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# Elmbridge Partnership Fund 2024

## Guidance Notes

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### Who are the funding partners?

The fund has contributions from Elmbridge Borough Council, Walton Charity and Walsingham Care. The total sum available in 2024 is £60,000. Applications will be jointly assessed by the partners.

### What is the aim of the funding?

The fund is for projects that support one or more of the following themes:

- Projects or activities that improve mental health or reduce social isolation
- Physical activities or sessions to improve health and wellbeing, particularly for those on a low income

### Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations including organisations which are registered or unregistered with the Charity Commission, schools and Community Interest Companies.

Priority consideration will be given to

- projects or activities that support older people and/or people on a low income
- projects or activities offering value for money
- projects that have other match funding in place
- organisations that did not receive a partnership fund award in 2023

### Who can benefit from the Partnership Fund grants?

The funding must only be used to support Elmbridge residents.

### What are the Partnership Fund themes and criteria?

The Partnership Funding themes for 2024 are:

Projects or activities that improve mental health or reduce social isolation

- this funding is to establish new activities or fund current activities which improve mental health and social inclusion.

Physical activities or sessions, particularly for those on a low income

- this could be activities that reduce the risk of falls or improve general health and can include the cost of purchasing equipment for activity sessions,

however any capital costs must be no more than 50% of the total grant requested.

## What will the fund not cover?

The fund will not accept applications for the following:

- applications from individuals who are not part of an organisation as listed above
- support to be provided outside of the borough of Elmbridge
- organisations with financial reserves of more than 12 months' running costs
- funding for major capital projects or items (grants can support equipment costs of no more than 50% of the total grant requested)
- activities which are the responsibility of the statutory sector to provide
- fundraising appeals or to cover the cost of salaries of fundraisers
- activities for the advancement of any religion or religious group
- animal welfare
- medical research
- commercial or business activities, but this does not exclude social enterprise
- retrospective requests
- applications that would be eligible for the [Community Infrastructure Levy fund](#) or any other more relevant fund.

## How much can be applied for?

The minimum amount an organisation can apply for is £1,000 and the maximum is £5,000. Please only apply for the amount your organisation needs to deliver the project or activity.

## What evidence needs to be provided with the application?

Clear evidence of need must be provided in the application form, and how your project will respond to this identified need.

## What monitoring will have to be provided after the funding is granted?

Successful organisations will be asked to provide direct evidence of the impact and outcomes as a result of the funding, 12 months after payment of the grant.

## When is the closing date?

To apply, you must complete the online form by 5pm on 31st October 2024. Successful organisations will be contacted by end December 2024.

## I need support with my application

We are keen for small organisations and groups to apply. Central Surrey Voluntary Action can provide support to complete applications [admin@CSVA.co.uk](mailto:admin@CSVA.co.uk)

I have a question or need more information

Please contact the Policy team at Elmbridge Borough Council  
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