

# Information Note of Grant Aid proposals 2017-2020 for consultation

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## **Purpose of Corporate Grant Aid**

Grant Aid is the funding that Sheffield City Council allocates for grants for the Sheffield VCF (Voluntary, Community and Faith) sector for city-wide work. The proposed and current structure of Grant Aid are set out in appendices 1 and 2. This fund is for substantial, city-wide activity as there are other pots of money for local activities, for example, Ward Pots.

Grant funding is a way of the council supporting the work VCF organisations are doing, or identify a need for, in their communities. It is distinct from commissioning, where the Council determines what needs to be done and tenders for this, through open market procurement processes.

The Council recognises that the voluntary sector makes a highly valued and unique contribution to life in Sheffield and that we have a shared vision and aspirations. The Council's financial support for the voluntary sector can enable organisations to secure even more resources for the benefit of people in Sheffield.

The current grant aid regime has been running since 2012 and the context for the council and sector has been constantly changing in that time. The government's unprecedented funding cuts mean that the Council is unable to provide the voluntary sector with as much money as we would like. However, the Council is still committed to providing grant funding to the voluntary sector by providing dedicated corporate grant aid and is committing to longer agreements than previously to mitigate against less financial resource. Central to the proposed changes to grant aid is the introduction of multi-year funding agreements with the majority of grants awarded for 3 years. This will give successful organisations the ability to plan beyond the existing 1-year cycle and achieve even greater impact for people in Sheffield. It is unlikely that all currently funded groups will continue to be funded.

There are also proposed changes to the funds within the grant aid budget, principally the introduction of Core Service Grants to organisations with an evidenced record for delivering key services, Tackling Inequalities and Better Health & Wellbeing Fund and the incorporation of Fairness & Equality Grants alongside the Infrastructure grants.

Budget amounts are indicative at this stage and are estimates based on information known at the moment. Financial information is subject to Cabinet approval and may have to be adjusted depending on other budget pressures. However, the proposal to cabinet is that as part of the 3-year agreement deal the council will guarantee 80% of the year 1 amount in year 2 and 75% of the year 1 amount in year 3. When possible the council will fund 100% of the amounts.

## The Funds

### Core Service Grants

**Purpose:** SCC currently funds a number of organisations via grant aid which provide key services in the city. They are of high quality, great value to the city, support the council's objectives but with limited opportunities for other funding for core costs.

The proposed new structure for grant aid provides the Council the opportunity to award a small number of *invitation only* grants which would prioritise a limited number of existing grant funded organisations, providing them with a stable funding source for 3 years. The Council will invite the organisation directly to apply for a grant.

**Indicative Amount:** c.£1.1M per year

**Who Can Apply & Exclusions:** These grants will be by invitation only. We are not consulting on which organisations will be invited as this will be considered by officers and Councillors and approved by Cabinet.

**Assessment & Approvals Process:** Prioritised organisations will be asked to submit a 3-year service plan, budget and outcome measures. These will be assessed by officers and a grant award figure will be agreed by the Cabinet Member Community Services.

**Timescale:** Organisations that Cabinet approve for these grants will be invited to apply after Cabinet in September and Officers will negotiate funding agreements with organisations from January 2017. Grant awards will commence from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

### Infrastructure Grants

**Purpose:** This would be open to organisations that support the development of the voluntary sector to thrive and deliver by building capacity and capability in organisations and communities.

Infrastructure support is vital to a strong, well-managed voluntary sector that can adapt to a changing world. The Council's support for infrastructure organisations enables capacity building across the sector as a whole.

We are looking for the consultation to help set the priorities / outcomes of this Fund.

Applicants will need to demonstrate a commitment to develop and market a joint customer pathway with other successful infrastructure grant recipients, so that VCF organisations are clear how to access services and their needs can be met.

Partnership applications are particularly welcome.

