

Funding stream: **Short breaks/Respite Care**

Name of grant: **Young carers**

Grant Award: £41,000 for each financial year for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23
subject to annual budget approval.

Section 1 – Service Overview

Young carers are children and young persons under 18 who provide, or intend to provide, care, assistance or support to another family member. Being a young carer can have a significant impact on health, education and social outcomes, as they take on roles and level of responsibility, which would usually be associated with an adult.

We want to fund one organisation to improve the identification and engagement of young carers and to provide one to one and group work support providing support guidance and the opportunity for young carers to be young people.

Section 2 – Service Outcomes

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the provision of the services will support the young carers agenda to

- increase the number of identified and supported young carers;
- improve the social, emotional and psychological well-being of young carers;
- increase the number of young carers accessing appropriate support from relevant services, such as health, education, youth services and engaging in wider community activities and opportunities;
- reduce the isolation and disengagement of young carers accessing services;
- improve partnership working between relevant services to meet the needs of young carers.

Section 3 – Service Delivery/Activities Sought

Council funding will specifically support one organisation to:

- Support Ealing young carers 'No Wrong Door' protocol, raising awareness and improving identification and support to young carers specifically through joint working and improved access where needed to:
 - Children's social care
 - Adults social care
 - Schools
 - Ealing Carers Centre
 - GPs and health services
 - Local leisure facilities and community activities.
- Provide and manage a targeted young carers support service to all identified and referred young carers
- Provide a range of services to meet their need including:
 - One to one support for all children referred to the service
 - Peer support through young carers group and workshops

- Targeted activities to address specific challenges in being a young carer, i.e. homework support, developing friendship groups and peer support
- Weekly after school group sessions for young carers
- Holiday activities and clubs
- Support young carers in accessing opportunities within the community
- Support and transition to adult carers services.
- Work with schools to improve awareness and young carers support available in schools, promoting initiatives such as the Young Carers in Schools award and improved understanding and support.

Section 4 – Specific Criteria/Requirements

The Council will assess/monitor:

- Total number of young people supported
- The service is provided to young carers aged 8 to 18 years of age
- Number of new referrals
- The breadth of referral sources
- The level of service provision provided to young people including one to one support, targeted sessions, activities and clubs
- Work undertaken to increase awareness of young carers across services
- Partnership work undertaken
- Outcomes and young carers take up and views.
- The accessibility of service across the borough

The council will also ensure that the organisation has:

- A safeguarding and child protection policy in place
- Enhanced DBS checks on all staff and volunteers.
- Registration with appropriate regulatory body if applicable
- Staff training and supervision

In addition, the applicant will be required to submit with their application the following:

- A service development plan based on the criteria covering the period 2019/20 - 2022/23 using the template provided.
- Details of how information will be communicated effectively and take into account the needs of people (and organisations) accessing the service including needs arising from age, disability, gender, ethnicity, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation, and gender reassignment.
- Details of how they will obtain customer feedback and consult users on improving community and voluntary services covered by this commission.

Section 5 – Monitoring and provision of information

The grant recipient will provide programme updates and monitoring reports to the Children's Commissioning lead via quarterly monitoring data returns and 6 monthly written reports.

Continuation of the grant will be dependent upon meeting the outcomes and delivering the service activities set out above.