

# KCC VCS Grant Prospectus

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# Overview

Kent County Council (KCC) launched its [Voluntary and Community Sector Policy](#) in September 2015. Within this we set out a new grant framework for the local authority, adopting standardised definitions and committing to a standardised and proportionate process for awarding grants.

However, during our consultation with the sector we received extensive feedback that we needed to provide more accessible and comprehensive information about grants and it was suggested that we develop a grant prospectus across KCC. We committed to developing this in the policy and we are pleased to introduce this first edition.

This is a live document and therefore it will be updated as new grants become available during the year. The whole document will be reviewed annually and re-published at the end of March each year. Timescales are given for each individual grant however as this is a live document some grants may be closed at the time of publication. However, we hope that the information provided will give organisations an overview of our grant activity and priorities during the financial year.

The prospectus is divided into Strategic and Innovation grants in line with our VCS policy.

*Please note that this prospectus provides an overview of grants, full details and guidance will be provided on application.*

# KCC's Grant Framework

All KCC grants are awarded against our strategic and supporting outcomes

Strategic

Innovation

Principles underpinning all grant funding

Clarity

Accountability

Transparency

Sustainability

We have adopted a set of principles from which commissioners across KCC will award grants, to ensure that there is consistency and equity in our grant funding and to ensure that we are not funding the same need twice.

## Grant definitions:

Our VCS policy sets out our new grant definitions -all our grants will therefore need to meet the criteria set out below. *(This does not include Combined Member Grants):*

### i. Innovation grants:

- a. payment for innovations/pilots
- b. payment to help develop new organisations and approaches which will contribute to the Council's strategic outcomes.

### ii. Strategic grants:

- a. payments to organisations of strategic importance given under the local authorities general powers (Localism Act 2011) to help the authority to achieve its strategic and supporting outcomes.

*Both Strategic and Innovation grants will be awarded over the three year MTFP period and where possible and appropriate will be awarded on a multi-year basis with payments made annually. KCC reserves the right to refuse multiyear agreements where necessary.*

*It is not proposed that either Innovation or Strategic grants should have a financial limit but would not normally be over Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) limits*

**State Aid:** *When awarding grants, officers must consider state aid rules and seek advice where necessary.*

### **Awarding grants:**

All KCC grants to the VCS can be applied for via our [Community grants page](#) on kent.gov and a standardised template application form will be used by commissioners. This will be flexible so that it is proportionate and meets both the specific requirements of services whilst offering a consistent approach.

All the information you need to apply for our grants will be available on the relevant grant page on our website and an overview contained within this prospectus.

KCC Member grants are not advertised in this grant prospectus as you must have an initial discussion with the relevant member. All the information is available on line [here](#).

### **Sustainability and risk when awarding grants:**

KCC has a duty of care to the sector to ensure that it is not financially dependent on one source of funding, to the extent that the sector becomes de-stabilised. Grants should not be considered an ongoing funding stream beyond the agreed period. Arrangements should therefore be put in place when awarding a grant to manage the closure or alternative funding of the project/service once the grant funding has ceased.

When applying for grants, organisations may be asked (at the discretion of the commissioning officer) to outline their risk mitigation in the event that KCC's funding is withdrawn.

Any grant funding which exceeds 25% of an organisation's annualised income may trigger a risk assessment on financial sustainability, to be carried out by the commissioning officer. This does not mean that funding will be automatically withdrawn in this situation but that risks are managed; it will be down to the commissioning manager to discuss these risks with the grant recipient.

### **Publishing awards:**

Under *The Local Authorities Data Transparency Code*, KCC is required to publish annually (from February 2015) the details of all its grants. Ensuring we have robust internal processes in place is therefore even more important to enable us to track our investment. Our grant register is published on our website and can be found [here](#).

## Evaluation of grants:

Whilst our evaluation of grants should be proportionate, grants are not gifts; there will be some expectations or pre-conditions on what the money should be spent on. However, grants should not be monitored in the same way that we manage contracts; instead we will ask for a simple and proportionate evaluation.

## What do we mean by evaluation?

By 'evaluation' we mean a process of thinking back, on what has worked and why. KCC funds many different projects and activities through our grant funding and through our application process we ask applicants to explain:

- How the need for this project was first identified
- The aim of the project and the approach and how it will help us to meet our strategic outcomes
- Who will benefit from the project
- What our grant will pay for- what activities will take place
- How the project will be managed
- How they will know it was successful and capture what worked well or less well

Structuring our application in this way makes it easier to build a story of a project, which can be revisited after the project to see how things went. It also enables us to capture the lessons we learnt, which can inform future funds and projects.

