

Spring Engagement Grants 2025

Empowering community leaders to shape health and care

Information session
27 February 2025

Agenda for the session

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	What's new this year?	Charlotte
	What are we looking to fund?	Charlotte
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Housekeeping

- **Introductions:** Please share your name and organisation in the chat—we'd love to know who's here.
- **Mic etiquette:** Please stay on mute unless you'd like to ask a question.
- **Questions:** There will be time for questions at the end, but feel free to drop questions in the chat as we go, and we'll pick them up.
- **Recording:** This session is being recorded. If you'd prefer not to be included, please keep your camera off.
- **Respectful space:** Please be mindful and respectful of different opinions and experiences.

Let's get started!

Spring Engagement Grants Fund

We want to hear what local residents think and feel about their health and services. NHS South West London is offering grants to help bring people together, spark meaningful conversations, and ensure local voices are heard.

We are looking for community leaders of voluntary organisations in south west London who know what the health and care needs are in their community and what matters most to the people they support.

What's involved?

- Host an activity and have conversations about health and care topics – ask people key questions and write down what people say for each
- Use your knowledge and skills to share what you have heard with us
- Join a short NHS training session – covering how to record feedback and insight from your community.
- Share what you heard – take part in a conversation after your activity with a local project lead and complete a feedback form. This form will be shared in advance, so you'll know what information you'll need to complete it.
- Join a listening event with NHS leaders – date to be confirmed soon!



The screenshot shows the NHS South West London website. The header includes the NHS logo, the text 'South West London', and navigation links for 'Find NHS services', 'News', 'Events', 'Publications', 'Working for us', and 'Contact us'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'About us', 'What we do', 'Our places', and 'Get involved'. The main content area features a blue banner with the text 'Spring Grant Fund 2025 – Empowering community leaders to shape health and care'. Below the banner is a photograph of a group of people sitting around a table, engaged in a discussion. Underneath the photo is a list of three bullet points:

- Are you a community leader of a voluntary organisation in south west London?
- Do you know what matters most to the people you support? Do you have knowledge about the health and care needs of the communities you work with?
- Can you run an engaging activity and share what you have heard to shape the future of health and care?

What's new for this programme?

Grants on offer

- We would like to understand the views of people and communities on a few different topics.
- This means we are offering 2 different funds.

Fund 1: Healthy communities fund

Fund 2: Digital and health fund

Sharing community feedback

- The grant is designed to help you run activities that spark meaningful conversations with local people.
- It is up to you to decide how and when you collect feedback, the specific questions we'd like you to ask will be provided to you.
- You could capture feedback during your event or in the lead up to your activity – you'll just need to be able to write this down and share the details with us.

Your role as a community leader

- We are funding you as a community leader to help us understand the experiences and views of the people you reach and support.
- Engage in conversations in a way that works best for you and your community.



What we are looking to fund

The grants are open to community and voluntary organisations in south west London.

This fund is flexible, and its focus is to hear from our most disadvantaged and marginalised communities.

Fund 1: Healthy communities fund

Understand what helps people in south west London to stay healthy and what stops people from seeking support and preventing illness.

We'd like to hear from:

- People from our most deprived areas – see application form for more details
- People who experience issues or barriers in accessing health and care.
- People who have lived experience of mental health services or support
- Groups supporting social connection, such as outdoor activities and events
- People from our health inclusion groups – including migrants and refugees, people experiencing homelessness, people facing social exclusion

Fund 2: Digital and health fund

Understand how technology can improve access to care and what digital barriers do people face.

We'd like to hear from:

- People who face barriers using technology
- People from our most deprived areas – see application form for more details
- People from our health inclusion groups – including migrants and refugees, people who are homeless, people facing social exclusion.

How will you be assessed?

You can apply for more than one grant, but applications will be assessed based on:

- **Reach and inclusion:**

- We ask that you include how effectively you can engage and connect to the communities we'd like to hear from.

- **Engagement approach**

- We ask that you outline how you plan to have conversations and listen to the feedback and experiences of your communities, based on the questions we ask.

- **Commitment to training and feedback**

- We ask that you attend a training session to help you gather and report feedback effectively.
- After your activity, some organisations will be invited to participate in a follow-up conversation with your local CVS project lead.

When completing your application form, please be as specific and detailed as possible. Our funding decisions will be based on this information.

For further guidance and support with your application, please reach out to your project lead from your borough CVS organisation.



Reach and inclusion

We ask that you:

- Provide details about your organisation, including
 - the borough(s) you work in,
 - the communities you engage with, and
 - the services or support you offer.
- Outline the areas where attendees typically come from (e.g., New Addington).
- Specify the expected number of people you plan to engage and provide an overview of their key demographics.

Engagement Approach

We ask that you:

- Describe the communities you aim to reach with the funding and the methods you'll use to engage them (e.g., one-to-one conversations).
- Provide a detailed budget breakdown, including costs for printing, materials, and any other necessary expenses.
- Confirm whether you have safeguarding policies, DBS checks (if relevant), and insurance in place.

Training and feeding back

We ask:

- that you include how you will engage with the key community groups such as a focus group or one-to-one conversations.

This fund focuses on gathering feedback.

- There will be a small number of questions we'd like you to capture feedback on.
- We will share a template so that you can record what you've heard in a consistent way – please factor this time. Reports will be due by mid June.
- You may be invited to participate in a 45-minute telephone conversation with your CVS project lead. This will be to get a deeper understanding of what you've heard during your activities.
- Successful groups will also be invited to a listening event with the NHS (date to be confirmed).

