

Funding stream: Short breaks/Respite Care/Young Carers

Name of grant: Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Disabilities

Grant Award: Up to £36,300 for each 12-month period from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2027 subject to annual budget approval. Applications are encouraged from a consortium who can meet all the requirements.

Section 1 – Service Overview

Short breaks for children and young people with additional needs provide opportunities for disabled children and young people to socialise and have fun and spend time away from their primary carers. These may include specialist or mainstream activities in the day, evening, or weekend, activities that take place in the child's own home, the home of an approved carer, or community setting.

We want to contribute via a grant toward the placement cost of short breaks for children and young people that meet the threshold for assessment but may not meet the threshold for statutory specialist and social care support.

Section 2 – Service Outcomes

Applicants will need to demonstrate how the provision of the services will assist children, young people with disabilities and their families achieving the following outcomes:

- Improved emotional health and well-being of children and young people with additional needs.
- Increased the social skills of children and young people with additional needs
- Improved support as children and young people transition to adulthood
- Improved self-esteem of children and young people with additional needs
- Improved family resilience.

Section 3 – Service Delivery/Activities Sought

Funding will specifically support the following short break activities:

Overview

- Targeted at children and young people aged 5-19 with moderate to severe disabilities such as autism, learning disabilities, complex health needs, challenging and or physical disabilities.
- New, additional and or extra capacity to services already provided.
- Flexible to meet needs of client group.
- Promote both inclusion and participation.
- Encourage the development of social skills and promote activities and engagement within peer groups.
- Enable children to be involved in a wide range of physical and enrichment activities.
- Adequately staffed to meet the child's health and care needs.

Eligibility Criteria

- Services must be targeted at children with disabilities that meet the threshold of assessment but may not meet the threshold for social care support.

Referral Policy

- Referral will be accepted based on level of need
- Referral will be accepted from
 - statutory agencies such as social care, GPs, school
 - Self-referrals

Cost of Service

- Cost of places will be charged at an affordable rate for all parents
- We would expect families to contribute to the cost of places except for families who are in receipt of benefits

Agreement on requirements relating to referral pathways, level of need and cost of placement will be agreed with successful organisation/s on award of grant.

Section 4 – Specific Criteria/Requirements

The Council and NHS NW London ICP (Ealing) will assess/monitor:

- Total number of children and young people supported
- The service is provided to children with disabilities aged 5-19 living in Ealing
- The breadth of referral sources
- The service provided in accessible locations and buildings.
- Services are accessible to and used by all sections of the community including black and minority ethnic families and refugees and asylum-seeking children and young families and travellers.
- Children and young people are involved in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the activities and services.
- Outcomes and service users' views.
- The organisation has:
 - In place a safeguarding and child protection policy
 - 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 2023/24 - 2026/27 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, gender reassignment and socio-economic background.

- 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 updates and monitoring reports to the Children's Commissioning team 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.

Section 6 – Additional information

Within this stream up to 3 grants may be awarded for specific projects. Organisations wishing to apply for part of this funding should identify the amount they are applying for in Question 15 on the application form – Income.

NOTE: Organisations may not receive the full amount applied for.