The evaluation at the end of the grant should therefore revisit these questions.

Whilst there needs to be consistency in our approach to evaluation, commissioners may want to collect specific data relating to their grants and the self-evaluation report template may vary according to this.

**All successful applicants will be required to provide a final evaluation by the end of the financial year in which their grant was awarded. If your project is not due to complete by the end of the financial year, we will ask you for an interim report.**

## Overview of Grants:

<b>Strategic</b>	
<b>Grant name</b>	<b>KCC outcomes this grant supports</b>
Village and Community Halls Grant scheme (page 10-11)	<p>Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently</p> <p>Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life</p>
Capital Grant Scheme for Sports (page 12-13)	<p>Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently</p> <p>Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life</p>
Arts and Culture- The Arts Investment Fund (page 14-15)	<p>Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life</p>
<b>Innovation</b>	
The Early Help and Prevention Grant (page 16-17)	<p>Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life</p>
Change Agent Grant – Mental Health (page 18-19)	<p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently</p>
Early Intervention in Psychosis (page 20-21)	<p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying</p>



	<p>a high quality of life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently</p>
Facilitation of Mental Health Action Groups (page 22-24)	<p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently</p>
Physical activity and Older people (page 25-26)	<p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently</p>
Public Health- Shed's Programme (page 27-29)	<p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life</p> <p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently.</p>
Valuing People Now – Engagement (page 30-32)	<p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently:</p> <p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life:</p>
Transforming Care (page 33-34)	<p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently</p> <p>Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life</p>
Dementia Friendly Community (page 35-36)	<p>Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently</p> <p>Communities benefit from economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life</p>

# Strategic Grants

## Kent County Council Village and Community Halls Grant scheme

These grants are available to enable communities to improve existing facilities or build a new facility that meets an identified need in the community.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

The grant is aimed at improving outcomes for the whole community and supports all three of the council's strategic outcomes as set out in our [Strategic Statement](#).

#### 1) Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life

- By ensuring Kent's communities are resilient and provide strong and safe environments to successfully raise children and young people

#### 2) 'Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life

- By ensuring Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life, and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities

#### 3) Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently'

- By ensuring older and vulnerable residents feel socially included

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

The fund will be used for capital projects which enable a community organisation to improve an existing facility or build a new facility that meets an identified need in the community. Projects that may be supported include:

- Building an extension
- Building a new hall
- Upgrade of toilets and/or kitchens
- Replacement windows and heating systems
- Improved insulation

### Funding available:

Grants of up to **£50,000** are available.

A grant from this scheme is conditional upon match funding. KCC can offer a pound for every pound raised, up to 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of £50,000. For example, if the total project costs £50,000, the maximum the applicant can apply for is £25,000 and the remaining £25,000 must come from the applicant or other sources.

### **Timescales:**

All applications must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> December** each year.

Applicants are notified of the decision **3 months after the deadline date (before 1<sup>st</sup> April)**

Successful applicants are required to start the project within the financial year that the award is made. The main outcome of the grant should be an improved hall, but grantees are required to submit a progress report one year after the improvements have been completed, which would include information on whether there has been an increased usage of hall.

Grants are “one-off” although further applications from the same organisation for new projects can be considered. However, only one grant will be provided to any organisation in any financial year.

### **To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application form available through our [website](#) and submit it by the stated deadline.

Officers will review applications for completeness and eligibility, so applicants should answer every question. After an initial review and clarification exercise, a panel of officers from KCC and Action with Communities in Rural Kent will meet to prioritise applications and make final recommendations to the appropriate KCC Senior Manager, who will then make a decision in consultation with the KCC Cabinet Member for Community Services.

## Capital Grant Scheme for Sports

This scheme aims to encourage the development of sports in the county by offering grants to sports organisations to improve facilities and widen participation.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet at least one of the following six outcomes which are set out in the County Council's Strategic Outcomes Framework:

#### A. Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life

- Children and young people have better physical and mental health;
- All children and young people are engaged, thrive and achieve their potential
- To increase participation in sporting activities in the 11-25 age range

#### B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing;
- Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities.