Running in parallel with the Infrastructure Fund will be the Fairness & Equality Grants to support the delivery and development of the Equality Hub Network.<sup>1</sup>

**Indicative Amount:** c.£190,000 Infrastructure and £75,000 Fairness & Equality, both per year

**Length of Award:** 3-years for both Infrastructure and Fairness & Equality

**Who Can Apply & Exclusions:** These grants are only open to infrastructure organisations and organisations that wish to support the delivery and development of the Equality Hubs.

**Assessment & Approvals Process:** Assessment by officers and consideration by a Grants Advisory Panel with recommendations made for authorisation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services.

**Timescale:** This fund will be advertised after Cabinet in September with a likely application deadline of end of November. Successful applicants will be notified in February for grants to commence in April 2017.

## Lunch Clubs Fund

**Purpose:** To support the delivery and development of lunch clubs for older people to reduce loneliness and isolation and increase connections to friends and community. Whilst retaining the same name, this Fund sees the small grant funding for individual clubs brought together with the funding for lunch club development.

**Indicative amount:** c.£189,000 per year split between the grants to individual lunch clubs and the VAS lunch club development service.

**Length of Award:** Grants to individual clubs will be extended and offered on a 2-years basis and then reviewed. This is to see how the People Keeping Well in their Community Partnerships develop and then see how this fund might further support those outcomes in the future. The VAS lunch club development service will also be invited to put forward a two-year proposal.

**Who Can Apply & Exclusions:** It is anticipated that approximately 55-60 existing clubs will be funded with some scope to fund new lunch clubs where further need is identified and funds available.

**Assessment & Approvals Process:** Applications from individual clubs will be Assessed by officers and approved by the Executive Director of Communities.

**Timescale:** As in previous years, existing lunch clubs will be invited to submit applications in January 2017 for grants to commence in April 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> The Equality Hub Network aims to strengthen the voice and influence of under-represented communities in the City. There are 7 Hubs: age, carers, disability, LGBT, BME, religion/belief, women.

## BME Older People's Fund

**Purpose:** Running alongside the Lunch Club Fund will be the BME Older People's Fund. This fund is for existing or new projects that help to deliver the People Keeping Well outcomes for BME Older People. The People Keeping Well in their Community outcomes can be found at appendix 3.

**Indicative amount:** £30,000 per year

**Length of Award:** 3-years

**Who Can Apply & Exclusions:** Any organisation that has an evidenced proposal for how their idea will reach isolated BME older people and help build community assets to support and engage BME Older People.

**Assessment & Approvals Process:** Assessment by officers and consideration by a Grants Advisory Panel with recommendations made for authorisation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services.

**Timescale:** This fund will be advertised after Cabinet in September with a likely application deadline of end of November. Successful applicants will be notified in February for grants to commence in April 2017.

## Tackling Inequalities and Better Health & Wellbeing Fund

**Purpose:** To support a small number of VCF organisations with existing service delivery where there is a proven track record and clear evidence of impact or to support new ideas where there is evidence to support need.

We are looking for the consultation to help set the priorities/ outcomes of this Fund. The priorities / outcomes must link to the Sheffield City Council Corporate Plan<sup>2</sup> outcomes of Tackling Inequalities and Better Health & Wellbeing which can be found at appendix 4.

**Indicative Amount:** c. £120,000 per year (dependent on final amounts in the other funds)

**Size of award:** c.£15,000-£50,000 per annum for up to 3-years depending on the application proposal

**Who Can Apply & Exclusions:** Organisations that can meet the basic criteria and demonstrate a contribution to the principles of tackling inequality and keeping people

