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Dear Sir or Madam

Health for Older People Grant Scheme: Community & Voluntary Sector Grants to Improve Health, Independence & Wellbeing of Older People (aged 50 yrs plus)

I write to inform your organisation of the opportunity to submit an application for funding to a Grants Scheme available from Staffordshire County Council, which is intended to improve the health, independence and wellbeing of older people living within Staffordshire. This forms part of the delivery of Staffordshire's Sustainable Community Strategy and the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People and our aims to:

'Improve Health & Sense of Wellbeing' - All Staffordshire's people will benefit from equality of opportunity and access to the resources they need to improve their health, well being and quality of life. Our citizens will be encouraged to lead healthier, more active lives and make healthier choices.' and

'Focus on prevention and health promotion, to improve the quality and length of people's lives - enable people to take control of their own lives and manage their own health and well-being.'

A sum of £1million over four years has been designated to support the delivery of projects across the County which are targeted towards helping to achieve these aims. Small Grants are available from £1,000 up to £10,000, as well as a Community Chest of up to £500.

Written applications are invited from the Voluntary and Community Sector should aim to address one or more of the following outcomes with a focus on prevention, health improvement, wellbeing and increasing independence for older people to:

- Enable older people to stay in their own home.
- Improve and increase home safety and maintenance.
- Increase provision and access to equipment and adaptations.
- Reduce the number of older people from being admitted into hospital.
- Reduce falls and trips.
- Reduce poverty / fuel poverty and maximise financial inclusion.
- Increase social and intergenerational support/networks to reduce isolation.
- Increase volunteering opportunities
- Increase user-led involvement and participation.
- Reduce crime and fear of crime.
- Improve and increase community transport
- Increase access to information

In addition, applications will need also to demonstrate how they meet the criteria for the Scheme. Please see the enclosed 'Application and Guidance Pack' which contains:

- Background Information
- Criteria
- Application Forms
- Guidance Notes
- Scoring Process
- Year 1 Timetable

Also enclosed are the monitoring and evaluation forms, which are required as a condition of the Grant.

Please note that there are the documentation is specially tailored to either the Community Chest or Small Grant application, for example the application forms, scoring and the monitoring and evaluation forms.

Further information about Staffordshire's older population and their needs can be found on the Health Development Team Website:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/healthdevelopment/grantscheme/

- Profile of Older People in Staffordshire
- Staffordshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, or
- Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/care/

Partnership/Consortium applications from two or more partner agencies are particularly welcome to demonstrate added value.

A condition of the Grant is the provision of two references from individuals who support your application from an existing partner or external funder.

A maximum of two bids are permitted per organisation. Please submit your written application by 4th January 2010.

A panel will meet to consider applications on 5th January 2010, using the shortlisting criteria and scoring process. You will hear the outcome of your application by 15th January 2010.

Successful applications for the Community Chest will receive one payment in full following notification. The Small Grants will be paid in two equal instalments, the first will be made at the beginning of the project following notification, and the second will be 6 months into the project on completion of the monitoring and evaluation form.

The results and benefits of the application, for both beneficiaries and services, will be published by the County Council and shared with other relevant agencies.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours Sincerely

Shelley Davis (Health Development Officer)
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Monitoring and Evaluation Forms