#### C. Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently.

- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

The Capital Grant Scheme is intended to support the following purposes:

- Provision of facilities for the community of Kent, including specialist facilities, training centres and centres of excellence and performance
- Purchase of new community equipment (not personal equipment or 'road' vehicles)
- Improvements to existing buildings and sites (including education sites), or conversion of redundant buildings (applicants for these projects need to prove how the improvements or conversions will increase participation)
- Levering funding from other organisations into key schemes in Kent, and demonstrating partnership
- Increasing participation in sporting activities

### Funding available:

Individual Grants will be up to a maximum of £10,000, (a maximum is only granted to exceptional projects and where the project is of a county-wide significance) any grant must be spent within the financial year (by the end of March) in which it is offered.

**Timescales:**

Applications will only be accepted in May, August and November each year.

All applications must be submitted by 16.00 hours on the last day of those three months.

**To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online [application form](#).

*Please note: This form is available to view outside of the submission dates but will not be able to be submitted outside of these timescales.*

Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC's Culture and Sport Group in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services. A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (ie June, September and December).

## Culture and Creative Economy Service - the Arts Investment Fund

The Arts Investment Fund grants encourage development of creative projects that improve the quality and diversity of creative activity and increase access to culture for all.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

#### 1) Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life

- Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities.
- All Kent's communities benefit from economic growth and lower levels of deprivation.

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

Your application will need to demonstrate the following:

1. How your project achieves **artistic and creative excellence**
2. As part of the project development process you have considered how **collaboration and partnerships** may benefit your project and increase impact
3. You have considered how your proposed activity will result in a project that is **accessible and encourages greater participation** in cultural activity
4. Show that your project offers **value for money**

### Funding available:

Funding is for one financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March) and there is no guarantee of future KCC support. You will need to raise a minimum of 50% cash in your budget from other funding sources. If you are applying for funding above £4,000 please contact [arts@kent.gov.uk](mailto:arts@kent.gov.uk) at least three weeks prior to the deadline to arrange to speak to one of our advisors.

### Timescales:

Applications normally open at the beginning of **December**

The deadline for 2017/18 applications is **noon, Friday 3 February 2107**

Projects cannot start before 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

### How to apply

Applications for a grant are via the [online application form](#)

**What we will do:**

- We check your application to ensure it is complete and eligible
- We may contact you to request any additional clarification or advise ineligibility
- We will assess your application according to our published criteria and may discuss it with our partners and others
- Recommendations for funding are ratified through the County Council's democratic process
- We then inform you of the decision about your application

# Innovation Grants

## The Early Help and Preventative Services Fund

The Early Help and Preventative Services grant supports local decision making relating to Early Help priorities. The grants will support new and existing organisations and innovative projects which contribute to meeting the local need and priorities for the District's children and young people.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

These grants will support each of the twelve Districts in Kent allowing local projects and services to be developed in a flexible and responsive way through a community based offer. The aim of the grant fund is to support local priorities whilst encouraging creativity through projects and services that improve outcomes for children and young people.

Future sustainability planning should be included in applications.

## Funding available

The minimum level of application should be for grant funding of £500 with no single grant exceeding £13,500

All grants will operate on a 12 month basis. Grant funded projects and services must be able to provide evidence of impact against local priorities.

## Timescales

Grants will be awarded on an annual basis. Applications for 2017/18 grants must be submitted by midday **22 December 2016**.

The application process for 2018/19 is yet to be confirmed. However, it is likely to be opening in the latter part of 2018.



**To apply:**

All Applications must be made via the application form [link](#) and will be assessed against the appropriate district priorities. Applicants are encouraged not to leave their applications to the last minute to ensure that there are not any glitches that interfere with their application being processed.

## Change Agent Grant – Mental Health

**A Revenue Grant to undertake the role as ‘change agent’. To work with Mental Health organisations across the Voluntary and Community Services (VCS) sector who provide support and services to people living with Mental Health Issues.**

To provide the role of a ‘change agent’ working with citizens, local communities and VCS service providers, to challenge existing practice and co-produce insight driven outcomes within social care, health and wellbeing. The ‘Change Agent’ will capture evidence of social value through working with individuals and groups across Kent to capture evidence and facilitate change through engagement activities to gather evidence of best practice innovative solutions. The nature of the engagement will be determined by the KCC Commissioning Manager for Mental Health within budget and timescales agreed.

