Community Fund – Outcomes tender
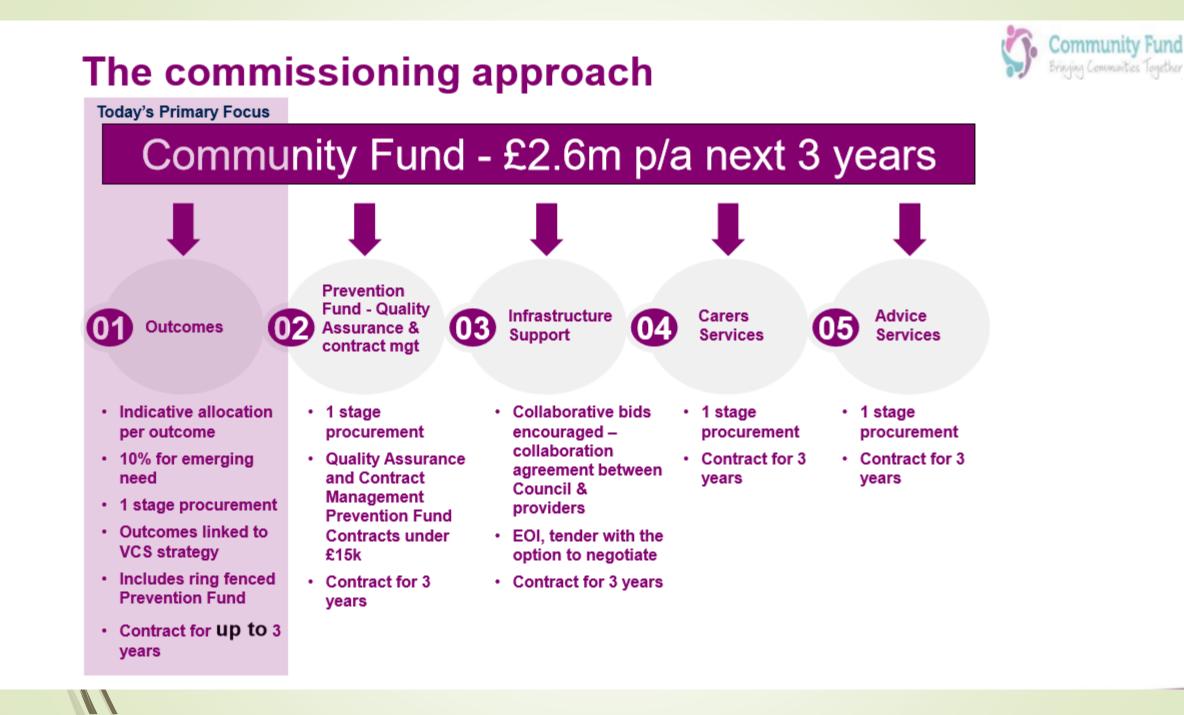
Outcomes, funds allocated to each outcome, eligibility, policies,documents needed, application form

The commissioning approach

Community Fund
Bringing Communities Together

Today's Primary Focus

Community Fund - £2.6m p/a next 3 years

01 Outcomes

- Indicative allocation per outcome
- 10% for emerging need
- 1 stage procurement
- Outcomes linked to VCS strategy
- Includes ring fenced Prevention Fund
- Contract for **up to** 3 years

02 Prevention Fund - Quality Assurance & contract mgt

- 1 stage procurement
- Quality Assurance and Contract Management Prevention Fund Contracts under £15k
- Contract for 3 years

03 Infrastructure Support

- Collaborative bids encouraged – collaboration agreement between Council & providers
- EOI, tender with the option to negotiate
- Contract for 3 years

04 Carers Services

- 1 stage procurement
- Contract for 3 years

05 Advice Services

- 1 stage procurement
- Contract for 3 years

Outcomes Programme

For bids over £15,000 per year over 3 years.

Deadline 12.00 noon 1/10/2019.

Following the launch of the 2018-2023 VCS strategy, the Community Fund Commissioning Programme will be centred on the following **5 priority outcomes**:

1. People live long, healthy, happy and independent lives

2. Our children and young people thrive and reach their full potential

3. Access to homes and prevention of homelessness

4. Everyone feels safer in their street, neighbourhood and home.

5. Everybody has the opportunity to work and build their career

Overview of current approach & proposed funding principles

Outcome Area	Outcome Programme Allocation [£]		Total [£]
	Core Outcome Program Funding		
Outcome 1 *People Live Long Healthy, Happy & Independent Lives*	Core Funding 300,000 Prevention Fund 519,500		819,500
Outcome 2 *Our Children & Young people Thrive and reach their Full Potential*	300,000		300,000
Outcome 3 *Access to homes & prevention of Homelessness*	40,000		40,000
Outcome 4 *Everybody Feels safe in their Street, Neighbourhood & Home*	175,500		175,500
Outcome 5 *Everybody has the Opportunity to Work and Build their Career*	70,000		70,000
Total	1405,000		1,405,000
Emerging Need £100k/annum from 2020/21	100,000		1,505,000

The Council is also commissioning Advice Services which will contribute to outcomes 3 & 5.

