

STRATEGIC

COMMUNITY PARTNERS FUND GUIDANCE AND

**Strategic Community Partner Fund**

**Guidance and Application Form**

1. **Introduction**

Making life better together (MLBT) is a new cultural change programme that has been implemented at South West London and St. George’s Mental Health NHS Trust (SWLSTG). At its very heart this programme is about working with staff, patients and our community to create a positive culture where our values are linked to our behaviours.

The programme has three key areas which are connected with each other; staff experience, community experience and patient experience. Evidence shows that improved behaviours create an improved experience which in turn influences improved outcomes

The three key pillars to making life better together:

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The community arm is a key component of the MLBT programme. By working with the local communities that we serve we aim to embed SWLSTG in community life. By building and working with our communities we improve our relationships, we are able to attract local people to come and work at the Trust and we can co-produce services to meet the needs of our local diverse communities.

As part of this programme we would like to develop a strategic partnership in each of the boroughs that we serve (Sutton, Merton, Wandsworth, Kingston and Richmond). A maximum of one partner will be selected per borough

1. **What does being a strategic partner entail?**

Being a strategic partner with SWLSTG will mean aligning your organisation with SWLSTG in regard to supporting each other in improving mental health awareness and working collaboratively and more closely together on local initiatives. Working together to improve mental health service provision locally and ensuring people get access to mental health support sooner, quicker and joint promotion of local mental health events.

1. **What funding is available?**

A one year grant of up to £2000 is available to local community, voluntary sector groups and community interest companies across South West London (Sutton, Merton, Wandsworth, Kingston and Richmond) to run four mental health promotional events throughout 2019-2020. The events will have a focus on raising awareness of mental health issues in the local community open to people from across the five boroughs to attend.

1. **What can I use the money for?**

The money must be used to be to run a minimum of four mental health promotional events throughout the year. One of the events must be held in October and link in with SWLSTG’s October Mental Health Month. The events aim to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing issues to the local community. Examples include:

* Running mental health awareness seminars
* Running a mental health coffee morning
* Running film night promoting films that address mental health issues
* Developing short videos on mental health and sharing at designated events

1. **Who can apply for funding?**

Local community groups, voluntary sector groups or community interest companies are eligible to apply for the funding.

You must meet the following criteria in order to apply for the fund:

1. You must be a registered community or voluntary sector organisation or a community interest company
2. Your organisation must be serving the population of one of the following boroughs:

* Kingston
* Merton
* Wandsworth
* Richmond
* Sutton

1. You must have experience of running community outreach events
2. **How do I apply?**

You will need to complete the application form (Appendix1) and submit before the deadline.

1. **Timelines**

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| Applications open | 14th February 2019 |
| Application deadline | 1st March 2019 |
| Applicants informed of outcome | 21th March 2019 |

1. **Evaluation criteria**

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be judged on the following:

Clear outline plan of:

* What events will you deliver, number of events you will deliver, and the month and year they will be held in
* Plan describing how you will deliver the events
* Details of other groups and organisations that you will connect with
* Details of how you will evaluate your events
* How you would like to incorporate a trust spokesperson in the event

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of SWLSTG staff and a final decision made based on the evaluation criteria. All decisions will be final

Appendix 1: Application form

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| SWLSTG OFFICIAL USE ONLY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date application received | | | | |  | | | Fund application number | | | |  | | |
| SWLSTG Lead Panel Member | | | | |  | | | Approved | | | |  | | |
| **FUNDING APPLICATION** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name of organisation | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | |
| Type of organisation  Community Sector/Voluntary Sector/Community interest company)  (Please include charity or CIC number) | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | |
| CONTACT DETAILS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Address | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contact name | | | |  | | | | | | Email | |  | | |
| Phone (landline) | | | |  | | | | | | Phone (mobile) | |  | | |
| Mental Health Awareness/Promotion event plan | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please provide a brief description of your proposed event. Please include the following information   * What activities will you run? * What will be the focus in terms of mental health awareness and wellbeing? * How many activities will you run? * Where will you run the activities? * When will you run the activities? * How will you promote the activities? * How will you evaluate the activities that are run? * Who is your target audience? * How many people do you expect to attend? * Details of other organisations/groups that you will work with | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cost breakdown – this section must be completed | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | |  | **Event** | | | | | **Cost** | | | | | | | | |
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| **2** | |  |  | | | | | £ | |  | | | | | | |
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| declaration and signaure | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **I agree:**   * That the information provided on this form is true and correct * That the information provided on this application can be stored securely by SWLSTG and used for future contact * To partner with SWLSTG for one year (April 2019-March 2020). This involves developing closer two-way relationships with SWLSTG and agreeing for SWLSTG to use your organisation name and logo on publicity materials * That all publicity material that you develop must be approved by SWLSTG communications team and include the MLBT and Trust Logo * To run at a minimum of 4 mental health awareness/promotion events between April 2019- March 2020 with one event being held during October 2019. * That if I do not deliver what has been agreed that some or all of the funding may be recalled * That if my application is successful, I will send an invoice to SWLSTG who will send a BACS transfer into my organisation’s bank account * That funds provided will be used solely for the purposes set out in this application. If there is any substantive variation I will agree this in writing with SWLSTG * That records of expenditure will be kept and, if requested to do so, I will provide SWLSTG with evidence of how the funds were expended including copies of invoices and received | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Name  Signature | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | Date |  | |
| Position in organisation | | | | | | | | | | | |  | | | | |

We will contact all applicants to confirm receipt of application

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| **Please return completed forms via email by 1st March 2019 to:**  Darren Fernandes  Strategic Co production Lead  **Phone:** 07966 240 014 **Email:** mlbtcommunity@swlstg.nhs.uk |