An organisation will need to:

- Demonstrate that they can capture real life experiences and can co-produce by using real life insight drive outcomes.
- Encourage involvement from all parts of the community who may not have had the opportunity in the past.
- Engage in a range of difficult emotional topics and use research to identify examples of best practice and key learnings both nationally and local in Kent.
- Able to demonstrate and communicate key themes and findings to commissioners.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following 2 strategic outcomes and 6 supporting outcomes which are set out in the County Council’s Strategic Outcomes Framework:

#### **B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life**

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing;

#### **C. Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently**

- Those with long terms conditions are supported to manage their conditions through access to good quality care and support
- People with mental health issues and dementia are assessed and treated earlier and are supported to live well
- Residents have greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive

- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included
- The health and social care system works together to delivery high quality community services

### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

The Innovation Grant is intended to support the following purposes:

- Capture evidence of social value using evidence based approaches, including effective co – production aligning your Social Value outcomes with KCC’s Strategic Statement
- Lead positive changes for people who use mental health services
- To focus on outcomes using a number of ways to achieve those outcomes that enhances skills, confidence and self-esteem.
- To make links in order to re-connect people and to co-design and implement local improvements.
- To work in partnership with other organisations who are providing support to people in line with the wellbeing agenda.
- Levering funding from other organisations into key schemes in Kent, and demonstrating partnership
- To ensure that hard to reach groups have a voice in health and social care systems and are able to influence commissioning intentions

### **Funding available:**

An individual Grant will be awarded to a maximum value of £10,000 annually.  
This innovation grant will be awarded for a 3 year period

### **Timescales:**

Applications will only be accepted from the **29<sup>th</sup> November 2016** for the Grant to start on the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**.

All applications must be submitted by **16.00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**.

### **To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application [form](#).  
Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC’s Strategic Commissioning Team. A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (February 2017).

## **Early Intervention in Psychosis**

### **A Revenue Grant to provide an Activity and Engagement Programme for Young People aged between 14 – 35 who have suffered from a first episode of psychosis**

To provide regular leisure, sporting, cultural, social and art activities to aid the recovery process of young people who have experienced a first episode of psychosis in Kent, within wider community settings enjoyed by members of the public. The successful organisation will need to demonstrate that they have the ability and skills to work with people who have experienced a first episode of psychosis in innovative ways to achieve the outcomes that are important for each individual. An organisation will need to also demonstrate that they can work in partnership with Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) and the Early Intervention and Psychosis Teams (EIP) across Kent.

Organisations will need to demonstrate that they are able to lever in additional funding to support the project defined in their submission to meet the outcomes of this grant and demonstrate added value, including social value.

### **What KCC outcomes does the grant support?**

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following 3 strategic outcomes and 7 supporting outcomes which are set out in the County Council's Strategic Outcomes Framework:

#### **A. Children and young people in Kent get the best start in life**

- Children and young people have better physical and mental health;
- All children and young people are engaged, thrive and achieve their potential
- To increase participation in sporting activities in the 11-25 age range

In relation to this grant it is for young people aged 14 – 35 years, specifically people with a first episode of psychosis.

#### **B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life**

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
- Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities.

#### **C. Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently**

- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included (in relation this grant it is for vulnerable residents aged 14 – 35 years)
- More people receive quality care at home avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital and care homes.
- Residents have greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive.

### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

The Innovation Grant is intended to support the following purposes:

- Capture evidence of social value using evidence based approaches, including effective co – production aligning your Social Value outcomes with KCC’s Strategic Statement
- Targeted interventions for users of Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Early Intervention in Psychosis Teams
- Provision of regular leisure, sporting, social and cultural based activities across both East and West Kent. Activities should be provided for 25 weeks a year in both East and West Kent.
- Levering funding from other organisations into key schemes in Kent, and demonstrating partnership
- Increasing participation in sporting activities
- Activities will need to demonstrate inclusivity, equality and integrity throughout activities to meet outcomes
- Activities should promote team work, confidence and raise self – esteem

### **Funding available:**

An individual Grant will be awarded to a maximum value of £40,000 annually. This innovation grant will be awarded for a 3 year period.

### **Timescales:**

Applications will only be accepted from the **29<sup>th</sup> November 2016** for the Grant to start on the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**.

All applications must be submitted by **16.00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017**.

### **To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application [form](#).

Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC’s Strategic Commissioning Team. A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (February 2017)

## **Facilitation of the Mental Health Action Groups:**

### **A Revenue Grant to undertake the role of administering and co-ordinating Mental Health Action Groups (MHAG's) across Kent.**

The grant will involve liaising closely with the Chair of each Mental Health Action Group's (MHAG,s) people living with mental health needs, carers, KCC Strategic Commissioning and Kent Commissioning (CCG) Leads for Mental Health.