This will bring the total available in both outcomes to:

1. Outcomes 3 – £206,500
2. Outcomes 5 - £236,500

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Eligibility criteria

- Is a Non-Statutory Organisation

- Operates in the Not For Profit Sector

- Delivers services or plans to deliver services in Croydon

You can spend your funding on:

- Core costs – must evidence how the funding of staff etc. will contribute to meeting the Outcomes
- Direct delivery of activities to meet Outcomes
- Purchase of equipment if it directly relates to project delivery and helps meet Outcomes

Questions about your organisation

	Organisational requirements	SMALL GRANTS PROCESS	COMMISSIONING PROCESS	
		Under £15k Ask for evidence of compliance if application successful	£15k - £30kp.a self certify in Tender & evidence if bid is successful	£31k + self certify in Tender & evidence if bid is successful
1	How are you governed and led?	Constitution or governing doc List of names on committee	Constitution or governing doc	Constitution or governing doc
2	Business planning	-	Statement of objectives for organisation	Requirement for 3 year business plan
3	Financial management	Latest accounts Bank account details	Last years accounts	Independently examined accounts for last financial year
4	Managing your organisation	-	Org. chart Written procedures	Org chart, recognised quality standards accreditation
5	Managing people	H&S policy	H&S Policy Policy for volunteers	H&S Policy JDs, Volunteers Policy and Roles & Responsibilities documentation
6	Safeguarding	Children & vulnerable adults' policies (if necessary)	Children & vulnerable adults' policies (if necessary)	Children & vulnerable adults' policies (if necessary)
7	Advancing equalities	Equality and diversity policy	Equality and diversity policy	Equality and diversity policy
8	Insurance levels	Public Liability & Employment Liability depending on service	£5m Public Liability & Employment Liability depending on service	£5m Public Liability & Employment Liability depending on service

⭐Your organisation only needs to produce documentation if your tender bid has been successful

⭐If any of these requirements present an issue, please let us know in your tender application form

Does the bid involve collaboration with other VCS groups?

We encourage Organisations to work together to deliver projects in collaboration and avoid duplication of similar projects. Collaboration can take many forms and may range from strong communication and sign posting to formal collaboration agreements and joint staffing arrangements.

Is it tackling a particular need in a locality?

We are asking Organisations to use evidence in their tender application form that groups of people or communities are in need of a particular service or project in any area in the borough, or that the proposed service will address a particular need.

Does it focus on prevention, early identification and intervention?

Extensive research shows that intervening early with the appropriate support and help can have a positive impact and bring about lasting change for people. Therefore we encourage projects to have a focus on prevention, early identification and intervention.

Does it support one or more of the priority Outcomes?

With limited resources the Council has to be selective with what it can fund. Organisations are asked to evidence how their proposed project links to and supports at least one of the priority Outcomes for residents.

Is it evidence based?

Organisations may have services which have been informed by evidence or tested in some way to show impact and benefit over time. This could help articulate what success looks like and demonstrates an effective use of money.

Is it innovative?

The Community Fund is not about funding the same Organisations or projects purely because we always have. We encourage innovation from new or existing Organisations and projects.

Project proposal – how it's marked

	Project Proposal Question		
	Question	Weighting	Word Limit
1	Please describe your project including details of the service/activities you plan to deliver and the resources and assets you will use	10%	500 words
2	What evidence is there that your proposed service/activity is needed and in what locality in Croydon?	15%	800 words
3	How have you got users to engage with the development of your bid, and how will you get residents/users to partake in your project?	10%	500 words
4	What Outcomes will your service deliver and how will you measure success?	10%	500 words
5	What social value will your project deliver?	10%	500 words
6	How will you collaborate with other voluntary and community sector Organisations? Please consider how you will ensure no duplication with the rest of the VCS	15%	800 words

Score	Rating	Evaluation Criteria
5	**Excellent**	The response provides a very detailed answer to the question which **exceeds the Council's expectations.** The proposal demonstrates the following: • The proposal can evidence a high level of need across the borough or at a locality level and demonstrates how the proposed service will respond to this need and in doing so improve outcomes for residents. • The proposed service has been co-designed with service users, and there is a strong proposal as to how residents will be involved in the ongoing design, delivery and evaluation of the project. • The proposed service aims to contribute towards more than two of the priority outcomes or sub-outcomes and provides a clear framework for measuring outcomes and activity data. • Social value is an integral part of the service with wide reaching, quantifiable and verifiable benefits for the borough. • The proposal demonstrates very strong collaboration between three or more Organisations. Formal collaboration arrangements are in place which may include shared resources.