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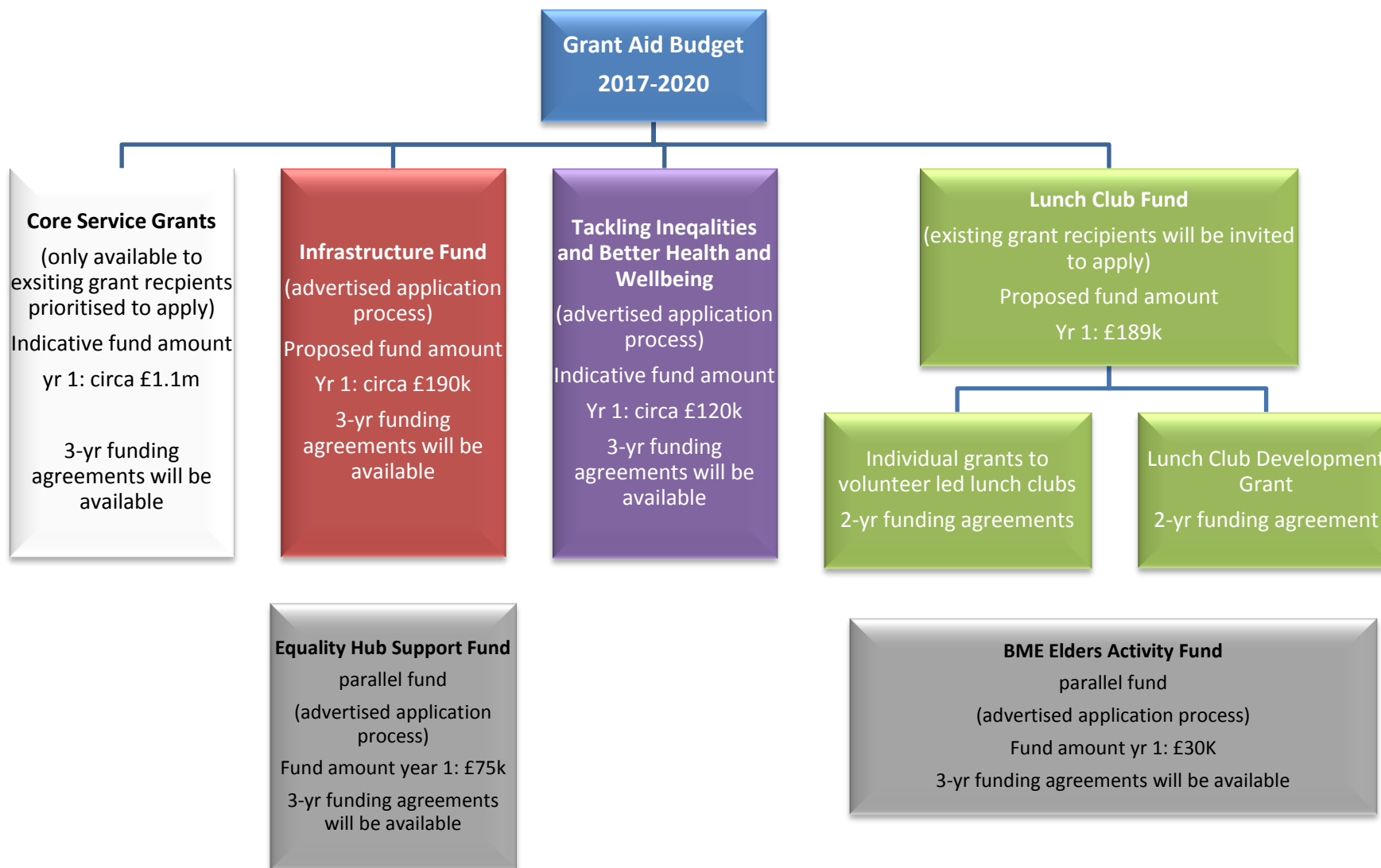
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/policy--performance/what-we-want-to-achieve/corporate-plan.html>

well may apply. We are consulting on whether organisations currently in receipt of a Voluntary Sector Grants Fund grant should be excluded from applying.

