

# Birmingham Inclusion Health Grant Programme 2026

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# Purpose of today's session



Overview of the grant programme and context



Clarify eligibility and criteria



Example projects and themes



Questions

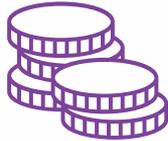
# Introduction to Inclusion Health and local context

- [NHS England National Framework for NHS - Action on Inclusion Health](#) - a structured approach to addressing health inequalities among socially excluded groups.
- Birmingham and Solihull Inclusion Health Partnership & Framework for Action
- Local reports and recommendations
  - Sex workers - [Birmingham Sex Worker Needs Analysis \(SWAN\)](#)
  - Veterans - [Birmingham Veterans Deep Dive](#)
  - Women from [Inclusion Health Groups](#) - [Birmingham Women's Health Needs Report \(2024\)](#)
  - Men from [Inclusion Health Groups](#) - [Birmingham Men's Health Needs Report \(2025\)](#)

# Inclusion Health Grant Programme: summary



Specific  
Inclusion  
Health groups



Up to  
£20,000 per  
project



Expected start  
April 2026  
12-18 months  
projects



Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026

# Programme aims

- **To improve health outcomes and access to services and reduce persistent health inequalities among specific Inclusion Health populations in Birmingham**
- Support community-led, trauma-informed health interventions
  - Focused on people experiencing the greatest health inequalities
- Build on existing insights and system priorities and support practical action to improve outcomes for specific Inclusion Health populations.

# Eligibility criteria

- Projects must be based in or delivering services in **Birmingham**
  
- Projects must focus on one of the following groups
  - Sex workers
  - Veterans
  - Women from Inclusion Health groups
  - Men from Inclusion Health groups
  
- Community organisations with trusted relationships with target groups
  - Local charities and community organisations
  - We especially welcome applications from small organisations and micro-entities, and groups new to Birmingham City Council Public Health funding
  
- Partnerships allowed (one lead organisation required)

# What are we looking for?

Strong applications will:

- ✓ Be evidence-based and reflective of local needs and recommendations
- ✓ Clearly demonstrate how the intervention improves the health and wellbeing of the target populations
- ✓ Be co-produced with individuals with lived experience
- ✓ Align with national policy and best practice - including the [NHS framework for action on Inclusion Health](#)
- ✓ Be a justifiable proposal including accurate costing and offering value for money

We also welcome projects delivered at neighbourhood and hyperlocal levels.

# Example interventions

## Improving health literacy and access to services

- Supporting individuals to navigate the NHS and community services
- Accessible health information, including multi-lingual or visual formats
- Advocacy to improve understanding and awareness of rights and entitlements to services

## Mental health, trauma, wellbeing support

- Peer support, development of safe spaces, peer-led interventions

## Social connection and community support

- Activity-based engagement (sport, arts), peer networks and community groups

# Demonstrating impact

Applications should demonstrate:

- Clear outcomes and measures of success
- Realistic plans to sustain impact beyond funding
- Opportunities for learning, scaling or partnership
- Value for money and accurate costings

All successful applications will be expected to demonstrate impact of the intervention by evaluating their project and submitting a final evaluation report

# How to apply

- Review the detailed [criteria and programme information](#)
- Application form
  - Project proposal
  - Breakdown of costings
  - Alignment with Inclusion Health framework and principles
- **Deadline:** Friday 13 February 2026
- Send the completed application form to [phinequalities@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:phinequalities@birmingham.gov.uk) with Subject line: “Inclusion Health Grant Application”

# Thank you

More information and application form [here](#)

Questions? [phinequalities@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:phinequalities@birmingham.gov.uk)

