

ANGELIC NETWORK CIC – APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Executive Summary

Angelic Network Community Interest Company was formed on 13 July 2020. It is a newly established organisation which aims for BAME community empowerment through development. The Charity's main aims are to help the BAME community with developing their understanding of technology. It also wants to improve their quality of life by educating them on how to live a healthy lifestyle, and improve their mental health by taking them out on trips and days outs.

The Group has applied for funding of £13,215 towards its planned strands of activity during the year ahead for healthy eating and lifestyle workshops, technological support for its users, and social gatherings such as local walks and coffee mornings.

It is acknowledged that this is a local grass-roots charity formed by a group of Woking residents with a range of expertise in education and the NHS. The aim of the Charity seeks to support local BAME residents to tackle issues surrounding healthy lifestyles, wellbeing and digital exclusion. These are areas that are highly relevant to Woking's Health and Wellbeing priorities and the Charity is set up within an area of identified need.

The Charity's directors are encouraged to engage with the Family & Community Services Manager and Volunteer Manager to explore wider opportunities that will strengthen their networks and explore use of local assets to reduce future delivery costs. However as the group is new and with no financial accounts at this stage, it is recommended that no grant be awarded.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That no grant be awarded.

Reason for Decision

The Group has not demonstrated sufficient justification for funding from the Community Grants Scheme.

The Executive has authority to determine the above recommendations.

Background Papers:

2022/23 Application Form.

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1.0 Summary of Application	
1.1 Status and Aims	<p>Angelic Network Community Interest Company was formed on 13 July 2020. It is a grassroots, newly established organisation which aims for BAME community empowerment through development. Until this point, limited by the pandemic, it has have organised coffee mornings, group gatherings and trips to the beach, to bring people from different communities together and reduce the anxiety created by COVID. Before creating the establishment, all directors were involved in different types of community work for over 10 years and work alongside charities such as Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum.</p> <p>The Charity's main aims are to help the BAME community with developing their understanding of technology, allowing them to access and use the new systems in place when booking a doctor's appointment etc. It also wants to improve their quality of life by educating them on how to live a healthy lifestyle, and improve their mental health by taking them out on trips and days outs.</p>
1.2 Employees	None
1.3 Volunteers	18, whose activities include running the group's sessions events and taking part in research and preparing surveys. The volunteers are mainly from India, Pakistan, Arab countries, Nepal and Bangladesh.
1.4 Clients/Users	<p>120, comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 56 male 64 female 3 disabled 120 ethnic minority 120 resident in Woking 13 aged 0-5 12 aged 6-10 22 aged 11-18 43 aged 19-65 30 aged 65+ <p>A small levy is applied towards the cost of the trips organised.</p> <p>The Group states that through its contact with the NHS, it is aware that the older generation are struggling to use basic services, including learning and adapting to technological changes if English is not their first language.</p> <p>As most of its members are stated to have health conditions such as diabetes, heart issues or are obese, they have asked for the Group to start programmes of awareness where they can learn to bring change to their lives.</p> <p>Work is taking place with Surrey Minorities Ethnic Forum on their project of South Asian new mum's surveys.</p> <p>The Group states that its gatherings organised so far have been beneficial with a welcome response received from the attendees. It</p>

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	would like to support the public by enabling socialising with others to improve their mental and physical wellbeing following the pandemic.
1.5 Members	All users of the Group are members.
1.6 Sum Requested	£13,215 (Revenue)
1.7 Project	The Group has submitted an application for four strands of activity: Healthy eating / lifestyle work shops (15 sessions) - £655 Digital exclusion (15 hours a week @ £15 an hour, plus Ipad) - £8,640 Weekly Walk (transport to and from meeting point)- £2,300 Coffee mornings (twice a month, refreshments and transport) - £1,920
1.8 Cost breakdown:	Set out in para 1.7.
1.9 Community Benefit	The Group states that its planned work would help many people to improve their health and bring local communities together following high levels of isolation during the pandemic. It estimates that 500 people would benefit from the technological support strand.
1.10 Covid-19 Impact	The pandemic prevented the Group from undertaking face to face events and many of its members were not comfortable with video conferencing.

2.0 Financial Background	
2.1 Budget	At the time of the application, the Group held £2,602 in the bank. The sum of £1,702 is reserved for a project with the Surrey Ethnic Minorities Group. The Group has not submitted a budget for 2022/23, however it estimates that its total spend would be around £20,000.
2.2 Accounts	As a newly set up organisation, the Group does not yet hold annual accounts.
2.3 Support over the past five years	New application.

3.0 Assessment of Application		
3.1 Key Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constitution ○ Registered Charity ○ VAT Registered ○ Equal Opportunities Policy ○ Safeguarding Policy ○ Reserves Policy ○ Quality Mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Yes No No Yes Yes No

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other funding sources pursued ○ Other support by the Council ○ Fundraising ○ Two quotes ○ Regular monitoring provided previously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes No No N/A N/A
<p>3.2 Assessment</p>	<p>It is acknowledged that this is a local grass-roots charity formed by a group of Woking residents with a range of expertise in education and the NHS. The aim of the charity seeks to support local BAME residents to tackle issues surrounding healthy lifestyles, wellbeing and digital exclusion. These are areas that are highly relevant to Woking's Health and Wellbeing priorities and the charity is set up within an area of identified need. The charity's directors are encouraged to engage with Woking Borough Council's Family & Community Services Manager and Volunteer Manager to explore wider opportunities that will strengthen their networks and explore use of local assets to reduce future delivery costs. However as the group is new and with no financial accounts at this stage, it is recommended that no grant be awarded.</p>	

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