Ensure the MHAGs and that MHAG agendas and minutes are published on appropriate website. Currently this is the Live It Well website.

MHAG's enable peer support and give people using services and carers, a voice in shaping and influencing the services and issues that matter to them.

An organisation will need to demonstrate that they have a good understanding of the mental health needs of Kent residents.

TUPE may apply to this grant

### **What KCC outcomes does the grant support?**

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following 2 strategic outcomes and 7 supporting outcomes which are set out in the County Council's Strategic Outcomes Framework:

#### **B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life**

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing;
- Kent residents enjoy and good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities

#### **C. Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently**

- Those with long terms conditions are supported to manage their conditions through access to good quality care and support
- People with mental health issues and dementia are assessed and treated earlier and are supposed to live well
- Families and carers of vulnerable and older people have access to the advice, information and support they need

- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included
- Residents have greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive

### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

Capture evidence of social value using evidence based approaches, including effective co – production aligning your Social Value outcomes with KCC’s Strategic Statement

### **To support the following purposes:**

Administer the MHAGs across the Kent area; currently there are 9 MHAGs in Kent, including the county group and each will need to be administered every 2 months, i.e. 6 meetings a year. Agenda’s will need to include important information updates on current services and future planned changes. Acting as vehicle for disseminating information across Kent and ensuring all key stakeholders are informed of meeting dates, venues and times.

To co-ordinate a programme of speakers as determined by each group.

To ensure that key areas of concern for people who use services and carers are represented at the county group.

Co-ordinating Kent County Council and the 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG’s) and other providers mental health updates to ensure information is available to people who use services, carers and providers are informed of service changes and developments.

The 9 groups are:

- South Kent Coast
- Thanet
- Swale
- Ashford
- Canterbury Coastal
- West Kent (South West Kent Area)
- West Kent (Maidstone and Weald)
- DGS
- County MHAG

### **Funding available:**

An individual Grant will be awarded up to a maximum value of £32,000 annually. This innovation grant will be awarded for a 3 year period

**Timescales:**

Applications will only be accepted from the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for the Grant to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

All applications must be submitted by 16.00 hours on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017.

**To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application [form](#).

Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC's Strategic Commissioning team. A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (February 2017).



## Physical Activity and Older People grant

This funding is designed to enable a small number of innovative projects to contribute to wider health and social outcomes by creating opportunities for older people aged 55+ (and their Carers) to become more physically active, using a range of different recreational, leisure and appropriate sports activities.

Funding will be provided for projects that can contribute to one or more of the KCC Outcomes below and applications are encouraged from both VCS organisations working with Older People, as well as recreation, leisure and sports organisations.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

#### 1. Older and Vulnerable Residents are Safe and Supported with Choices to Live Independently:

- People with mental health issues and dementia are assessed and treated earlier and are supported to live well;
- Families and carers of vulnerable and older people have access to the advice, information and support they need;
- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included.

#### 2. Communities benefit from economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life:

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
- Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities.

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

Your application will need to demonstrate how it:

1. Will support and encourage older people to be more physically active(including using appropriate recreational sports activity).
2. Will develop partnerships between VCS and the leisure/sports sector (ideally an application will demonstrate a partnership between both sectors, although this is not essential if the applicant can demonstrate their ability to deliver a successful project independently – please contact Kent Sport on [kentsport@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentsport@kent.gov.uk) or 03000 414001 if you have any queries on this or need further advice).
3. Will consult with and promote the project to older people
4. Will aim to continue the activity after the initial funding period.

5. Will provide appropriate monitoring and evaluation – including case studies where appropriate, to enable other organisations to benefit from the project and support future development of opportunities.

### **Funding available**

The minimum level of funding for each Project funded will be £5,000. There is a limited amount of funding available and grants will be awarded based on the quality of the application, related to meeting KCC outcomes and the ability to deliver the project.

Whilst partnership funding (including 'in-kind' funding) is encouraged, it is not essential to provide partner funding.

### **Timescales**

Applications must be submitted by **Friday 27 January 2017**.

It is anticipated that Awards will be made by the end of February 2017 and it is expected that projects will be completed before 31 March 2018 (subject to scale of project and amount awarded).

### **To apply:**

Applicants are required to complete the online application [form](#).

## **Kent Sheds Community Grant**

This is a small grants scheme which aims to support the development of new Kent Sheds . Sheds must be led by people who will benefit from them and demonstrate sustainability by either keeping overheads to a minimum or fundraising in other ways such as boot sales or selling products made in the sheds.

