

Document 1

Grant opportunity for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector

Working with the James Paget Hospital to
develop and pilot a new anchor institution project

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This is one of two documents relating to the grant application process. The other document is a list of questions and responses, which will be updated on the webpage: <https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/college-literature/>

1: Background	<p>The Inclusive Economy Project and the James Paget Hospital have been working together to explore the role of anchor institutions in the local economy. For the James Paget Hospital, this includes working with local communities to promote its volunteering and job opportunities.</p> <p>An anchor institution is a large organisation that is rooted in a place and connected to their communities. These organisations include universities, local authorities, and hospitals. Their size means that they have the potential to influence the local economy through their spending power. They can do this by training and recruiting local people, and by developing local supply chains.</p> <p>The Inclusive Economy Project is a Norfolk-wide project that is led by East Coast College and funded through the UK Government’s Community Renewal Fund. The project has three main aims. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To work with local communities to help people connect to employment support,• To support the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to create stepping-stone opportunities for people who face barriers to the labour market including health inequalities.• To work with local employers including anchor institutions to support progression into longer term employment.
2: About the opportunity	<p>The Inclusive Economy Project (IEP) and the James Paget Hospital (JPH) are looking to work with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector to develop and pilot a new anchor institution</p>

	<p>project. The project should contribute to more local people accessing volunteer and job opportunities with the hospital and its suppliers, with a focus on people and communities who face barriers to the labour market as a result of health inequalities.</p> <p>After developing a project plan, the VCSE organisation(s) will be expected to test their plan for engaging new volunteers through the use of a small-scale ground maintenance project. The IEP has access to a site for this purpose. Applicants can propose an alternative site for consideration, providing it is suitable, complies with health and safety, and is within the Great Yarmouth and surrounding area.</p> <p>Findings from this testing phase will support the VCSE organisation(s) and the James Paget Hospital to develop a feasibility plan for extending the ground maintenance work to the hospital grounds.</p>
3: Timescale and resources	<p>The IEP is making £10,000 development grant available to support this work. The grant needs to be fully spent by 31 December 2022. The successful applicant will need to be ready to start developing their project with the James Paget Hospital by Monday 3rd October 2022.</p>
4: Main objectives	<p>Given the short timescales involved, applicants should view this work in three parts. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a project plan in partnership with the James Paget Hospital (October). • Testing the plan with volunteers through the delivery of a volunteer ground maintenance project (November and December). • Recording and evaluating impacts and using these to develop a feasibility plan with the James Paget Hospital for extending the ground maintenance project to the hospital grounds from January 2023 (October to December).
5: Who can apply	<p>This opportunity is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Organisations can apply on their own or as part of a partnership. Where a partnership applies, there should be a lead applicant, who will be accountable for how the grant is used.</p> <p>The IEP only expects to award one grant.</p>

6: Application process	<p>The opportunity will open on Tuesday 30th August 2022 and close at 9am on Tuesday 20th September 2022. Interviews will take place on Friday 23rd September and the successful applicant will be notified on Monday 26th September 2022.</p> <p>The successful applicant should be ready to start developing their project with the James Paget Hospital from Monday 3rd October 2022.</p>
7: How to apply	<p>Applicants should submit their proposal using Aerial font 12. Applications should cover the following questions and include a telephone number and email address for a main and alternative contact.</p> <p>Part One: About your organisation (up to 300 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your organisation. • Explain why this opportunity interests you. • Tell us about any relevant experience you have, such as supporting volunteers outdoors. <p>Part two: About your proposal (up to 600 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us how you will approach this work covering the three main objectives above. • Describe how you will identify, recruit, and support local volunteers who face barriers to the labour market including health inequalities. • Tell us what success will look like by 31 December 2022 and how you will measure this. <p>Part three: Your budget (up to 300 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us what you will spend the money on using clear budget headings. • Explain why you are confident of delivering your project and spending your budget on time. <p>Part four: Working in a safe way (up to 300 words)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell us how you ensure the safety of the people and communities you work with including people who are vulnerable. • Provide detail of relevant policies and insurances you hold and how you implement these in your day-to-day work. These should include health and safety, and safeguarding.

	<p>Please be aware that if your application is successful, we will require evidence of your safe working practices before issuing a grant award.</p> <p>Completed applications should be sent to Rachel Bunn at East Coast College using the subject title, 'Pilot Project Application'.</p> <p>Email: r.bunn@eastcoast.ac.uk</p>
8: More information	<p>More information about this opportunity can be found on the East Coast College website. This includes information on how to ask questions.</p> <p>Visit: https://www.eastcoast.ac.uk/college-literature/</p> <p>Please note that a list of questions and responses will be made available to all potential applicants on the above webpage. Therefore, you are advised to keep checking the webpage. The last date to ask questions is Tuesday 13th September 2022. All questions will be anonymised before posting onto the website.</p>