

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND
"Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live"
WARD PROPOSAL FORM

WARD ...Aston

INNOVATION

TITLE ...29 plus Health and
 works.....

Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below.

(Tick all those that apply)

City Core Priorities

- **Children - a Great** ☐
City to Grow Up In
- **Jobs & Skills** a great ☒
City to succeed in
- **Housing** a great ☒
City to live in
- **Health** a great City ☒
to lead a healthy & active life

LIF Priorities

- **Citizens' Independence &** ☒
Well Being
- **New approaches to investment** ☐
- **Active citizens & communities** ☒
stepping up
- **Clean streets** ☐
- Improving local centres** ☐

What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?

GHC is an innovative organisation that puts the needs of the clients at the centre of everything we do. A key part of our work is supporting people who need help in gaining employment and linking in any healthcare needs that they may have. This project will specifically target people who are 29 years old and upwards as currently this is a neglected group. Too often the healthcare needs of individuals are ignored and yet this can have the biggest impact on an individuals ability to enter training or gain employment. With this project we aim to deal with both issues. We will actively recruit people within the ward who need help to gain employment. A full comprehensive and holistic assessment will then take place that will assess their healthcare and social needs. Once this assessment has taken place if they need support with any health issues they will be referred to the relevant professionals. Once these have been addressed we will then look to place them in training or work. The employment support we will provide will be CV writing, application skills, interview skills, job search and transferable skills. We will look to engage with local partners including health centres, GP surgeries, social services, the local police and any local community groups. A key to this project will be the links to local community groups that we will look to strengthen. We will empower the community groups to take an active role in supporting any health issues people may face especially when specific issues are highlighted. For example in the Asian community, men are 50% more likely to have coronary issues so we will work with local groups to introduce and present solutions at a community level.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

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How will the innovation be implemented? We currently have access to an innovative triage system that we can use to assess an individuals needs. We will recruit local volunteers and train them on how to use the system. Once they are able to use it supported by the relevant health professionals they will then assess any referrals as well as taking it into the communities they live within. The triage system looks at an individuals health , lifestyle and future needs and then prioritises what support an individual may need now so that they can move on in their lives. The volunteers involved in the project delivery will be supported by the relevant professionals and learn about their own health and how they can improve but be in a position to support people within their own communities to lead better lives.

The triage system is an innovative IT based system that has been developed with input from health professionals and uses innovative questioning and assessment to identify an individuals needs. It is easy to use but an extremely powerful tool.

Once any health issues are dealt with individuals will gain access to our employment mentors if required to then support them back into training or employment. The mentors will know that the individuals are now closer to the workplace and ready to move on in their lives, therefore individuals are more likely to meet the outcomes they want and ensuring that they become more proactive when wishing to move on with their lives.

We will also liaise with the local jobcentre in Perry Barr to ensure that the project reaches as many people as possible.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve? What will success look like and how will its impact be measured? How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

This project will provide a number of key outcomes. The main outcome though will be a healthier community that is more aware of any health issues they may face. The aim of the project is also to put health at the top of the agenda when considering an individuals ability to work. It is hoped that the project will also support individuals to support each other therefore creating an environment of mutual support. This will bring health issues to the fore and enabling individuals to face them in some cases as a group rather than feeling that they are on their own.

It is hoped that local GPS will notice a difference in the number of people attending their surgeries with preventable illnesses/issues as these are being dealt with in alternative ways. Alongside that it is expected that unemployment in the areas will drop and people will become more economically active.

We will aim to get 1 person a month back into employment as well as provide 6 volunteering opportunities.

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

We will look to use the grant to support further grant applications.

What resources will be required?

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| - Capital | 1,500 |
| - Running costs | 6,500 |
| - People power volunteers | 1,500 |

Amount required from LIF £...9,500.....

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? The triage system has cost £50,000 to develop and we will provide free licences and access to the staff and volunteers to use it.

Contact person for proposal

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Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name MUHAMMAD KIZAL Signature [Signature] Date

Name DAGINA LAUSER Signature [Signature] Date 13-11-17

Name ZIAUL ISLAM Signature [Signature] Date 09.11.2017

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Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

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