

Community Chest Application Summary 2017/2018

Local Authority	St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Organisation	Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care
Amount Requested	£9,458
Total Project Cost	£11,458
Match Funding	£2,000 - Suffolk Community Foundation (Davies Family Fund)
Partnerships	We continually fund raise to enable us to pay our volunteer expenses as these are an on going cost. This is by one of events ie Quiz Evening, Coffee Mornings.
West Suffolk Bid?	No

Key Points

- We are in urgent need of funding to pay our volunteer expenses which are incurred when travelling to visit clients in their homes to offer support.
- Every year the number of bereaved people contacting Suffolk Cruse increases, there was an increase from 656 people supported the year ending March 2016 from 616 being supported the previous year.
- The project will help to support the bereaved and thus enable them to be part of the community often helping the bereaved to continue with their work/education and preventing them from turning to alcohol or drugs and using the NHS services.
- Project start: **Ongoing**

**St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Community Chest Grant Application Form
Part A**



Community Chest funding supports voluntary and community groups who make a contribution to improving the quality of life for people in West Suffolk. The information you provide will help us consider your application. If you have any questions, please give us a call on 01638 719763. Before completing this form, we ask you to please read the guidelines, which are available on: <http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm>

Please return your completed, signed form and supplementary documents to: richard.baldwin@westsuffolk.gov.uk

1. Name of your organisation(s):

2. Organisation address details

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Address Ln3			
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Ln1		Ln1	
Ln2		Ln2	
Town		Town	
Post Code		Post Code	

About your organisation

3. What local authority area(s) does your organisation work in?

The whole of Suffolk

*Community Chest funding is offered by both Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury councils. As the decision making process is different any projects applying for funding across West Suffolk, must apply separately.

4. What is the status of your organisation?

Registered charity	X	Charity number:
Applying for charitable status		208078
Company limited by guarantee		Company number:
Community Interest Company		
Part of a larger regional or national charity (Please state which one)	X	Cruse Bereavement Care
Constituted Community Group		
Social Enterprise		
Other (Please specify)		

5. How many people are involved in your organisation?

Management committee	7	Service users	
Full Time staff / workers		Volunteers and helpers (non-management)	76
Part Time staff / workers	2		

6. What is the purpose of your organisation? Please briefly describe why your organisation was set up, its aims and objectives and who primarily benefits from your organisation.

Suffolk Cruse is part of Cruse Bereavement Care which was set up in 1959 to promote the well being of bereaved people. Our aim and objectives is to enable anyone bereaved by death to understand their grief and cope with their loss. Our services include one to one support, telephone support, group support and email support along with a specialist Children & Young People Team. We also hold information evenings. Our services are free to clients and are available no matter how or when their loved one(s) died. The beneficiaries of our service are over 650 bereaved people who have been supported by our volunteers throughout Suffolk last year including children and young people. We also have four telephone helplines which are manned by our volunteers, who last year received over 1300 enquiries.

£44,198

8. What was your organisation's total expenditure for last financial year? £72,588

9. Does your organisation have more than six months running costs? Yes

10. What are your organisation's current unrestricted reserves or savings? £34,753

11. West Suffolk prioritises building resilient families and communities that are healthy and active. Please indicate which of the following areas your project contributes towards:

A thriving voluntary sector and active communities who take the initiative to help the most vulnerable.

People playing a greater role in determining the future of their communities.

Improved wellbeing, physical and mental health.

Accessible countryside and green spaces.

About your project – why are you applying for this funding?

12. What do you want the funding for? Please be specific. Please note that 'project' is meant to describe the project for which you are seeking funding, and not your organisation.

We are in urgent need of funding to pay our volunteer expenses which are incurred when travelling to visit clients in their homes to offer support. Our volunteers also incur travel expenses when travelling to mandatory supervision sessions and also to training sessions. Volunteer expenses are paid to cover their telephone/postage costs. We would not want anyone to be unable to volunteer due to expenses not being paid.

13. How has the project been developed out of the community's desire to improve the lives of local people? What evidence do you have that there is a need for this project? Please include sources of evidence, including any public/user/community consultation.

Every year the number of bereaved people contacting Suffolk Cruse increases, there was an increase from 656 people supported the year ending March 2016 from 616 being supported the previous year. The number of enquiries has also increased yearly. Our clients complete evaluation forms on completion of their support and comments/trends are noted so that we can use these to help determine the support which is wanted in the community and how best we can deliver this and shape our services.

14. How will the project help local people to support one another?

The project will help to support the bereaved and thus enable them to be part of the community often helping the bereaved to continue with their work/education and preventing them from turning to alcohol or drugs and using the NHS services. When help is delivered to one family member this will often help enable them to support other members of the family/community thus preventing them from needing help elsewhere.

15. Are you working with any other organisations on this project? Yes

If yes, please state the names of these groups and the nature of the relationship.

We continually fund raise to enable us to pay our volunteer expenses as these are an on going cost. This is by one of events ie Quiz Evening, Coffee Morning and applying for funding usually via Suffolk Community Foundation.

16. When will the project start?

17. When will the project finish? or is the project ongoing?

If this is an ongoing project, how will it be funded and continue going when the funding ends?

This project is ongoing and will continue, we will continue to apply for funding and to fundraise to enable us to pay our volunteer expenses so that they can continue to support the bereaved in Suffolk. Last year our volunteers gave over 14,000 hours to help support the bereaved.

18. Which years funding are you applying for?

19. How many people do you expect to benefit directly from the project on either a weekly, monthly or annual basis?

20. What results (including targets/numbers) do you expect to see as a result of the funding and how do these relate to the Community Chest funding criteria? If your project is health related how does it improve health outcomes for residents within community networks and beyond?

We anticipate that the number of enquiries which are received and the number of bereaved people supported will continue to increase as this has been the case for the last few years. There were an extra 50 bereaved people who received one to one support last year. The support is given in the client's home and usually consists of one hour sessions and an average of 6 are given per client. The support enables the bereaved person to understand and cope with their grief, often helping the person to once again be active in the community, continue to work or with their education, preventing the use of alcohol/drugs and the need to use the NHS services.

21. What is the total cost of the project?

Please provide a full breakdown of the total cost of this project, including VAT if applicable along with any in-kind contributions such as volunteer hours.

Item or activity	Cost (£)
Volunteer travel expenses to visit clients in their homes/attend training/mandatory supervision (from accounts ending March 16)	£9,458
Total cost of items listed above:	£9,458

22. How much funding are you applying to us for?

£9,458

23. What funds have you raised so far for this project?

Source	Amount (£)
Suffolk Community Foundation (Davies Family Fund)	£2,000
Total fundraising:	£2,000

24. What other funders have you applied to for further funding for the project?

Funder	Amount (£)	Timescale for decision
None at present, but this is ongoing		
Total:		

25. What other grants and contracts has your organisation received over the past year from either Forest Heath District Council or St Edmundsbury Borough Council?

Funder	Amount (£)	Reason for funding
Nil		
Total:		