### **What is a Shed?**

Kent Sheds is based on an international model known as 'Men's Sheds' ([www.mensshedsuk.org.uk](http://www.mensshedsuk.org.uk)). The idea behind the Men's Sheds movement is that men – especially those who are not in work through disability or caring for relatives, retired and are less likely to benefit from employment or regular social activities. Men who are socially isolated, are at greater risk of suicide and experiencing poor mental health. Instead, they are more likely to thrive in informal spaces, in the company of their peers, and through engaging in practical activities, sharing and learning skills, and helping the community.

There are already around 30 Sheds in Kent which are all unique and themed round a mix of activities including fishing, woodwork, craft, gardening, community benefit etc. Kent Sheds are open to both men and women over the age of 18 and have been shown to improve wellbeing, increase skills to employment, and improve physical health and social connections.

### **What KCC outcomes does the grant support?**

- A. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life
- B. Older and vulnerable residents are safe, and supported with choices to live well and independently.

### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

Kent Sheds is one of the projects being initiated by KCC as part of their 'Six Ways to Wellbeing' campaign (<http://www.liveitwell.org.uk/ways-to-wellbeing/six-ways-to-wellbeing/>). As such the principal objective of the Kent Sheds programme is to support men and ex-services wellbeing and to ensure that they have the opportunity to:

- CONNECT - with family, friends, colleagues, neighbours
- BE ACTIVE - walk, run, garden, kick a ball around
- TAKE NOTICE - be curious, reflect on experiences
- KEEP LEARNING - try something new
- GIVE - doing something for others
- PLANET- grow food, support wildlife habitats, recycle

The Kent Sheds grants aims to help community groups / organisations to establish a Shed project in their community. A Shed is commonly a community based location (though some have been 'virtual' sheds where people meet in different places) that offers:

- A safe and welcoming environment where individuals can feel comfortable discussing their problems with other people and then be signposted to further support
- Sustainable activities and a social environment for these individuals to improve their self-esteem, knowledge, confidence, skills and social network

Most Sheds are led by Shedders working on a voluntary basis to do something they enjoy. A Shed is not a service and it is essential projects are led by those who will benefit from them.

In order for Sheds to be sustainable running costs need to be kept to a minimum thought through at day one. Commonly Sheds do this by pooling their own resource e.g. time, tools, skills and through working with local organisations who may be able to offer in kind support e.g. free rooms and by selling goods or charging Shedders for materials or refreshments.

The project leads will be responsible for ensuring the Shed complies with all relevant legal and safeguarding requirements and are run in a safe and equitable way. The Shed should encourage and support healthier lifestyle choices by promoting relevant services or activities that keep people well.

## Funding available

Each Shed can only apply once for the scheme and funding is available for capital expenditure to purchase equipment, pay towards premises costs (rent/bills), promotion and activities.

There are 3 levels of funding available and the level of reporting and match funding required varies between each of these. Match funding can be anything from sharing of tools, to free space in a venue or volunteer time to run the Shed.

Value	Summary of requirements	Reporting requirements
<b>Under a £1,000</b>	Match funding/ in kind support not essential but welcomed.  Application must benefit 10 people or more	Monthly stats on number of people ( new and existing) and attendances  Simple six month report with some quotes from Shedders  Breakdown of spend
<b>£1,000 to £2,500</b>	<b>Must have Match funding/ in Kent</b>	Monthly stats on number of people ( new and existing) and attendances

	<p><b>support</b></p> <p>Application must benefit 10 people or more</p>	<p><b>Six month report containing:</b></p> <p>Explains what the shed has delivered Includes case studies, photos and quotes ( these must have participant consent to enable sharing with KCC press team ) Details of any risks or issues experienced  Breakdown of spend</p>
<p><b>Over £2,500</b></p>	<p>Applications above £2,500 may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Please email <a href="mailto:kentsheds@kent.gov.uk">kentsheds@kent.gov.uk</a> to have an informal discussion prior to submission of an award of this level</p>	

### Timescales

We will aim to notify you within 2- 3 weeks and issue the grant paperwork within a further 3 weeks of notification of your success

Applications for Grant funding must be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and will be considered on a rolling basis

(Grant funding for future years will be dependent on budgets)

### To apply:

Applicants are required to complete the online application [form](#).

Once we receive your application we will check to make sure you have provided answers to all of the questions. If we need more information we will contact you to discuss.

