

Mental Health Small Grant Scheme 2019-2020 - Summary of applications

Scoring Recommendations

Recommended for funding
Did not score highly enough to be awarded funding
Withdrew

Rank	Applicant	Funding Request £s	Summary of project	Officer mean scores %	Recommended funding allocation in £s based on score %.	Scorer notes
1	Trailnet CIC	1876	To extend a current programme previously funded by the Mental Health Small Grant Scheme which offers people with mental illness basic bike mechanic training to refurbish old bikes and donate or sell these at low cost to the community. The extension of the programme is to provide additional mechanic training to more people who are suffering from mental ill health, and purchase a selection of specialist tools. This will encourage participants to join the volunteers and support wellbeing in the long term.	92	1840	1. The applicant gives a clear answer to how the project meets some of the criteria. 2. The applicant shows how they have involved people with lived experience at a number of levels. 3. The applicant shows how wellbeing surveys will be conducted at various stages of participation in the programme. 4. There is a large amount of volunteer time included in kind. 5. The project is sustainable through the sale of refurbished bikes.
2	Thurrock and Brentwood MIND	2000	To fund a facilitator to organise and deliver consultation meetings to the public, service users and other stakeholders around a new mental health provision in Brentwood. The project will raise awareness of services on offer, and seek to create a Service User and Carer Forum.	92	1726	1. The applicant clearly lists how the project meets a number of criteria. 2. The project has clearly engaged with service users and will be setting up a forum to continue this process. 3. The applicant has outlined how they will monitor the project's impact via a variety of methods including some identifiable outcomes. 4. There is 50% in kind match funding. 5. There are plans to fundraise to continue the service, but the project is reliant on this.
3	Kool Carers South East Limited	2000	To provide young carer programmes for primary and secondary school ages (8-12 years). The programmes will be 12 sessions created with the young carers to shape the contents and reduce social isolation and loneliness and increase wellbeing and resilience for participants.	86	1720	1. The applicant shows how the project meets the criteria of reducing social isolation and loneliness, supporting them to feel more engaged with their communities. 2. The applicant clearly shows how the programme will be created with and around the young carer. 3. This excellently shows a wide variety of monitoring and research methods. 4. The project shows a good amount of match and inkind funding. 5. The applicant shows a number of possible further funding streams and confirmed in kind commitments.
4	SNAP	1160	The funding will pay for a yoga tutor to provide gentle restorative yoga to parents and carers of children and young people with special needs, to provide some techniques to cope with stress and anxiety, to self-regulate and cope with these feelings, whilst having some much needed space to clear their mind and meet other parents and carers.	83	963	1. The application meets the criteria of reducing social isolation, raising awareness of mental health services in the community and encouraging people to feel more positively supported. 2. Participants have been consulted with and provide feedback regularly to shape the service 3. The applicant demonstrates a thorough monitoring process. 4. The applicant shows good amount of match and other income 5. The project is sustainable through a long term fundraising strategy and parent donations.
5	Doddinghurst Road Community Church	882.37	The local MenShed project supports men in a safe social space and includes those suffering with mental health illness, PTSD, Alzheimers, dementia, social isolation, and depression. The project has been so successful that funding is needed to expand the outdoor area to construct an awning with patio heaters.	82	724	1. The applicant outlines detail around how the project meets a number of the criteria 2. The application clearly demonstrates that the service users lead the project and are involved in decisions around its future development. 3. The applicant does not show how the project is monitored and which outcomes are measured. Success is measured on participation. 4. There is a large amount of in kind funding committed. 5. The project is sustainable through church funding and donations.
5	Our Grieving Hearts	2000	To create Butterfly Meadow, a tranquil outdoor space for families to access peer support when they are bereaved of a child. An ongoing volunteering scheme is also being created. The funding will go towards equipment and planting materials. *conditional upon submission of mandatory documents	80	1600	1. The applicant has listed that the project meets a number of criteria, but more detail is needed around how. There is some more detail in the project description which shows how some of the criteria can be met. 2. The applicant has clearly shown how the project will strongly involve service users in the design and delivery of the project. 3. The applicant has shown how they will be monitoring the success of the project through a variety of means. 4. There is a large amount of inkind time committed by volunteers and some cash funding. 5. There are plans to fundraise and use volunteers to continue the project.
6	Forget Me Not Activity Club	1140	To fund cognitive and light stimulating equipment so that additional activities can be provided for members to develop new skills and improve their mental and physical wellbeing.	80	912	1. The applicant shows how the project reduces social isolation and loneliness, enabling members to feel positively supported in their community, and raises awareness of mental health services. The project also responds to the prevalence of dementia but this is not stated. 2. The application fully shows how the activity is shaped around the needs of the individual by working directly with them. 3. There is a good monitoring process. 4. There is 50% match funding inkind 5. The project is reliant on other funding streams to be sustainable.
7	Brentwood Arts Council	2000	To fund a facilitator to run radio play masterclasses for young people in Brentwood, that will promote inclusion, self-esteem and increase confidence.	78	1404	1. The applicant shows how the project reduces social isolation and loneliness, enabling members to feel positively supported in their community, and raises awareness of mental health services. The project also responds to the prevalence of dementia but this is not stated. 2. The application fully shows how the activity is shaped around the needs of the individual by working directly with them. 3. There is a good monitoring process. 4. There is 50% match funding inkind 5. The project is reliant on other funding streams to be sustainable.
8	Larchwood Primary School	2000	To extend the school's current counselling service to include parents and carers of children already receiving counselling and also those who are harder to reach or socially isolated.	77	1540	1. The applicant shows how the project reduces social isolation and loneliness, enabling members to feel positively supported in their community, and raises awareness of mental health issues amongst children. 2. The applicant shows how the project has been designed with and for parents who will use the service. 3. The applicant states how the project will monitor participants, but not what will be monitored. No specific outcomes have been identified. 4. There is a large amount of in kind and match funding demonstrated. 5. There is no clear strategy for ensuring the offer is sustainable.
9	Shenfield High School	2000	To deliver a group intervention programme by a trained counsellor, for young males aged between 14-16, exploring mental health triggers and develop healthy coping mechanisms. This is complimented by staff training and resources for form tutors for students in years 7-11.	75	1500	1. The applicant clearly states how the project meets the criteria. 2. The applicant states how a number of methods are deployed to ensure that the delivery of the project is purposeful, including working closely with students. 3. The applicant shows identifiable outcomes but not how they will be measured. 4. There is a small amount of in kind printing, however the budget does not outline the time contributed by staff/ school, which is obvious in other parts of the application. 5. The project is only sustainable via ongoing use of resources. Funding would need to be raised to bring a facilitator in for future work.