When can activities start & finish

What's the expected timeline for using the funding?

Applications close on 12 March. They will be reviewed by a panel, including the CVS project lead, NHS engagement lead, and possibly another team member. Once confirmed, your CVS project lead will contact you with the outcome and next steps. If successful, they'll let you know what's needed to process payment.

Depending on the number of applications, we'd expect activities to start early April. All events must be completed by end of May and feedback forms should be sent to your CVS project lead by mid June 2025. Please factor this timeline in, when making your application.

Are there any reporting deadlines beyond the final report?

The main reporting deadline is **mid June**, when final feedback should be submitted. Your CVS Project Lead may check in with you before then to see how your engagement is going, but there are no formal interim feedback forms required.

All dates will be confirmed with successful groups as soon as possible.

If I'm invited to a telephone conversation, what will this involve?

The telephone conversation will be an informal one-to-one chat with your CVS project lead. They may ask you for some more details about the information you have put your feedback form or what else you might have heard from your local community. This can be arranged at a time that suits you both.

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How to apply

Visit your local CVS website for more information on the grants and to find the link to the application form.

[Croydon Voluntary Action](#)

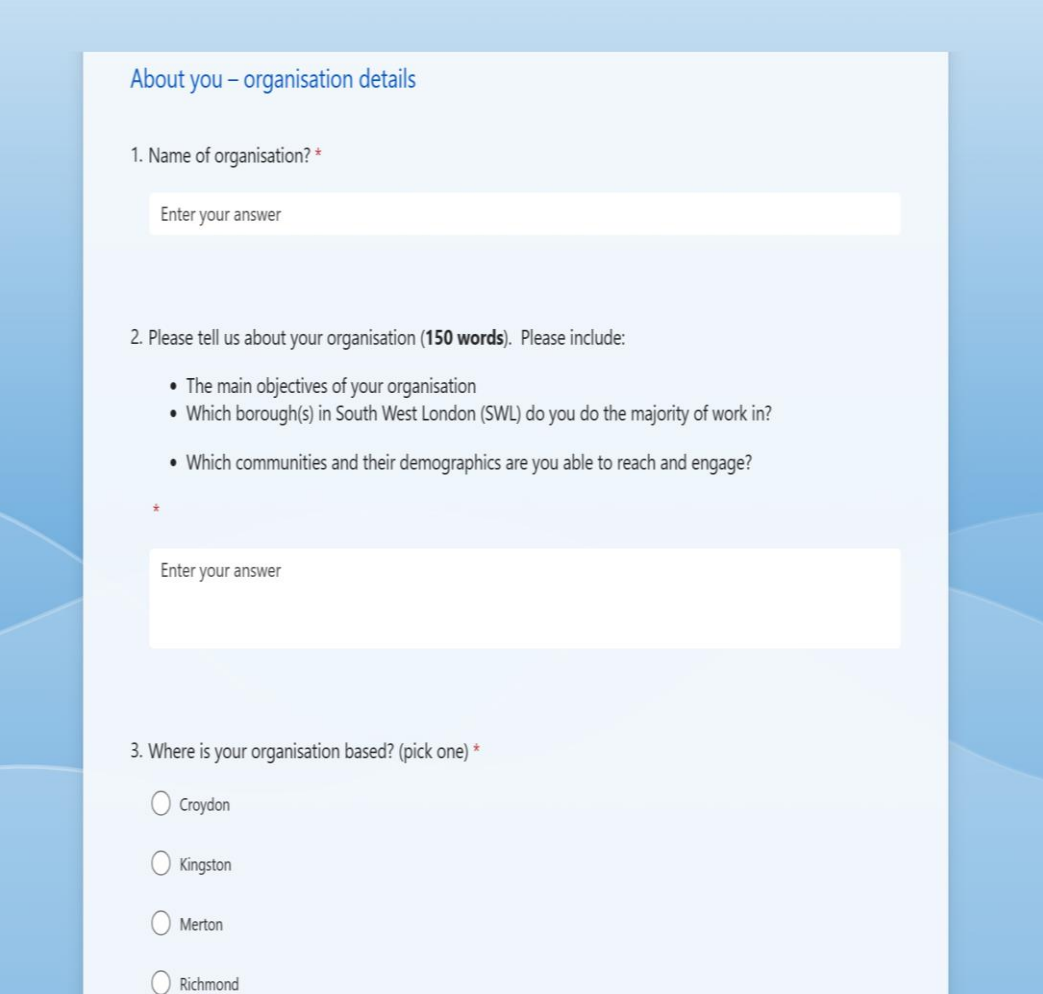
[Kingston Voluntary Action](#)

[Merton Connected](#)

[Richmond CVS](#)

[Community Action Sutton](#)

[Wandsworth Care Alliance](#)



The screenshot shows a web form titled "About you - organisation details". It contains three main sections:

- 1. Name of organisation? ***
A text input field with the placeholder "Enter your answer".
- 2. Please tell us about your organisation (150 words). Please include:**
 - The main objectives of your organisation
 - Which borough(s) in South West London (SWL) do you do the majority of work in?
 - Which communities and their demographics are you able to reach and engage?A red asterisk is positioned below the list. Below the list is a text input field with the placeholder "Enter your answer".
- 3. Where is your organisation based? (pick one) ***
 - Croydon
 - Kingston
 - Merton
 - Richmond

Questions

