

Community Chest Application Summary 2017/2018

Local Authority	St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Organisation	Suffolk Coalition of Disabled People (SCODP)
Amount Requested	<i>£36,120</i>
Total Project Cost	£36,120 over a two years
Match Funding	None
Partnerships	University of Suffolk – Sue Hollinrake Suffolk County Council – Sara Spencer Lauren White- Miller – Family & Community Team
West Suffolk Bid?	Yes

Key Points

- We are an organisation of disabled people, run and controlled by disabled people. The organisation aims to:

Ensure decisions that are made about services and support that affect disabled people are made with disabled people in true co-production;

To ensure that disabled people have choice and control over their lives;

To give disabled people an opportunity to come together to discuss the issues that they want to discuss and to take action together on issues that are important to them;

To provide information, advice and support to enable disabled people to live the lifestyle of their choice.

- Forest Heath will become our next target area, we would like to work together with disabled people from this area to determine what the issues are that prevent them from being fully integrated into their community whether that is in relation to leisure, employment services or support.
- Project start: **April 2017**
- Project end: **March 2019**

**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):

Suffolk Coalition of Disabled People (SCODP)

2. Organisation address details

Address Ln1	Epsilon House Business Centre		
Address Ln2	1 – 5 Epsilon Terrace		
Address Ln3	West Road		
City/Town	Ipswich	Postcode	IP3 9FJ
Main phone	01473 276115	E-mail	enquiries@scodp.org.uk
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Main Contact Person		Second Contact Person	
Title	Mr	Title	Mrs
Forename	Geof	Forename	Kathy
Surname	Dix	Surname	Bole
Role	Disability Development Officer	Role	Chairperson
Daytime Tel No.	01473 276115	Daytime Tel No.	01473 276115
Mobile No.	██████████	Mobile No.	██████████
Email	Geof.dix@scodp.org.uk	Email	Kathy.bole@scodp.org.uk
Address Details (if different from Org address)		Address Details (if different from Org address)	
Ln1		Ln1	
Ln2		Ln2	
Town		Town	
Post Code		Post Code	

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About your organisation

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

Suffolk Wide

*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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charity number: 1146878
Applying for charitable status	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Company limited by guarantee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Company number: 7877035
Community Interest Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Part of a larger regional or national charity (Please state which one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Constituted Community Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social Enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

5. How many people are involved in your organisation?

Management committee	4	Service users	
Full Time staff / workers		Volunteers and helpers (non-management)	3
Part Time staff / workers	4		

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.

<p>SCODP was established in 2012 to ensure disabled people had a voice in decisions and services that affect them. We are an organisation of disabled people, run and controlled by disabled people. The organisation aims to:</p> <p>Ensure decisions that are made about services and support that affect disabled people are made with disabled people in true co-production; To ensure that disabled people have choice and control over their lives; To give disabled people an opportunity to come together to discuss the issues that they want to discuss and to take action together on issues that are important to them; To provide information, advice and support to enable disabled people to live the lifestyle of their choice.</p> <p>We work with statutory and voluntary sector organisations across the county and ensure that disabled people are involved in all aspects of our work. We offer volunteering opportunities to enable people</p>

to gain skills, experience and self-confidence. We are responsible for the Suffolk Co-production network which brings together statutory and voluntary organisations to work on issues of mutual importance.

The primary beneficiaries of our organisation are disabled people and their families but we work closely with other organisations across Suffolk to ensure people are able to access a wide range of services which enables them to take part in all activities available within their local communities. We also work closely with the University of Suffolk to research and support service delivery for disabled people

Maximum of 300 words

7. What was your organisation's total income for last financial year? £107,277.00

8. What was your organisation's total expenditure for last financial year? £75,608.00

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

10. What are your organisation's current unrestricted reserves or savings? £77,752.00

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.

Expert researchers is a program we have undertaken within the Ipswich area to find out if changes are required to current services to allow disabled people to live a fully accessible and active life. The program has been a success in Ipswich reporting varied outcomes in order to create a detailed report from which a display at University of Suffolk will be held.

West Suffolk will become our next target area, we would like to work together with disabled people from this area to determine what the issues are that prevent them from being fully integrated into their community whether that is in relation to leisure, employment services or support. This program will allow disabled people to engage in research that is relevant to them, receive training in research and interview techniques building self-esteem and confidence, to act as peer supporters to other disabled people, especially those that have recently acquired an impairment to provide support, encouragement and relieve social isolation.