Once we have all the details your application will be assessed against set criteria by our panel of judges.

The Panel may decide that an application has merit but requires further work. In such case the applicant will be invited to rework their application and resubmit it.

## Valuing People Now in Kent- Engagement

**Please note this guidance is also available as an Easy Read version and can be found [here](#)**

A Revenue Grant to undertake the role of delivering contemporary and innovative approaches for enabling and supporting engagement with people with a Learning Disability (LD) aged 16+ and their family/carers to ensure:

- The voice of people with a learning disability (ld.) and their families and carers is part of local decision making in Kent
- People with a ld. and their families and carers are empowered to represent themselves and others
- Their voice is used to inform the planning and commissioning of future services including as part of the Transforming Care agenda and in line with Kent County Council Strategic Outcomes.
- Effective and genuine representation at the Kent County Council Partnership Board concerning people with a learning disability and their families and carers

The Grant will be awarded in the areas shown below:

- West Kent Health Economy Area
- Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale Heath Economy Area
- Ashford and Canterbury Coastal Health Economy Area
- South Kent Cost and Thanet Heath Economy Area

### **What KCC outcomes does the grant support?**

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following strategic and supporting outcomes which are set out in the County Council's Strategic Outcomes Framework:

A. Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently:

- Residents have greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive

B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life:

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

Applicants are also required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following outcomes which have been agreed following consultation with people with a learning disability and their carers:

That people with a learning disability and their family and carers:

- Are empowered to become actively involved and participate in shaping the local and national agenda for learning disability
- Know that their opinion is listened to and confident that their involvement and participation is valued
- Have assurance that their voice and opinions are communicated to those who are making decisions about local and national strategy and service redesign
- Are able to participate regardless of where they are in the community e.g. living at home, attending day centres, in residential care homes, supported living

#### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

The Grant is intended to support the following purposes:

- Clear innovative approach demonstrated, including an approach which will bring in other funding sources
- Support sustainability beyond the life of the grant
- Individuals are empowered to become actively involved and to participate in shaping local and national agenda
- Assurance that people's voices and opinions are communicated to those who make decisions about local and national strategy and service redesign
- Capturing testimony of using evidence based approaches to co-production, including effectively aligning Social Value outcomes and KCC's Strategic Statement
- Demonstrating a partnership approach
- Wide engagement across the Kent Health Economies applied for

#### **Evidence of meeting the outcomes of the grant**

- You will be expected to provide a high level quarterly report on the key activities undertaken
- You will also be expected to provide an end of year evaluation report on how you have met the outcomes of the grant and what you have achieved
- The grant for each successive year will be funded annually subject to evidence of satisfactory performance

## Funding available

An individual Grant(s) will be awarded to a maximum value in each of the areas as outlined below:

Health Economy Area	Maximum Value Available
West Kent Health Economy	19,795.08
Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale Heath Economy	20,093.94
Ashford and Canterbury Coastal Health Economy	18,353.52
South Kent Cost and Thanet Heath Economy	26,756.76

The funding available in each area has been based on the general population regarding people with a learning disability across the county, and the 4000 people with a learning disability known to Kent County Council social care teams

This grant may be awarded for up to a 3 year period, **funded annually subject to satisfactory performance each year**

## Timescales

Applications will only be accepted from the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for the Grant to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

All applications must be submitted by 16.00 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## To apply:

Applicants are required to complete the online [application form](#).

***You must also upload an easy read version of your application in order for people with a learning disability to evaluate your bid; this can be done through the online application form.***

Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC's Strategic Commissioning Team.

A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (we are aiming to communicate by the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017).



## Transforming Care

**A Revenue Grant to provide** an innovative approach to developing co-production forums that specifically engage people with a Learning Disability and/or Autism who display behaviours that challenge, including mental health conditions.

Engagement will need to include individuals representing the diversity of this group, including individuals with more severe disabilities, individuals who are not able to attend specific groups or meetings, and individuals with complex needs. The forums will need to ensure that the voice, experience and opinions of individuals and their carers are represented and used to inform the planning and commissioning of future services as part of the Transforming Care agenda and in line with Kent County Council Strategic Outcomes.

