

The Adapt & Innovate Grant Fund - Open for Applications

The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) has shown considerable flexibility and innovation in adapting its services to suit the changing environment during the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding is now available for VCS organisations looking to change their services for the future and build sustainable change, with the aim of further supporting this adaptability over the longer term. This might be through innovative models of service-delivery, or perhaps collaborations and partnerships – either within the VCS, or including NHS partners such as GP surgeries or Primary Care Networks – which will respond flexibly to the changing external environment.

We plan to allocate between £25k - £40k to 4 – 6 organisations. Projects will commence in January 2021 and run for 12 – 15 months.

We would like to fund services that:

Applications must achieve some or all of the following

- Demonstrate creative and innovative ways of working and/or supporting communities
- Build resilience and sustainable practices that can provide benefits beyond the funding period
- Support and empower service users to develop skills and/or knowledge and an understanding of how to manage their own health and wellbeing
- Increase patient access to services, for example supporting the development of digital and technology skills
- Address clients' mental health needs, including those that may have been impacted or worsened by the pandemic
- Demonstrate flexibility to enable delivery to continue in the event of face-to-face contact being restricted as a result of any Covid-19 related guidelines

About the Adapt & Innovate Grants programme

Target: adults (18+) at risk of poor health

Location: the successful provider/s will deliver the service people accessing a GP surgery within the West London CCG area, covering Kensington and Chelsea, plus Queens Park and Paddington in Westminster.

Monitoring: the successful provider will need to evaluate their service as agreed with KCSC and provide quarterly updates

Applications: Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis from Mid Nov and the final deadline is **30th November 2020**. Projects will start on **4th January 2021** and will run for between 12 – 15 months.

The Application:

Click [Adapt & Innovate Grant Application Short-Form](#) for the application form

Please see [Adapt & Innovate Grant Application Guidance](#) for more information about the programme and guidance notes for the completion of your application.

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Please note: all successful organisations must attend a workshop on how to complete the monitoring framework.