000 up to £19,000.

Q: Who can apply for the funding?

A: The VSF organisations from Cornwall that work with the following groups can apply for the funding:

- Gypsy Roma and Traveller communities.
- People who are experiencing homelessness.
- People with a Learning Disability, Neurodiversity, or Severe Mental Illness (SMI).
- Immunosuppressed and clinically at-risk individuals.
- Unpaid carers.
- Faith and belief groups.
- The LGBTQ+ community.
- Ethnically diverse communities
- Sex workers
- People with physical, sensory, and hidden disabilities

- Experiencing drug/alcohol dependence.
- Vulnerable Migrants and Refugees.
- People who are harder to reach in rural and coastal communities.

Q: How long does it take for decisions to be made?

A: Decisions are made within 14 working days.

Q: When can the activities under this fund start?

A: Activities under the grant must commence as soon as possible following the grant agreement.

Q: How can I apply for funding?

A: To apply for funding, please complete the online application form.

Q: What are the aims of the grant funding?

A: The aims of the grant funding are to:

Cancer Signs and Symptoms Awareness:

Increase awareness in communities of signs and symptoms for the following cancer sites:

- Lung
- Skin
- Cervical
- Bowel

Engage with specific groups and communities to reduce barriers so that people attend General Practice when they are presenting known cancer signs/symptoms.

Cancer Screening Attendance:

Improve cancer screening knowledge, coverage among specific Cornwall communities through activities such as screening workshops, outreach events.

Q: Can communities apply for more than one grant?

A: Yes, communities can apply for multiple grants, but they will be considered on their own merit. Please note that funding is limited and will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q: What is the deadline/end date for funding application?

The end date for all bids is 28 February 2025.

Q: What is the duration of the program?

A: The program is running until the end of March 2025.

As part of the bid submission - you will be asked to provide a cost breakdown for your project. The costs you provide will need to be directly linked to providing your initiative. Below are some examples of what costs we would/wouldn't fund as part of this programme.

Q: What costs we do fund

Example costs might include:

- Cost of awareness or drop in events,
- Cost of awareness training,
- Communication support materials,
- Cost of project related equipment e.g., stationery, printing
- Employee time related to the project.
- Travel expenses

Q: What costs we do not fund

We cannot fund:

- Capital cost/ cost of running your organisation e.g., rent, payroll, inventory cost or salaries.
- alcohol
- loans or interest payments
- religious activities not related to the project proposal.
- profit-making or fundraising activities
- VAT you can reclaim
- statutory activities
- items or activities for individual benefit
- costs that were already paid for before you were awarded funding by us.

For any further questions, queries, or assistance with the Cancer focused Community Outreach application, please contact Domonique Curaba.