**CVA Community Hubs – meeting the cost-of-living challenge Fund**

**Background**

CVA is inviting funding proposals from our grassroots community partners to provide free support within community spaces/hubs to help people struggling to keep well in coping with the cost-of-living crisis.

**Guidelines for applicants**

The following guidelines set out who can apply to the ‘CVA Community Hubs – meeting the cost of living challenge Fund’, and what the grant could pay for.

**Who can apply?**

Community groups, voluntary organisations, small charities and small social enterprises. **Your group must have been active in your local area for at least 1 year before you apply.**

**Aim of the Fund**

The fund wants to support the setting up of free wellbeing activities in local community spaces/hubs across the six Local Community Partnerships in Croydon:

1. **Croydon North East** (Crystal Palace South, Upper Norwood, Thornton Heath & South Norwood)
2. **Croydon North West** (Norbury, Pollards Hill, West Thornton Heath & Bensham Manor).
3. **Croydon Central East** (Woodside, Shirley, Addiscombe East, & Park Hill)
4. **Croydon Centra West** (Broad Green, Fairfield, Addiscombe West, Selhurst, Waddon & South Croydon)
5. **Croydon South East** (New Addington, Fieldway, Addington Village, Forestdale, Monks Hill & Selsdo).
6. **Croydon South West** (Purley, Woodcote, Riddlesdown, Purley Oaks, Sanderstead, Kenley, Coulsdon & Old Coulsdon)

For more information on each area click [here](https://cvalive.org.uk/abcd/assets/documents/one-alliance-locality-profiles).

The initiatives will enable those most impacted by the cost-of-living crisis to keep well, with access to local, in-person support on Benefits advice, Advocacy, Physical activity, Healthy eating, Social connection/peer support.

We are looking for proposals that target one of the following:

* Women and girls, particularly those that are inactive or facing other barriers to participation.
* Older people, including those with health conditions or experiencing social isolation and loneliness
* Sessions targeting refugees, asylum seekers and those from new communities
* Young people, linked to positive wrap around support aimed at increasing life skills, targeting young people who are vulnerable as both victims and potential perpetrators of crime and youth violence
* Sessions for those experiencing poor mental health
* People with learning disabilities or special needs

**How much can I apply for?**

Six projects will be funded – one from each Local Community Partnership area – to a maximum £5,000. If the projects are successful, they will be recommended to the Local Community Partnerships for local commissioning when further funding becomes available.

**Delivery**

We expect activities to be delivered within the next 12 months.

**Exclusions**

The following will not be eligible for funding:

* Profit making organisations
* Individuals
* Religious or political activities
* Financing or spending on activities which have already taken place
* Statutory organisations

**What you must have in place**

**We can only consider applications from groups with the following in place:**

* Recent signed accounts and/or sound plans for managing your money
* A bank account in the name of the group, with at least 2 unrelated signatories
* A Safeguarding policy if working with children and / or vulnerable adults. This should include the practical procedures you would have in place in your organisation to safeguard children/vulnerable adults
* A GDPR Data Protection policy
* A governing document (e.g. a constitution or set of rules).

**Submitting Applications**

The fund will be open for applications until **Sunday 4th September 2022, 5pm.**

To apply for a grant please visit:
**https://cvalive.org.uk/support-for-groups/funding/funding-news/local-funding-opportunities/**

We strongly recommend you read the guidelines before completing your application form**.**

**Once it is completed email to** **kay.rhodes@cvalive.org.uk**

Please note that your application **must be** accompanied by the following supporting documentation:

1. Copy of your constitution/governing document
2. Last set of accounts

A CVA panel will assess all applications.

**Monitoring**

If your application is successful you will be required to:

* Credit support from CVA on all materials related to the funded work
* Complete a project review form no later than 6 weeks after completion of your project.
* Maintain financial records for all grant spending and submit requested information to your funding organisation.
* Be available for a monitoring visit.
* Sign the grant terms and conditions if successful which you will receive with your grant offer letter. These grant terms and conditions will provide further detail.