**Reconditioning Funding Specification**

**Background**

Somerset County Council is seeking to support a new piece of work to support the Covid-19 recovery programme in Somerset. The project seeks to support Learning Disability providers to engage and explore physical activity opportunities for service users.

During the pandemic, many service users were advised to shield to protect themselves, in addition to this many sports clubs and leisure centres were asked to close, this led to a decrease in physical activity opportunities for many over a sustained period.

Learning Disability providers have recognised the deconditioning of their service users over the past 18 months and are keen to engage them in more physical activity opportunities to support their health and wellbeing.

**Brief Proposal**

The funding will support the physical reconditioning of Learning Disability providers service users. There will be one round of funding, enabling providers to make a bid up to the value of £15,000.

*\*Funding amounts may be reviewed depending on the number of applications.*

Bid submissions should include the following.

**Essential:**

* Funding must be used to facilitate physical activity reconditioning opportunities for either individuals or groups. This may include costs towards training, equipment, partnership working or activity passes.
* Funding must be spent within 12 months of receipt.
* Evidence how your proposal will benefit the group/individuals
* Provide an understanding of how the new project will be sustained post funding period.
* To participate in an SCC facilitated 12-month evaluation workshop to gain an understanding of good practice and lessons learned.

**Desirable:**

* Funding should be used in a way that is community focussed and inclusive of community resources.
* Projects should include an element of co-production.
* Attendance in a community inclusion webinar

**Partnership linking:**

**SASP**

Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership (SASP) is Somerset’s active partnership and is dedicated to increasing the health and happiness of residents through physical activity. SASP aims to bring organisations and partners together to provide accessible opportunities for all ages and abilities.

SASP can provide a supporting role to providers during the bid process. This will consist of a workshop on the 14th December 2021 at 2pm allowing providers to connect, share ideas and opportunities and best value for money for their settings.

SASP can provide advice on ideas for physical activity reconditioning, adapted equipment and resources, partnership linking with other physical activity providers/organisations and individuals as well as support to providers with other aspects of the bid if required.

You can register for this workshop [here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwuf-2oqToqH9Rex9MKiHzgVQ4tCe7e6fqr)

**Expressions of Interest**

There are grants available of up to £15,000 per organisation and will require participation in the final provider evaluation workshop planned for January 2023.

We would like providers to send in an expression of interest (template attached) outlining:

* Brief description of the activity being proposed.
* The number of service users your proposal will impact upon.
* How your proposed activity will be inclusive to all service users.
* Expected outcomes from your proposal.
* A breakdown on how the funding will be used.
* Risk assessments for your proposal.

Providers should submit their funding proposal to the following email address;

[abestall@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:abestall@somerset.gov.uk)

**Assessment of provider bids:**

Provider bids will be evaluated by reviewing the following.

* Quality of bids
* Cost vs value for money
* Partnership working
* Financial breakdown/breakdown of costs (equipment, additional providers, training etc)
* Prioritising bids that are inclusive to all and provides equality to all clients.

The panel assessing provider bids will be.

**Panel:**

* + Ami Bestall, Senior Commissioning Officer
  + Megan Sheldrake, Health Promotion Manager
  + Louise Curry, Health Promotion Manager

**Final evaluation of projects:**

Evaluation of projects will take place 12-month post commencement, where shared learning will take place via a joint workshop facilitated by SCC.

The aim of this workshop will be to fully understand what aspects have worked well and which ideas have future potential.

Attendance at the workshop is a requirement of the grant.

Details required for the final evaluation:

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| **Project overview** | **Project details** | **Feedback** |
| Details of your project | Total cost of your project | What went well? |
| Reason behind your choice of project | Duration of your project | Anything you would do differently? |
| Organisations you worked with | Total number of service users supported | Specific feedback – how this impacted on health, confidence, and wellbeing? |

**Timescales:**

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| Applications open | 6th December 2021 |
| SASP provider workshop | 14th December 2021 – 2pm |
| Applications close | 28th January 2022 |
| Evaluation of bids | 4th February 2022 |
| Award grants to applicants | Week commencing 21st February 2022 |
| Projects commence | March/April 2022 |
| Final evaluation workshop | 28th March 2023 – 11am |

We would really like to showcase the fantastic work you as providers are doing and would appreciate if you can provide pictures and/or videos of your proposed projects being implemented/progressing – please send these in to [abestall@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:abestall@somerset.gov.uk) *\*photo’s/videos may be used in promotional publications.*