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# Investing in Community Health Fund

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## Frequently asked questions

- What is the purpose of this funding?  
The funding aims to strengthen the capacity of Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations to support health and social care priorities, aligned with Integrated Neighbourhood working.
- Who is eligible to apply for the funding?  
VCSE organisations currently providing services in the defined Integrated Neighbourhoods, focusing on the agreed priorities.
- How much funding is available?  
A total of £650k is available for VCSE partners, divided equally into 13 lots of £50k per Integrated Neighbourhood.
- What are the strategic priorities for the funding?  
The priorities are:
  1. Improving healthy lifestyles.
  2. Reducing frailty and social isolation.
  3. Reducing obesity and educating communities about healthy eating.
- How can organisations apply for the funding?  
Applications will be submitted via Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF) using a provided template. The submission period is 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.
- What information must be included in the application?  
Applications must describe the proposal, requested funding, alignment with priorities, sustainability post-funding, partnership work, and plans to address health inequalities ensuring that the associated PCN benefit.
- Can organisations bid for multiple lots?  
Yes, organisations can bid for one or more of the 13 lots, provided they meet the criteria for each. If all the Neighbourhoods in a Locality agree then a bid for the entire Locality pot can be applied for too.



- Can organisations that previously received funding from other sources apply?  
Yes, provided their proposals enhance existing projects or services or increase local capacity, rather than duplicating efforts.
- How is the funding allocated across neighborhoods?  
Funding is divided equally into 13 lots of £50k, without weighting based on deprivation or population, to ensure equitable opportunities.
- Who will decide the funding awards?  
A scoring panel comprising representatives from the Integrated Neighbourhood (Program Manager and Clinical Director) for each locality will evaluate and award funding alongside a CCF nominated panel.
- When will successful applicants be notified?  
Notifications are expected in July 2025.
- How long can funded projects run?  
Projects may run for up to two years at the discretion of bidders.
- What are the reporting requirements for successful applicants?  
Quarterly progress reports based on agreed matrices and a final report outlining achievements towards the three key priorities are required.
- How will the impact of the funding be evaluated?  
Evaluation will focus on progress toward health and community priorities, with insights shared with the North Care Partnership.
- What happens if a project does not meet its goals?  
Specific actions will depend on the terms outlined during the agreement phase; monitoring processes will provide early insights into challenges.
- Why isn't funding weighted by deprivation or population?  
Weighting by these factors was considered but deemed to create inequities in funding opportunities across neighbourhoods.
- What GP Surgeries fall under each Integrated Neighbourhood?

## **Huntingdonshire Locality**

### **A1 Network PCN**

- Almond Road Surgery
- Alconbury and Brampton Surgeries
- Buckden and Little Paxton Surgeries



- Kimbolton Medical Centre
- Wellside Surgery

#### Huntingdon PCN

- Acorn Surgery
- Hicks Group Practice
- Papworth Surgery
- Priory Fields Surgery

#### St Neots PCN

- Great Staughton Surgery
- Lakeside @ St Neots (Cedar House Surgery)
- St Neots Health Centre

#### St Ives PCN

- Great Staughton Surgery
- Lakeside @ St Neots (Cedar House Surgery)
- St Neots Health Centre

### **Peterborough Locality**

#### Peterborough Partnerships PCN

- Ailsworth Medical Centre
- Botolph Bridge Community Health Centre
- Nightingale Medical Centre
- The Willow Tree Surgery
- The Grange Medical Centre
- Westwood Clinic

#### BMC Paston PCN

- Boroughbury Medical Centre
- Paston Health Centre

#### Bretton Park and Hampton PCN

- Bretton Medical Practice
- Hampton Medical Centre
- Park Medical Centre

#### Central Thistlemoor and Thorpe Road PCN

- Thistlemoor Medical Centre
- Central Medical Centre
- Thorpe Road Surgery



Peterborough and East PCN

- Jenner Healthcare
- Nene Valley Hodgson Healthcare
- Thomas Walker Westgate Healthcare

South Peterborough PCN

- Lakeside @New Queen Street
- Lakeside @Yaxley
- Old Fletton Surgery
- Wansford & Kings Cliffe

**Fenland Locality**

Fenland PCN

- Mercheford House
- Ramsey Health Centre Partnership
- The Cornerstone Practice
- The Riverside Practice

South Fenland PCN

- Fenland Group Practice: Doddington, Wimblington, Manea and Rainbow Surgeries
- George Clare Surgery
- Priors Field Surgery

Wisbech PCN

- Clarkson Surgery
- North Brink Practice
- Parson Drove Surgery
- Trinity Surgery

- Do organisations need to be registered community interest companies (CICs)/charities/incorporated to be able to apply?

A list of the not-for-profit organisation structures we can support and full guidance for CICs and unincorporated groups can be found [here](#).

- Do applicants need to spend the money straight away or can they delay spending money so long as identified in their applications (e.g. currently have funding until March 2026 so will use this funding from April 2026)

This is fine if project dates are clear in the application. Funding would be released for when it's required.

- How long do people have to spend the money?

Funding can be over one or two years. Therefore, funds are expected to be spent by August 2027.



- Does social isolation and frailty mean older adults, or can this be in relation to any ages? Any ages where frailty exists. A person who is defined as frail is at high risk of adverse outcomes such as falls, immobility, delirium, incontinence, side effects of medication. This can also mean temporary frailty (such as a broken leg, etc).

- Do organisations applying have to be Peterborough, Huntingdon or Fenland based organisations, or can organisations from outside of North Place apply?

Organisations do not have to be based within the areas they are planning to work in. For example, a Fenland organisation may wish to expand their existing services to Peterborough. However, groups are expected to have a good understanding of the area they are planning to work in including need. An application such as this would also be strengthened if links have been made in the area the group is planning to work in to ensure partnership working and to avoid duplication of services.

- Is the funding 200k for Fenland as this includes Wisbech, Fenland, South Fenland and South Peterborough (covering Whittlesey) PCNs?

A total of £150,000 is ringfenced for the Fenland locality. £50,000 is ringfenced for each integrated neighbourhood and there are three integrated neighbourhoods in the Fenland locality. South Peterborough comes within the Peterborough locality and has a separate £50,000 allocation as part of the £300,000 ringfenced for the Peterborough locality. A full list of the localities and integrated neighbourhoods can be found on the fund website [here](#).

- Can staffing costs be included in applications?

Yes.

- How long does the project need to be? e.g. can it be 6 months or can it span many years? Funding can be over one or two years.

- Can several organisations put a joint bid in?

Yes, organisations working in partnership with other organisations will be prioritised. One group should take responsibility for being the lead applicant.

- Can local authorities apply?

The fund is for local VCSE providers so it's unable to accept applications from Local Authority. However, if the work was in partnership with a VCSE organisation that could be the lead applicant, that would be acceptable.

- Should we focus our application on what we know to be our integrated neighbourhood priorities?

No, applications should focus on the three broad fund priorities:

- Improving healthy lifestyles.
- Reducing frailty and social isolation.
- Reducing obesity and educating communities about healthy eating.



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- Will funding cuts affect the amount available?

No, the funding is promised and is going ahead with no changes.

- If our organisation applied for the Assura ICB Fund, can we still apply to this fund?

Yes, this is a completely different fund and panel. Groups that were unsuccessful or successful with the Assura ICB Fund can apply to this fund as well.