**Nottingham and Nottinghamshire COVID Vaccination Programme: Inequalities Small Grants Fund**

# **Purpose**

To address inequalities in COVID-19 vaccination rates across Nottinghamshire.

Vaccination is the primary line of defence in living safely with COVID-19. The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire vaccination programme has had tremendous success delivering over two million vaccines to date. There are, however, geographical patches and specific population groups in Nottinghamshire where vaccine coverage is low. Consequently, people in these populations are at higher risk of serious illness and complications from COVID-19 infection.

Low vaccination rates are concentrated in areas of social and economic deprivation and amongst Black and minority ethnic groups. Vaccination rates are also lower amongst specific groups including people with mental illness, men of working age and women who are pregnant.

The inequalities small grant is an opportunity for Community and Voluntary sector organisations to access small pockets of funding to strengthen combatting these inequalities and strengthen capacity of communities to live safely with COVID-19.

Vaccination is a key part of living safely with COVID-19 but people’s ability to make decisions about health is affected by a range of factors. For this reason, although proposals must demonstrate relevance to addressing inequalities in COVID vaccination rates, the primary focus may be on the broader determinants of health.

# **Priority Populations and Areas**

Proposals must demonstrate a focus on communities/populations where there is evidence of disadvantage, poor health outcomes, and low COVID vaccination rates.

Examples of such populations include, but not limited to:

1. Areas with high levels of economic and social deprivation including those that experience rural isolation.
2. Black and minority ethnic groups
3. People who are homeless, asylum seekers and refugees
4. People with protected characteristics
5. Men of working age
6. Women who are pregnant or likely to become pregnant

# **Types of activities**

The funding will support innovative ways to promote understanding of the importance of vaccination, improve access to vaccination and increase vaccination uptake in the target populations. Any activity that is directed at improving understanding of the role of vaccination in protecting people from serious illness or increasing access to COVID-19 vaccination will be considered.

Although the primary focus of the inequalities small grant is improving COVID-19 vaccination rates, proposals may have a broader focus. They could include for example a community health event/fun day with input from a range of agencies and services; a health and wellbeing programme; a coffee morning or a series of webinars.

Proposals that demonstrate collaboration with other initiatives including community champions, the Nottingham-Nottinghamshire health and wellbeing programme and/or the mobile vaccination programme ‘Let’s get vaccinated’ are particularly welcome.

# **Amount available**

Funding of between £200 - £700 is available.

Proposals for smaller amounts of money to support one off events are very welcome.

This grant is funded through the COVID-19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF). Proposals must therefore demonstrate relevance to combatting the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# **Application Process**

Proposals should be emailed with the label ‘Inequality small grants” to:

* Nottinghamshire County based proposals: coronavirusph@nottscc.gov.uk

# **Closing date**

Applications are reviewed on a weekly basis **until week beginning 27 February 2023**

**Application form: Inequalities Small Grants Fund**

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| **1. Project Name** |
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| **2. Name of Organisation** | **3. Contact name**  | **4. Email** | **5. Telephone**  |
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| **3. Aim:** (How will your proposal address inequalities in health outcomes) |
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| **4. Target population:** (Which of the priority groups does your proposal focus on) |
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| **5. What areas in Nottinghamshire is your proposal focused on?** *(if a housing estate/community, please include postcode)* |
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| **6. Detailed description of what you plan to do – the activities, the partners who are involved** |
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| **7. Details of how the funding will be spent**  |
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| **8. Timescale** |
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| **9. How will your proposal promote COVID-19 Vaccination?**  |
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| **10. Why is this funding source essential to the work that you plan to do?** |
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| **11. Amount requested** | **12. Start date** | **13. Completion date** |
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| **14. If you have spoken to partners within the local system about this application, please include a few details below (this may include NHS, local authorities and other community and voluntary organisations)** |
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