

Barnet Community Innovation Fund Criteria 2021-2022

Applicants will be required to show how their project will support improved outcomes for one or more of the following priority areas:

- **Support for unpaid carers as one key group adversely affected by the pandemic**
- **Digital inclusion projects for older residents to reduce social isolation especially during prolonged periods of lockdown**
- **Residents who have lost or are at risk of losing their jobs**
- **Mitigating the risk of lost functionality and mobility in older residents**

Grants are not available for duties that are the statutory responsibility of the local authorities and we cannot accept applications direct from carers/individuals. The application must be through a group that is providing support and can vouch for the need and provide data on outcomes on a quarterly basis or as agreed, to be proportionate to the grant awarded.

The panel will be looking to prioritise applications which:

- Reflect high involvement and ownership by the individuals within their community and be supported and where possible led by them.
- Increase community resilience
- Demonstrate that groups are contributing to networks and developing products and practice which can be shared within Barnet.
- Complement existing providers in field, and those who are / potential referring in and out.
- Target areas to ensure equality and diversity, engaging in areas of deprivation.
- Target those most in need.
- Improve health and wellbeing outcomes of our local population.
- Reduce demand on social care and health systems

The fund is available to community-based groups, who want to support individuals in their locality within the borough of Barnet. Groups must be legally constituted and have a bank account, with two, unrelated, signatories.

into which payment can be made. The fund will support innovative ideas or building on and further developing existing programmes, supporting the delivery of any of the above or that could be adapted accordingly.

Outcomes for your project should be seeking to achieve one, some or all of the following:

Carers

1. Reduce carers' social isolation and develop social networks
2. Help carers and families to achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles and good mental wellbeing
3. Reach, connect and support informal carers.
4. Create new support and resources to support carers including developing strong relationships with other organisations in the borough
5. Ensure carers are actively involved and have opportunity to contribute and shape their local communities.

Digital inclusion

1. Increased confidence and skills in using technology
2. Reduced social isolation and loneliness
3. Access to wider services, more timely and accessible pathways to services
4. Longer term support to ensure technology is used, useful, affordable and that individuals can continue to develop their skills and knowledge

Employment

1. Increasing employment and other job opportunities for residents impacted by the pandemic, reducing stigma for those facing unemployment
2. Build on community assets and work with current education and employment support providers to increase the support offer and accessibility of this
3. Increased resilience, confidence, motivation, and mental wellbeing to focus on next steps and actions to gain employment
4. People feeling supported and confident to manage their practical issues such as debt, housing
5. Increased skilled workforce and residents in employment
6. People are supported to retain employment or find new job opportunities where they are at risk of losing their jobs
7. Increased household/family income

Mitigating risk of lost functionality and mobility in older people

1. Increased independence
2. Residents are fitter, healthier, and happier, able to lead more independent lives
3. Improved social interactions and reduced social isolation
4. Reduced contacts or crisis to health services
5. Increased diversity of wellbeing support to older population, which complements but does not duplicate what is already available.