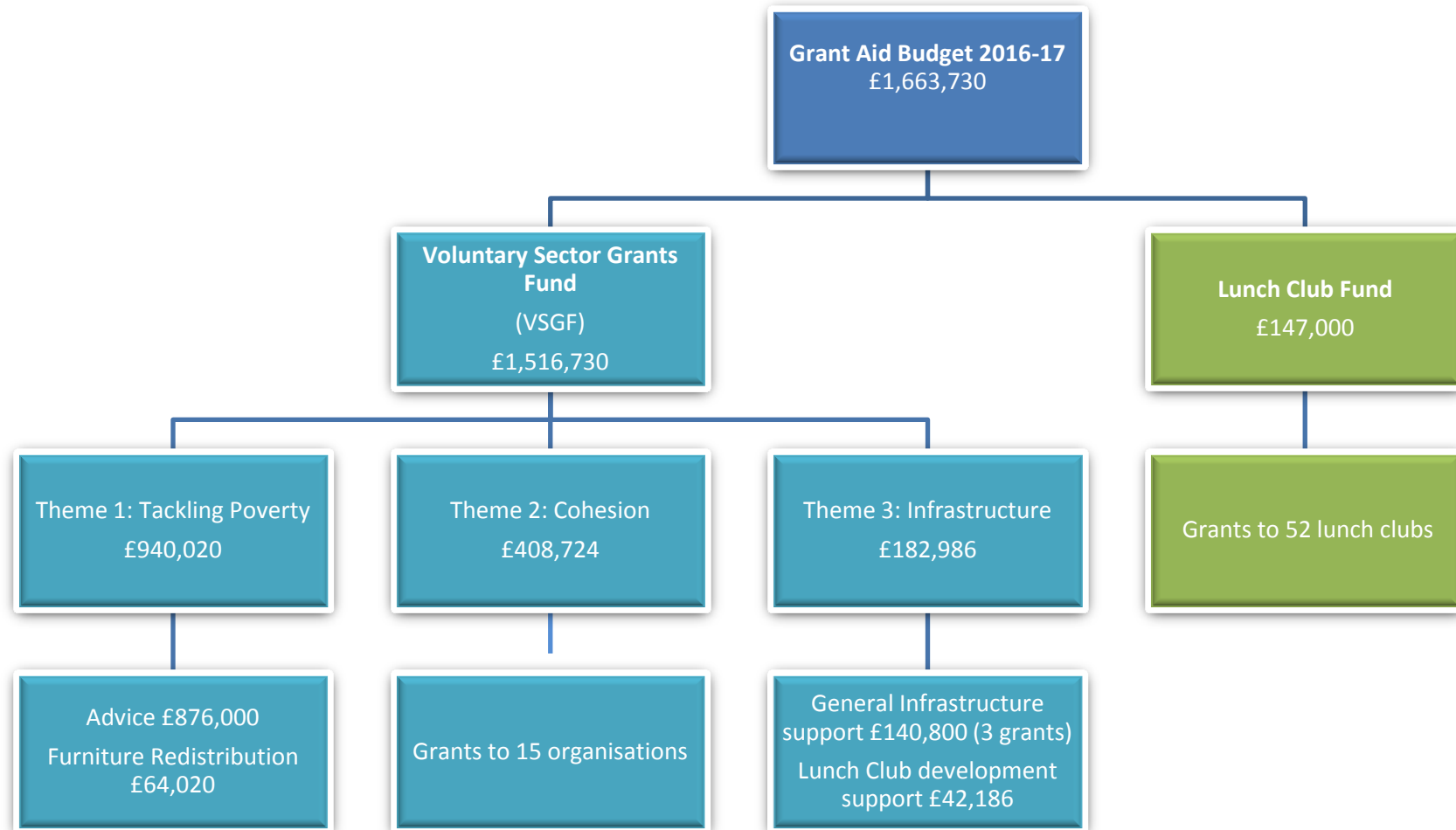
**Assessment & Approvals Process:** Assessment by officers and consideration by a Grants Advisory Panel with recommendations made for authorisation by the Cabinet Member for Community Services.

**Timescale:** It is intended that this fund will be advertised once the other grant aid funds have been finalised, so that a final fund budget can be set. This is likely to be in the first quarter of 2017-18.

