

CMHWF 25/26 Partnership Proposal

Partnership Proposal Bid

1. Project Overview

We are looking for local Third Sector organisations to partner together and deliver a **collaborative, evidence-based mental health and wellbeing project** across Dundee. The initiative will address **identified gaps in provision** by focusing on priority groups most at risk of poor mental health outcomes, while also strengthening grassroots organisations through capacity building and partnership working.

The project will be designed and delivered by a collaboration of third sector organisations, ensuring inclusivity, diversity, and shared ownership.

Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for Adults 2026/27

Grant Available: £84,141.01

Duration: 1 year (Apr 2026 – Apr 2027)

Partnership Requirement: Minimum of 2 constituted third sector organisations with independent bank accounts. The conditions and eligibility outlined in the local guidance document still apply [Dundee TSI CMHWF Local Guidance 2025-2027](#)

National organisations are welcome to join the partnership group. However, the lead organisation must be from the local Third Sector of Dundee.

2. Priority Groups

The following groups have been identified as **priority beneficiaries** due to gaps in existing services – the following evidenced priorities have been identified:

- **Young Men**
 - Evidence shows higher risk of suicide, substance use, and reluctance to engage with mental health services.
 - Project will create tailored outreach and peer-led support programmes.
- **LGBTQ+ Youth in Transition (child to adult services)**
 - Transitional periods are critical, with risks of isolation, identity-related stigma, and service gaps.
 - Project will establish safe spaces, mentoring, and advocacy to support smoother transitions.



- **Substance Use effected Communities**
 - o Strong link between substance use and poor mental health outcomes.
 - o Partnership with substance abuse organisations to integrate mental health support into recovery pathways.
- **BAME Communities**
 - o Partnership approach will reduce overlap and ensure culturally competent provision to address specific needs.
 - o Capacity building will empower grassroots BAME organisations to deliver sustainable, tailored support.

3. Project Objectives

- **Capacity Building:** Strengthen grassroots organisations and bringing communities closer together, creating a stronger voice and opportunities for more collaborative planning and working.
- **Targeted Interventions:** Deliver tailored programmes for young men, LGBTQ+ youth, BAME and substance use communities.
- **Partnership Approach:** Reduce duplication in services by fostering collaboration and shared delivery.
- **Evidence-Based Delivery:** Geographical analysis, and service mapping to identify gaps and shape interventions.
- **Inclusive Outreach:** Re-engage organisations previously unsuccessful in funding applications, ensuring wider participation.

4. Activities

- **Community Outreach & Engagement:** Peer-led groups, workshops, and safe spaces for priority groups.
- **Capacity Building Programme:** Structured response to organisational capability and resource utilisation across partnership members.
- **Collaborative Service Delivery:** Cross-organisation working groups to coordinate efforts and reduce duplication.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Collect data to measure impact on wellbeing, service access, and organisational capacity.

5. Expected Outcomes

- Improved access to mental health support for **either** young men, LGBTQ+ young adults, BAME groups or substance use effected communities.
- Strengthened grassroots organisations with increased capacity to secure future funding.
- Reduced duplication in services through collaborative approaches.

- Evidence-based insights into geographic gaps and service needs, informing future funding strategies.
- Demonstrating a clear pathway to sustaining the project or its learning beyond the 12-month period.

6. Partnership Structure

- **Lead Partner:** Any eligible local Third Sector organisation within Dundee specialised with or evidenced experience within the highlighted priority groups.
 - o LGBTQ+ young adult service (16+)
 - o Substance use support organisation
 - o BAME focused community group
 - o Independent advocacy organisation
- **Partnership Members:** Any Third Sector organisation that has the capability to contribute to the project, ideally based in Dundee. However, organisations with a national remit are welcome to join should the lead partner deem it appropriate.
- **Governance:** We expect the partnership group to share equal responsibility, ensuring transparency and accountability and where possible, meaningful participation and engagement of lived experienced service users. We recommend the group to have a Collaboration Agreement outlining expectations, roles and responsibilities of each member.

7. Budget Allocation

Allocation: £84,141.01

Deliverables:

- Capacity Building & Training
- Service Delivery
- Research & Evaluation (geography, duplication, gaps)
- Administration & Management
- Outreach & Engagement

Guidance: The budget is open in the sense that the partnership can structure the available funds in the best way agreed by members.

Note: the table below is an example to how you could breakdown the budget for this project

Deliverable	Capacity building & training	Service delivery	Research & evaluation	Administration & management	Outreach & engagement
Budget (£)	14, 00	40,000	10,000	10,141.01	10,000

8. Risks & Mitigation

Considerations for the partnership group to make:

- **Strict Timelines:** Early mobilisation and phased delivery.
- **Grassroots Capacity Limitations:** Dedicated support and mentoring.
- **Duplication of Services:** Partnership coordination and shared delivery models.