Maximum of 300 words

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.

Expert researchers is a co-produced piece of work between SCODP, Suffolk County Council and University of Suffolk. The pilot scheme has been run in Ipswich and is funded by our own money. Initially we recruited disabled people as Researchers who were offered training into research for 6 weeks at the University of Suffolk followed by the recruitment of Participants, all disabled people, to log, photograph and record their daily activities which included services used, transport, leisure, statutory services assistance required and general wellbeing. Services, good or bad, blogs and pictures taken by the participants were analysed by the researchers where findings showing trends and concerns were recorded in preparation for a public display at University of Suffolk on October 12 2016. This program has empowered the researchers and participants to be confident and assertive regarding their needs for services and wellbeing. We are presenting this program at Lodz University, Poland on September 29 2012 at the Participatory Social Work, Approaches, Barriers, Critique seminar along with the analysis we have gathered. We would like to target the West Suffolk Area with this piece of work, recruiting researchers and participants within the West Suffolk boundary, offering the same training package, to collate the evidence within that area.

Maximum of 300 words

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

It will provide disabled people with the ability to:

- Work together to identify the issues of importance to them;
- Obtain training on research, interviewing and analysis skills;
- Use the skills learnt to enhance other areas of their lives;
- Understand what is available in the local community;
- Be part of the change and possible improvement within the local community;
- Work together to provide solutions to the issues raised;
- To take part in an expert research programme to record what it is like to be a disabled person in West Suffolk;
- To take part in activities and be supported by volunteers with the same interest to enable people to be full and active members of their communities;
- To learn skills and gain confidence as peer supporters;

Maximum of 300 words

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.

SCODP works closely with a number of voluntary and statutory organisations. If our project bid was successful we would look to work with our partner organisations to identify disabled people and to deliver this programme. Our main partners would be:

- University of Suffolk – Sue Hollinrake
- Suffolk County Council – Sara Spencer
- Lauren White- Miller – Family & Community Team

Maximum of 300 words

16. When will the project start?

April 2017

17. When will the project finish?
project ongoing?

March 2019

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

We would work throughout the project to ensure that disabled people in West Suffolk are equal partners in the design and delivery of all aspects of this project. This would enable us to ensure that each element is led by local disabled people and we would help them to develop the skills and expertise to continue the work after the funding has ceased.

Maximum of 300 words

18. Which years funding are you applying for?

2017/2019

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

All Disabled People across West Suffolk

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 will recruit and train 30 researchers and 60 participants to conduct the research within the West Suffolk area, the research will cover all aspects of disability and how disabled people manage their daily lives, use services and access amenities that are available to them and discover areas where new or improved service may be required. The progress of the Researchers and Participants will be closely monitored, further guidance and advice will be given where required, constant support, evaluation and regular group meetings will be held to ensure program is on schedule and results are being captured.

The findings and analysis will have an effect on the current services provided and signify how change could take place in the areas where it may be required. This program will connect all people within the community, giving non-disabled people and insight into disabled people's lives and how change may help to integrate society. Researchers will carry out the analysis and evaluate the trends and common themes captured by the participants, a detailed report will be created where findings will be displayed using the blogs and images to present to Local Authorities, Service providers, local businesses and general public.

Maximum of 300 words

21. What is the total cost of the project?

££36,120.00 – (2 year period)

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 (£)
Staff: 40 days @ £128 per day	5,120.00
Volunteer Expenses @ 40p per mile	4,000.00
Recruitment costs – researchers and participants	3,000.00
Researchers/participants wages	6,000.00
Publicity Materials	4,000.00
Travel expenses – staff	3,000.00
Meeting rooms for project set up group	1,000.00
Meeting rooms for interviews/training/analysis	4,000.00
Refreshments etc.	1,500.00
Trainers expenses (SS & SH)	1,500.00
Equipment – cameras, Dictaphones, stationery etc.	1,500.00
Total cost of items listed above:	£36,120.00

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

££36.120.00

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

Source	Amount (£)
Nil	
Total fundraising:	

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

Funder	Amount (£)	Timescale for decision
Nil		
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:		