

## Prevention Accelerator Guidance Notes

South Yorkshire's Community Foundation are delighted to launch this new fund on behalf of South Yorkshire ICB for 2026 – 2028.

This programme looks to support groups based, and for the benefit of residents and communities, in Doncaster and/or Sheffield to support individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing cardiovascular conditions, kidney disease and diabetes in target populations where those diseases are underdiagnosed. The target populations for this programme are the following;

1. Most deprived communities
2. Global Majority communities
3. Men aged 40-74

South Yorkshire ICB has identified a number of target populations where data demonstrates the highest need, applications which target these areas will be considered favourably. The target populations are;

- Central Doncaster and Hyde Park
- Burngreave and Grimesthorpe
- Woodthorpe

### How much can I apply for?

Grants can be up to £10,000 for single organisations, with up to £20,000 available for partnered working and/or cross-regional projects. Please contact us to discuss if you wish to submit a larger proposal.

The programme intends to fund 20-25 projects with an even split across both Places.

### When can I apply?

**Applications to this first round will open Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and close at 5pm, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

Decisions will be made by a local and expert panel of individuals from Doncaster and Sheffield. The panel will meet in early February, and decisions will be communicated by via email soon after.



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Activities and expenditure should start no earlier than 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027. Projects need to complete by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028, with some evaluation with groups to take place for up to 3 months post-delivery.

#### Who can apply?

This fund is open to not-for-profit groups based in and for projects that clearly benefit the residents and communities of Doncaster and/or Sheffield.

- Groups should have a track record of delivery in health creation and prevention, specific to the programme purpose with trusted, established connections with their communities.
- If groups are a CIC; they should have
  - at least three unrelated Trustees/Directors with nobody in a position of significant control, (if there are set rights, they should be equal across all Directors)
  - have a clear asset lock or distribution clause,
  - have clear finances showing income and expenditure,
  - and have a bank account with two unrelated signatories, in the name of the group.

Please see SYCF's Due Diligence Guidelines for more information or contact us to discuss.

#### What can I apply for?

This would be for delivery relevant to the Prevention Accelerator Programme, working with people at risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, kidney problems and/or heart disease and can include but is not limited to physical activity, creative health and green/blue social prescribing. Applications to include delivery costs and a proportionate and clearly costed contribution towards overheads and core costs towards the organisation.

#### Evaluation and Monitoring Requirements

Groups will be required to submit bi-monthly monitoring reports (template will be provided). We expect groups to monitor reach and engagement, awareness and knowledge and goal setting/immediate impact. Groups will be expected to report on the following indicators;

Number of people engaged  
% from priority ethnic groups  
% from deprived areas  
% of male attendees from target age range  
% reporting improved awareness of CVD-RM



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% intending to have a BP check  
% intending to attend an NHS Health Check  
% intending to improve lifestyle behaviours

Number signposted to services  
Participant satisfaction score  
Qualitative feedback and case studies

SYCF will remain available for support throughout the application process, and delivery time for successful applicants, to enable meaningful and efficient impact monitoring.

What cannot be funded?

- Groups based outside Doncaster and/or Sheffield or with the majority of beneficiaries resident outside the city.
- Retrospective funding I.E. activity and costs that have already taken place or repayment of money which has already been spent.
- Grant-making to other organisations and/or individuals

How do I apply and what information do I need to supply?

Groups should complete the online application form linked on our website, and requested evidential documentation which will include:

- Your governing document (if you have not applied to SYCF within the last 12-months)
- Your latest set of accounts showing us your income and expenditure for your most recent financial year.
- A redacted bank statement showing the name and account details for payment, if your application is successful.
- Link to or attachment of your safeguarding policy

Applications are via our online application system. We can arrange to provide these to you in another format if required, please contact us to discuss.

Please see our use of AI policy on our website to see more information about how we use AI tools, and advice we provide if your group are considering using these tools to support your application.



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### What happens after I apply?

The Grants Team at South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF) will read all applications, received before the deadline. Your application will be assessed against the criteria, aims and priorities noted above and we may contact you to ask some additional questions or for missing information, so we fully understand everything that has been sent in. Please ensure you attach or email the essential requested additional documentation when you submit your application to prevent delays to this process. If we do not receive everything we need, we will not be able to put your application forward for a decision.

Sometimes we read or see an application that does not meet the fund criteria, and we will have to withdraw that application for the fund. We will feed back if we have had to do that, with clear reasons why.

All applications that are eligible will be sent to our panel of independent volunteers who will spend dedicated time together to discuss and consider each application and to decide where the money should be spent. They will do their best to make sure the money is spent as fairly as possible across both Places, and a range of different activities. We anticipate that we will have more applications to read than we will have money for so we will have to turn down some applications.

The Grants Team at SYCF will contact every group who applied before deadline, to communicate our decision and provide feedback if the application has not been successful. Please note that the panel's decision is final.

### Contact us.

If you would like more information or to discuss your application, please contact the Grants Team via [grants@sycf.org.uk](mailto:grants@sycf.org.uk). We can chat on the phone, come, and meet you or meet online – whatever suits you best.

We also offer an open drop-in session every Wednesday on Teams between 4pm – 5pm. You are welcome to join any of these to ask questions or discuss your application. [The link to join is here.](#)



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