**Community Cash Fund Application**

Funding is available for individuals, groups and organisations with creative and innovative ideas to gather information on people’s experiences of health and social care services in the borough. We have launched this fund to invest in projects that aim to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community.

What is Healthwatch Redbridge?

Healthwatch Redbridge is the local independent health and care watchdog created to gather and represent the views of the public. Healthwatch Redbridge will make sure that the views of local people who use health and social care services is being included in service improvement.

What is the aim of this project?

To gather the views and experiences of local people, particularly those who are seldom heard. These include black and minority ethnic groups, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender, asylum seekers, teenagers and people living with mental health conditions.

Who is eligible to apply?

Individuals, community/ voluntary groups or statutory organisations who can fulfil the specific criteria (see below) to help improve health and social care services in the borough. The ideas need to be creative, innovative and fun.

Projects and activities criteria

The projects and activities must focus on the priorities identified by Healthwatch Redbridge:

* Ensuring people have access to the right health and care services they need to stay well
* Supporting people using Health & Social Care services, to have a voice
* Accessing local mental health services
* Ensuring that Health and Social care organisations comply with the Accessible Information Standard[[1]](#footnote-1)

Conditions of grant

* Projects are time limited and must be completed before the end of February 2018.
* Use our support for the agreed pieces of work only.
* If you are successful, the funding must be spent on the project outlined in your application. The funding cannot be spent on existing projects that are receiving funding from other sources.
* Successful applications will promote Healthwatch Redbridge and use our logo on all publicity materials relating to the project.
* Projects must be carried out for the benefit of Redbridge residents.
* Share all information and feedback about the project with Healthwatch Redbridge in the form of a report, including photographs and other media where possible.
* Successful applications must be able to attend a feedback session or event run by Healthwatch Redbridge after the project has taken place.
* Available for press releases/ promotion at the beginning and end of the project.

How much can you apply for?

Grants will be awarded up to the value of £1000. In exceptional cases, we may consider increasing our maximum grant.

How to apply

Complete the application form in full and make sure that all the requested information is included. Healthwatch Redbridge will be accepting applications on an ongoing basis and will aim to notify you about the outcome of your application within a few weeks.

If you require this information in another format, please contact us on 0208 553 1236 or info@healthwatchredbridge.co.uk.

Please send the completed form to:

sarah@healthwatchredbridge.co.uk OR Healthwatch Redbridge, 5th Floor, Forest House, 16-20 Clements Road, Ilford, IG1 1BA.

|  |
| --- |
|  **Application form** |
| Name of the individual, community/ voluntary group or organisation: |  |
| Charity/ company number (if applicable) |  |
| Name of main contact (including position if applicable): |  |
| Address: |  |
| Postcode:  |  |
| Telephone Number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| How much are you applying for? (Max £1000)*Note: We may agree more funding in exceptional circumstances* |  |
| Please provide a breakdown of how you would spend this allocation? (E.g. equipment, staff etc.) |  |
| Name of the project: |  |
| Which of the priorities will your project focus on? (You can tick more than one) | Ensuring people have access to the right health and care services they need to stay wellSupporting people using Health & Social Care services, to have a voiceAccessing local mental health servicesEnsuring that Health and Social care organisations comply with the Accessible Information Standard  |  |
| **Please provide a brief description of your idea: what you want to do and how you plan to achieve it (Max 500 words)** |
|  |
| **Please explain in more detail how you plan to meet each of the funding criteria** |
| **Target audience** |
| **Who is the project aimed at?** |
| **Capturing and recording information** |
| **How will your project capture the views of your community about health and social care services?****How will you record this information?** |
| **Project outcome**  |
| **How will your project address the priority chosen above?****How will your project improve the wellbeing of communities?****How will you know if you have been successful?** |
| **What support, if any, would you need from the Healthwatch team? (Finance support, training, personnel at events, publicity, help with communications?)** |
|  |

1. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/accessibleinfo/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)