

Leading Lives Community Benefit Fund 2020

Funding Guidelines

Leading Lives is a social enterprise providing a range of high-quality supports to people with social care needs across Suffolk. We support people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, complex needs, people with autism, older people, younger people in transition and family carers.

Our purpose is to support people with social care needs to lead the lives they choose.

In line with our social enterprise principles, we have established a Community Benefit Fund to support local groups and organisations who share our vision. Since 2013, we have allocated £120,000 to 45 local community projects.

What funding is available this year?

This year we have allocated £20,000 to the Fund and will award grants for a minimum of £200 and a maximum of £3,000.

What will we fund?

For this year's Community Benefit Fund we will award grants to projects that support the following themes:



- Technology (including assistive technology) which have a benefit to individuals with social care needs
- Projects which have a positive impact on the local environment for the benefit of people with social care needs
- Better health & wellbeing
- Projects which benefit family carers of those people with social care needs – in particular projects which provide a break from the caring role for family carers
- Projects which support adults who have autism – e.g. for social activities, progression, independence, learning etc.

Criteria for awards - who will benefit

Linked to the above identified themes, this year's Fund will be focused on suitable projects that support adults and young people in transition with social care needs (e.g. people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, autism, older people etc.) and family carers in the geographical area (i.e. Suffolk, north-west Essex and south-east Norfolk) in which our company operates. Ideally, we are looking for organisations that have not previously benefited from this fund, or if you have, any such application would need to be for a new / different project relevant to the themes identified above. Particular priority will be given to bids which foster a partnership approach.

The fund will award grants to organisations – charities, community groups, voluntary groups. We will not fund individuals or commercial organisations. We will award grants to charities, social enterprises and other not for profit organisations.

Application Process

Applicants will need to complete an application form to be considered for funding. The application form will ask applicants to state:

- Who will benefit
- Outline of the project
- The difference (outcomes and impact) the project will make
- Some indication of evidence of need
- Funding required and what the funding will be used for specifically
- Confirm their governance structure and that they are financially solvent
- If they are working in partnership with other organisations

You will also have to complete a monitoring form to tell us how the project has gone.

We will be keen to support and promote the successful projects via our website, on our social media and to our customers, so we will be keeping in contact throughout the project to help maximise its impact.

An 'on-line' Application Form is available to download from our website. Alternatively, please request a form from sarah.laflin@leadinglives.org.uk

The application period runs from **15th February** to **31st March 2020**.

How will I know if my application has been successful?

Grant applications will be considered by a panel made up of Leading Lives Board Members. We will acknowledge receipt of your application and advise if your application has been successful or not. Grants will be awarded during April 2020.

Further information

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