Total allocated 13929

Not Recommended to receive funding - did not score highly enough

	Hutton All Saints Church of England Primary School	2000	To fund towards child therapy sessions provided by Kids Inspire, to support identified children and young people who are recovering from traumatic experiences or dealing with emerging mental health difficulties. Through proactive listening and therapeutic practice, Kids Inspire promotes self-resilience, greater self-awareness and relationship building to empower more positive life choices.
	My Eden Café	2000	To fund a creative textiles project to run at Shenfield Library to women who suffer from mental health problems and to women who have a learning disability or Autism. The courses will run twice a week for 6 weeks, 6 times a year.
	Katarzyna Pawdak	2000	To deliver 3 types of subsidised workshops to local residents that benefit wellbeing and resilience, dealing with the effects of a traumatic childhood, and how to keep mentally well at work.
	Brentwood Baptist Church	2000	To fund specialist counselling services to young people, children and their parents/ carers who are known to the church and set up a mental health support group. The funding would pay for the counsellor, hall hire and sundries.
	Thomas James	2000	The project is a mobile meditation space business that seeks to bring meditation sessions primarily to workspaces, but also to festivals, markets and towns.
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	Brentwood Leisure Trust - Chat 1st	2000	To improve the mental, physical and social wellbeing of young carers aged 14 to 18, by providing a range of physical activities. This includes free annual membership to the gym and facilities at the Brentwood Centre, 2 big young carer events; a Summer Sports and BBQ Day and Christmas Activity and Festive Dinner Day. There will be a young carer steering group to involve the planning of activities to encourage peer interaction, support and work experience for their CVs.