



# Long Covid Community Grants

## March 2023

### Guidance information

#### Background

The long covid project is a joint programme between Healthwatch Sheffield and Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS), funded by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals and the NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

[Healthwatch Sheffield](#) is the local health and social care champion. We're independent from the statutory authorities and the NHS, and exist to make sure everyone in Sheffield can have a say in how services are designed and run. [VAS](#) has provided support and leadership for the voluntary sector for over 90 years. We focus on community impact, influence decision makers and champion volunteering as a force for positive action.

The covid pandemic of the last couple of years has disproportionately affected Black, Asian and minoritized ethnic groups as well as those from lower socio-economic backgrounds. However, these groups are not represented in the demographics of people accessing long covid services in Sheffield.

The funding for the long covid project allows for some money to be distributed to community groups to help support with:

- Understanding the barriers and the needs of people with long covid
- Developing culturally appropriate resources to support people in their communities and to
- Deliver the resources out in the communities

We have developed a three-stage grant process where organisations can apply for each stage separately. At the end of each stage we will host a workshop where we can share the insights that we have created. Each workshop will help inform the next stage of activity.

#### FAQs and how to apply

We have made this process as straightforward and flexible as possible. The application form for the first stage only has a few important questions and you can have support completing it.

## 1. Who can apply?

This programme is open to not for profit, third sector, voluntary or community groups who:

- Are based in Sheffield
- Work with people from Black, Asian and minoritized ethnic groups and/or with those with lower socio economic means
- Have a bank / building society account in the name of the group

Please also see due diligence questionnaire attached to the application form.

## 2. What are the amounts and timescales?

- The **deadline** for application for Stage 1 Activity (Understanding – collecting information) is **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.
- Stage 1 Activity will need to be completed for the workshop at the end of May

Activity	Aim	Amount	Dates
Stage 1	<b>Understanding</b> Collecting information – understanding the barriers and the needs	Up to £1,000	5 weeks April to May
Workshop	Showcase of activities and learnings		End of May
Stage 2	<b>Development</b> Developing resources to fit needs	Limit of £3,000	5 weeks June to July
Workshop	Showcase of resources developed		End of July
Stage 3	<b>Delivery</b> Getting the resources out in the community	Limit of £3,000	5 weeks Aug to Sept
Feedback	Reporting on activity and impact		End of Sept

## 3. What sort of activities can the grants be used for?

For stage 1.

### Understanding the barriers and the need

The value of this grant is of up to £1,000

- This money will help you to run events and/ or activities that will help you collect the communities views and experience of long covid and barriers to accessing long covid support.
- This could be done through focus groups, surveys, interviews or any other method that you think is right for your community.

At the end of this stage you will produce feedback on your work and also join a city-wide workshop to discuss all our findings together

For stage 2.

### Developing resources

The value of this grant depends on your proposal (maximum £3,000)

- This money will help you to produce the resources that you have identified your community needs. If these are shared by other groups, you might want to join together and create something that works across the city.
- This could be done by producing leaflets, a video, a support group, a training session or any other resource that your community would benefit from.

At the end of this stage you will showcase what you have produced at a city-wide workshop, and have your resource available for others to use.

For stage 3.

### Delivering information

The value of this grant depends on your proposal (maximum £3,000)

This money will help you get the product that you want to use out to the community. It might not be your own product, but it might be useful to you locally. If it is your product, you might want to deliver it city-wide.

- This could be as simple as printing costs to deliver leaflets locally, or funding training sessions or workshops.

At the end of this stage we would like to know the details of what you have done and what impact you have made.

## 4. Our offer of support

We are experienced at designing and delivering activities that will help you hear from the people you work with – we can offer you some dedicated staff time, depending on what you need.

## 5. What do we expect from the successful applicants?

- To share the project plan with the long covid project officer and be available to provide updates on activity.
- To keep to timescales
- To share and present findings at the end of each funding stage at the workshops and to fill in a final feedback form.

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