

Easy read guide to the Innovation Grant – Valuing People Now in Kent



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Hello,

This tells you what you need to do to apply for an 'Innovation Grant'

An innovation is a new idea on doing something

An innovation grant is:

A: payment for innovation / pilot

B: payment to help a new organisation to help meet the council's strategic outcomes (their plans)

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The grant is given to deliver new ways of supporting and enabling people with a learning disability and their carers/family to:

- Have a voice in making decisions
- Giving them confidence to represent themselves and others
- Make sure they are listened to when planning or commissioning services
- Effective and genuine representation on the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

This grant covers the following Kent areas.

- West Kent
- Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley

	<p>and Swale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashford and Canterbury Coastal • South Kent Coast and Thanet
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What applicants need to show they are doing

Applicants need to show how they will support the following parts of KCC's plan:

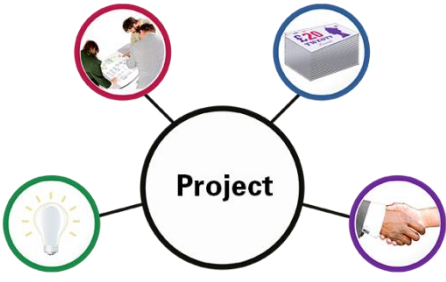

- Older and vulnerable residents should feel safe and supported with choices to live independently and have control over their health and social care services.
- Kent communities should feel the benefit of economic growth, by being in work, healthy and enjoying life with good mental well-being.

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Applicants must show how they will support people with a learning disability, their family and carers to:

- Have confidence to take part in shaping decisions on the local and national agenda for learning disability
- Know that their opinion is listened to and valued
- Know their opinions are communicated to those who make decisions
- Be able to be involved regardless of where they live in the

	community.
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	<p>What we expect successful projects to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show a clear way to bring in extra funding • Show how projects can keep going • Show how individuals can be involved • Show how people’s opinions can be communicated to those making decisions • Having evidence to show they are meeting KCC’s plan (See number 3) • Show how they have a partnership approach • Show how they engage widely across XXXX Kent
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	<p>Evidence of meeting the outcomes of the grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will need to give a detailed 4 yearly report on the key activities done • You will need to give an end of year report
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	<p>Funding available is a maximum of:</p> <p>West Kent £19,795.08</p> <p>Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale £20,093.94</p>



Ashford and Canterbury Coastal
£18,353.52

South Kent Coast and Thanet
£26,756.76

The grant may be awarded for up to a 3 year period.

It is funded annually and will be subject to performance targets being met.

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Timescales

You can apply from the 7th January 2017.

Applications close at 4pm on the 4th February 2017.

Grants start on the 1st

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How to apply

Fill in the form on the internet at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-grants-and-funding/learning-disability-grant>

You can email easy read submissions to: communitysupport@kent.gov.uk and make sure the subject is Strategic Grant

You must supply an easy read version of your application as well.

Applicants will be told by the 13th March (but this could change).