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**HEALTH AND WELLBEING GRANT 2025-26**

**Closing date: Monday 11th August 2025**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing £1,000 Grant Scheme

**GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS** - Please read **before** applying.

Derbyshire County Council Public Health has provided funding to Derbyshire Voluntary Action for a ‘Health and Wellbeing Grant’ covering the Bolsover and North East Derbyshire areas. In addition, the Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership has provided funding for the Chesterfield area.

This grant supports new or existing not-for-profit voluntary and community groups to fund projects/activities that work to strengthen and support the local community and improve health and wellbeing.

**SECTION 1: ABOUT YOUR GROUP / ORGANISATION**

**Who can apply:**

* Non-profit voluntary and community groups based in and/or runs activities in Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.
* Must have a management committee, a bank account in the name of the organisation, a governing document.
* Must be able to demonstrate financial need and provide copies of the latest signed accounts (for new groups, estimated income and expenditure).
* Must have **appropriate and adequate insurance** for the group or activity (public liability insurance in the name of the group, plus employer’s liability if you have staff/volunteers), as well as the relevant policies associated with running the group or activity. If a third party has said they will insure your project, we will need to see written confirmation of this before any award can be agreed.

Newly established groups must be able to show that they have plans to put the above in place.

**If you don’t fit the above criteria, please contact DVA for advice and other potential support for your project.**

**SECTION 2: ABOUT THE PROJECT / ACTIVITY**

To apply for this Health & Wellbeing Grant you must demonstrate how your project/activity will:

**Focus on the following priorities**:

* Strengthen and support the community, build social connections and reduce loneliness.
* Improve health and wellbeing, especially for children, families and older people.
* Promote good mental health and emotional wellbeing.
* Improve learning/skills within the community.

**Result in the following desired outcomes:**

* Increased social connections
* Increased sense of belonging and purpose
* Reduced stress and anxiety
* Improved mental wellbeing
* Increased play, exercise, and physical activity
* Healthy eating

**Contribute to the following Derbyshire Public Health key focus areas:** tick all that apply

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| **Enable Children and young people in Derbyshire to start well and tackle child poverty** |  |
| **Support good mental health** |  |
| **Tackle the four main risk factors that lead to poor health (poor diet, smoking, inactivity, alcohol consumption)** |  |
| **Support communities to be resilient and independent** |  |

**Complete and return a Project Evaluation Report to DVA at the end of the project.**

You will receive an Evaluation report to monitor and evaluate the impact of your project / activity. This must include a record of the number of beneficiaries and, where appropriate the number of sessions delivered / attendance levels. You must include at least one case study showing how someone has benefitted from participating in the project/activity (please ensure that you obtain permission from any individuals whose name or image you supply).

**SECTION 3: ABOUT THE GRANT**

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| **Project and activity costs:** | **Examples:** | **Areas:** | **Amount** |
| **What costs can be supported:**   * One-off costs beyond regular running expenses for projects or activities the group would like to run. * Evidence/demonstrated need for the project | * Materials * Event costs * Sessional workers | * Bolsover * North East Derbyshire * Chesterfield | Up to £1,000 per area |
| **What costs cannot be supported:**   * Small contributions to larger projects * Retrospective project funding * Professional fees * Employee salaries | * Legal/financial/specialist fees * Permanent staff on the group’s payroll |  |  |

**Application process:**

* Apply via the Derbyshire Voluntary Action website: <https://dva.org.uk>
* Contact Kim Gosling: [grants@dva.org.uk](mailto:grants@dva.org.uk) / 07546 023161 for an electronic or paper application form, and any support/assistance relating to the application process.
* Submit completed forms and documents to: [grants@dva.org.uk](mailto:grants@dva.org.uk), or by post to: Kim Gosling, Derbyshire Voluntary Action, 3rd Floor, Dents Chambers, 81 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH.

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| **Checklist** | |
| Fully completed form |  |
| Detailed grant expenditure breakdown |  |
| Insurance company name or quote |  |
| Income and expenditure details or annual accounts (for new groups, estimated income and expenditure) |  |

**Please note**: All applications will be reviewed by the panel for their consideration. The panel is made up of staff and trustees from Derbyshire Voluntary Action; staff from Derbyshire County Council Public Health; and representatives of Bolsover, Chesterfield, and North East Derbyshire Locality Health Partnerships.

**Applicants will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible after the closing date.**

**Data Protection:** All personal information provided will be held and treated in confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. It will only be used for the purpose for which it was given. Your personal details will be securely disposed of after we have received your Evaluation Form.

**Conditions:**

* Awarded grant money must be spent within the 12-month period.
* Each individual group/organisation can apply for one grant in any 12-month period.
* Your contact details may be shared with stakeholders (NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council Public Health and members of the grants panel). The giving of this grant may be publicised by Derbyshire Voluntary Action and other stakeholders.
* Derbyshire Voluntary Action may request additional information.

**Successful applicants must:**

* Have all consents required for the grant project to proceed.
* Maintain full and proper insurance policies relevant to the grant activity and provide evidence of such insurance on request.
* Obtain approval for spending changes prior to any change.
* Publicise that the grant is from Derbyshire Voluntary Action.
* Return an End of Grant Evaluation Form. Failure to complete and return this without good reason may mean that your group will have to repay the grant and that your group is not eligible to apply in the future.