**Expression of interest**

Grants to support the development of services and activities for people with memory loss or dementia in Somerset

**Introduction**

Somerset County Council is changing the way it provides day time activities for people with memory loss or dementia. To enable us to move from a point of directly contracting one type of service to having a flourishing, sustainable colourful market of services we recognise pump prime funding is required to stimulate development of the market.

**How much is available?**

Grants will usually be for £250 to £10,000 per year. Consideration will be given to larger grant applications if projects are in line with one or more of the priorities detailed below. Please contact us to discuss your idea before applying.

The amount invested will be up to £565,000 over five years. The amounts will be tapered as follows:

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| **Title** | **Year** | **From** | **Until** | **Up to** |
| ~~Round one~~ | ~~2018/19~~ | ~~1/11/2018~~ | ~~31/03/2019~~ | Allocated |
| Round two | 2019/20 | 01/04/2019 | 31/03/2020 | £150,000 |
| Round three | 2020/21 | 01/04/2020 | 31/03/2021 | £120,000 |
| Round four | 2021/22 | 01/04/2021 | 31/03/2022 | £100,000 |
| Round five | 2022/23 | 01/04/2022 | 31/03/2023 | £50,000 |
| Round six | 2023/24 | 01/04/2023 | 31/03/2024 | £25,000 |

**Priorities**

Applications will be considered from all areas of the provider market, however we will prioritise projects if they meet one or more of the following priority outcomes.

For round one and two, services or activities meeting the following objectives:

1. Enabling day-time activities for people with moderate to severe dementia including supporting people experiencing complex symptoms of dementia.

e.g. prone to wandering off or challenging behaviour

1. Enabling unpaid carers to have respite from their caring role
2. Enabling younger people (up to 60 years old) with memory loss or dementia to take part in activities and services which meet their needs

*Please note: Priorities may change from year to year depending on what is required.*

**Who can apply?**

Any individual or organisation providing services which support people with memory loss, dementia or older persons with mental health support needs to remain in their own homes and communities and/or providing their unpaid carer(s) with respite.

We would not accept an application if you are part of a statutory organisation such as a Local Authority or Clinical Commissioning Group, however you would be welcome to partner with an eligible organisation to submit a joint application. Please contact us before submitting your application to confirm eligibility.

**What do we want to fund?**

We wish for the grant to:

* Directly benefit residents of Somerset and grass roots community groups and organisations.
* Support an increase in people with memory problems or dementia using community groups and services, even when their condition worsens and extra support is required.
* Fund activities and services that support both Somerset County Council’s Adult Social Care clients who use Direct Payments to pay for their support, and people who pay for themselves.
* Fund projects that become self-sufficient and sustainable

We wish for applications to be creative, needs-led and outcome-focussed. But to give you an idea, some projects which a grant could fund include:

* Adaptions to a building to make it more accessible and safer for people with memory loss or dementia to use
* Pump-prime funding to pilot an additional day-time activity or group, aimed at supporting carer respite
* The provision of a specialist member of staff to enable people with later stage dementia to attend an open or universal community service, group or activity
* Dementia awareness training or other specialist training for staff or volunteers
* Equipment

The grant is not available to fund an individuals care costs or fees.

**How long are the grants for?**

Funding is available for up to five years and in return we ask for applications to be needs-led with clear, measurable outcomes. Projects must have a clear plan for sustainability once the grant has ended.

It is advisable to speak with us before making an application to ensure we would consider your project duration.

**How do you make an application?** (updated 08/03/2019)

Expressions of interest for a grant can be submitted at any time using the EOI form. Applications will be considered by a panel and we aim to get back to you with a decision within three weeks of submission.

Grants will be allocated on a first come first serve basis until the allocated budget for each round has been distributed. Please check with us if you would like an update on the funding available for the round you are applying for.

You must use the EOI form supplied, and this must be submitted electronically to CommissioningTeamMailbox@somerset.gov.uk.

**How will we make a decision?**

Each application will be assessed using the same standard criteria and weightings:

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| **Section** | **Title** | **Weighting** |
| **One** | **About your organisation** | **Pass/Fail** |
| **Two** | **About your project** | **100%** |
| Question one | 0% |
| Question two | 20% |
| Question three | 0% |
| Question four | 20% |
| Question five | 20% |
| Question six | 20% |
| Question seven | 10% |
| Question eight | 10% |
|  | *Pass rate 65% and above* |  |
| **Three** | **Declaration and references** | **Pass/Fail** |

For higher value bids you may be asked to present your idea to a panel of experts.

Applications will be scored using the following standard guidelines:

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| **Score** | **Scoring guidelines** |
| **0** | No response or response does not meet requirements at all. |
| **1** | Response partially meets requirements, but contains material weaknesses, issues or omissions and/or inconsistencies. |
| **2** | Response almost meets requirements to a minimum acceptable standard but contains some weaknesses or omissions. |
| **3** | Response meets requirements to a minimum acceptable standard but does not exceed them.  |
| **4** | Response is of a good standard.  Comprehensive, robust and well justified, showing full understanding of requirements.   |
| **5** | Response meets and exceeds requirements to an excellent standard, with clear and credible social value, added value and/or innovation.  |

**Demonstrating your success**

We will monitor progression towards your identified project outcomes annually (or at the end of the project if less than a year). We will supply you with a template document to do this.

We may also request updates via the telephone, email or in person during the year.

**Contact details**

If you wish to have an informal conversation about this grant and what it can fund, please email the Adult and Health Commissioning Team CommissioningTeamMailbox@somerset.gov.uk and a member of the team will call you back.

To ensure you receive the most up to date information on this initiative, it is advisable that you are registered on [ProContract](https://procontract.due-north.com/Login).