## Appendix 1: Proposed Grant Aid structure 2017-2020



**Appendix 2: Existing Grant Aid Structure 2016-17**







### Appendix 3: People Keeping Well in their Community Outcomes Framework

Outcomes Framework – People Keeping Well in their Community						
Function	Risk Stratification	Local Inform & Advise	Asset Based Community Development	Targeted Support	Self-Care – Wellness Planning	Life Navigation
Outcome	Targeting of people (including Carers, children and young people) at moderate to high risk of declining health and wellbeing is informed by comprehensive risk stratification.	People and communities get advice and support locally to make informed choices to improve their health and wellbeing for themselves and/or the person they may care for.	The community has developed a range of support that improves health and wellbeing.	People experiencing poor health, carers, people with a LTC or at risk of declining wellbeing are supported to engage in activities and access targeted support to improve their health and wellbeing	People at risk or with long term conditions are actively engaged with effective goal setting to improve health and wellbeing.	People who don't have anyone to help them navigate the health and social care system and daily life issues, are enabled to maximise their choice and control in managing their day to day lives.
Outcome Indicators	Written justification for all targeted activity and resource allocation is supported by comprehensive risk stratification data.	Improved wellbeing(5 Ways to Wellbeing). Improved health literacy in target populations. Increased awareness of, and involvement in, community activities. Reduced inequalities in access to services.	Improved wellbeing (5 Ways to Wellbeing). Individuals report feeling engaged & in control of their health. Range of activities to improve health and wellbeing are established and sustained in partnership with other organisations. Local people actively engaged in planning and delivery of activities. Range and take up of volunteering opportunities by local people.	Improved wellbeing (5 Ways to Wellbeing). Maintenance and improvement in independence, health and wellbeing is reported by people identified as being moderate to high risk of hospital admission. Improved health literacy in targeted population. Use of community support, resources and activities within target populations.	Improved wellbeing (5 Ways to Wellbeing). Increase in uptake of vaccinations, annual health checks & screening Self-care based on best evidence (e.g. self-help groups, peer support, structured programmes). People set and achieve personal goals related to their health and wellbeing Access to & take up of training & motivational coaching	Improved wellbeing (5 Ways to Wellbeing). Reductions in missed appointments (DNAs). People report positively on quality of life and clarity about how to seek help to navigate the health and social care system, and daily life issues.



## Appendix 4: Corporate Plan Outcomes of Tackling Inequalities and Better Health & Wellbeing

<h3>Tackling inequalities</h3> <p>To make it easier to overcome obstacles by investing in the most deprived communities and supporting individuals to help themselves and achieve their full potential</p> 	<h3>Better health and wellbeing</h3> <p>To promote good health, prevent and tackle ill-health by providing early help, earlier in life; particularly for those at risk of illness or dying early</p> 
<p><b>Working with others we will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work towards Sheffield being a Living Wage city; promoting the benefits to employers, including our contractors and persuading the city's public sector organisations to sign up by 2018</li><li>• Work with communities to strengthen our approach to cohesion and tackling stigmatisation</li><li>• Support Sheffield Money to provide 5,000 local people with affordable loans</li><li>• Support up to 2,000 teenagers and young adults to access education, employment and training</li><li>• Help those who face obstacles to find lasting work, including young people, disabled people and those with mental health conditions</li><li>• Proactively work with others to deliver our Tackling Poverty Strategy and break the link between being poor as a child and growing up to live in poverty as an adult</li></ul>	<p><b>Working with Sheffield's Joint Health and Wellbeing Board we will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Help thousands of people achieve a greater level of wellbeing</li><li>• Stand by our commitment to keep all children safe</li><li>• Work with others to keep adults at risk of abuse and neglect safe</li><li>• Help hundreds more children in Sheffield have a great start and be ready for learning and life</li><li>• Support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities to live happy, healthy, fulfilling lives</li><li>• Help thousands of people to get early help and access services to remain independent, reducing hospital admissions</li><li>• Make sure people can access the care and support they need to live fulfilling lives</li><li>• Introduce 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' to help people improve their mental and emotional wellbeing and reduce loneliness and isolation</li><li>• Provide direct support to more carers than ever before</li></ul>

Full plan is available at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/your-city-council/policy--performance/what-we-want-to-achieve/corporate-plan.html>