

NHS Charities Together is working in Partnership with Herts and West Essex Integrated Care System to support our communities through Covid. Thanks to the efforts of Major Tom Moore, as part of an overall award of **£712k** to be spent over two years, there is an allocation of **£75k** to help Herts charities supporting those struggling over *this* winter. Given the context we are looking for a quick and simple process to allocate **one grant of £7.5k** per District as soon as possible.

Proposals should be received by midnight on **22 January**. They will be considered in terms of 'fit' with the wide range of interventions currently being funded or planned through the Volunteering and Personal Assistance Cell (VPAC), as part of the Covid response. All bids will be discussed with the CCGs, District Council and Herts County Council. It will help if you can show the District Council supports your bid.

As everyone is *incredibly* busy, it is recommended that initial thoughts are shared through a quick phonecall/email with tim.anfilogoff@nhs.net or 07900 161673 to ensure the bid is along the right lines and save you wasting your time. A brief application form will be issued w/c 11 January to those wishing to bid. Help to bid for alternative monies will be offered where appropriate.

Wherever possible small neighbourhood groups will be supported.

Areas to be covered are:

- Loneliness – including changes to ways of working to support remote working during lockdown
- Food and fuel poverty interventions not already covered by HCC plans
- Handyman and other practical help to vulnerable people (insulation, repairs, falls prevention etc)
- Hoarding and decluttering
- Homelessness
- Other projects suggested by Districts or local CVSs including where local charities providing winter relevant support are facing difficulties (as long as outcomes guaranteed)

Taking an award would require a commitment to:

- A one page report, provided in April 2021 on the activities carried out
- A measure of individual outcomes (this can be negotiated and various tools already used by the voluntary sector in Herts are available to help along with advice on how to use them if needed)
- Spending the money by the **end of March** – to ensure this happens during the current crisis reasonable variation or the original plan is likely to be acceptable by negotiation.

Tim Anfilogoff, Head of Community Resilience, Herts CCGs, 6 January 2021