### What KCC outcomes does the grant support?

Applicants are required to demonstrate in their application how they will meet the following strategic outcomes and supporting outcomes which are set out in the County Council's Strategic Outcomes Framework:

#### A. Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently

- Residents have greater choice and control over the health and social care services they receive

#### B. Kent communities feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying a high quality of life

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

### What we expect successful projects to achieve:

The grant is intended to support the following purposes:

- Clear innovative approach demonstrated
- Individuals empowered to become actively involved and participating in shaping local and national agenda
- Assurance that people voice and opinions are communicated to those who make decisions about local and national strategy and service redesign
- Providing safe and welcoming approach for the forums
- Capturing testimony of using evidence based approaches to co –production , including effectively aligning Social Value outcomes and KCC's Strategic Statement
- Demonstrating partnership approach

- Bringing in other funding sources
- Sustainability following grant completion

### **Funding available**

An individual Grant will be awarded to a maximum value of £10k annually. This grant will be awarded for a 1.5 (18 month) year period. The total value of the grant will be £15k.

### **Timescales**

Applications will only be accepted from the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for the Grant to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

All applications must be submitted by 16.00 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### **To apply**

Applicants are required to complete the online [application form](#).

Applications will be assessed and considered by KCC's Strategic Commissioning Team.

A decision is usually communicated to the applicant by the end of the following month (we are aiming to communicate by the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017).

## **Dementia Friendly Community – Innovation Grant 2017/18**

A key factor to Living Well with Dementia is being able to maintain your existing lifestyle as well as possible. It's been well documented that some people with dementia start to withdraw from their community, which may leave themselves or family carers Isolated or lonely. It's understood that where people can remain part of a community and continue activities, pastimes and hobbies, that this can result in less stress, anxiety and frustration for both the person with a diagnosis and their family.

This funding is designed to enable a number of innovative projects across Kent to contribute to our wider Kent Dementia Action Alliance and Kent Health and Social Care outcomes. This year The Dementia Friendly Communities fund will support projects that work with local businesses, organisations, leisure , sports or arts which deliver outcomes which enable people with dementia to maintain their independence and remain part of their communities for as long as practicable.

Funding will be provided for projects that can contribute to one or more of the KCC Outcomes below and applications are encouraged from Local Dementia Friendly Communities, Community Groups, VCS organisations, as well as recreation, arts, leisure and sports organisations.

To encourage people to have a wider perspective of what may be possible greater consideration will be given to funding bids which incorporate any of the following aspects:

- Submitted through a Dementia Action Alliance or Dementia Friendly Community
- Intergenerational and/or community groups involvement
- Business and retail sector involvement

### **What KCC outcomes does the grant support?**

#### **1. Older and Vulnerable Residents are Safe and Supported with Choices to Live Independently:**

- Those with long-term conditions are supported to manage their conditions through access to good quality care and support
- People with mental health issues and dementia are assessed and treated earlier and are supported to live well;
- Families and carers of vulnerable and older people have access to the advice, information and support they need;
- Older and vulnerable residents feel socially included.

#### **2. Communities benefit from economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life:**

- Physical and mental health is improved by supporting people to take more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
- Kent residents enjoy a good quality of life and more people benefit from greater social, cultural and sporting opportunities.
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### **What we expect successful projects to achieve:**

Your application will need to demonstrate how it:

1. Will develop existing partnerships and encourage new partnerships between various sectors of the community
2. Will build on the work already started by the Kent Dementia Action Alliance and the 'Working to Become Dementia Friendly' (WTBDF) recognition symbol.
3. Will consult with and promote the project to those living with dementia as well as local businesses and organisations.
4. Will aim to continue the activity after the initial funding period.
5. Will provide appropriate monitoring and evaluation – including case studies where appropriate, to enable other organisations to benefit from the project and support future development of opportunities.
6. Will provide regular updates on the [dementiafriendlykent.org](http://dementiafriendlykent.org) website.

### **Funding available**

The minimum level of funding for each Project funded will be £500. The maximum will be £2000. There is a limited amount of funding available and grants will be awarded based on the quality of the application, related to meeting the required outcomes and the ability to deliver the project.

Bids will be judged by a panel consisting of:

- KCC Commissioning Officers
- Chair persons from Kent's Dementia Action Alliance And Dementia Friendly Community Groups
- People affected personally by Dementia

This Grant can only fund up to 50% of the total cost of a project, therefore applications must demonstrate how the balance of the funding will be achieved via match funding (including 'in-kind' funding) or other funding streams.

### **Timescales**

Applications must be submitted by **30 July 2017**

If you are successful and your bid is approved for funding, you will be contacted by August 2017, with projects being completed by 31 March 2018

### **To apply**

Applicants are required to complete the online [application form](#)

**KCC VCS Grant  
Prospectus 2016-18**