



MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME
(for applications to a maximum value of £2,500)
APPLICATION FORM

Name of organisation	NCYC Ltd
Official address (if applicable)	NCYC, Burton road, Neston, CH64 9RE

	First contact	Second contact
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Does your organisation have a named bank account with a minimum of two signatories?	YES	X
	NO	

Registration status (if applicable)	
Charity Commission registration number	1117890
Companies House registration number	06052346

Your organisation	
What does your organisation do?	NCYC delivers and supports services for local people. We operate Neston Community Youth Centre and Neston Civic Hall
How does your organisation benefit the local community? Please include a specific example.	<p>We deliver and support services that benefit the local community, including a social prescribing service, a befriending service, hospital discharge support service, warm welcome space, community cinema and social activities. We also host Neston job centre, foodbank, affordable meal and recipe service, children's centre and CAB access point.</p> <p>Our social prescriber receives approximately 250 referrals per annum providing support to help improve people's wellbeing, they also provide monthly feedback to the Neston and Willaston Community Partnership regarding needs of our community and any lack in available provision. E.g. in early 2024, our social prescriber identified a need for additional</p>

	advice and guidance with ADHD diagnosis, as a direct response the community partnership were able to allocate a small underspend to train Steph to be able to deliver the ADHD insight course.
How many people benefit directly from the work of your organisation (itemise numbers of members, volunteers and service users)?	We have 109 members and over 80 volunteers. Our befriending service supports approx. 45 people, our social prescribing service receives approx. 250 referrals per year, our hospital discharge service supports approx. 150 people per year. Footfall data shows the buildings we manage are entered 3000-5000 times per month as people access the available services.
What activities, events or services has your organisation provided in Neston during the last 12 months?	NCYC has provided the following: Operates Neston Community Centre (centre hosts JCP, childrens centre, CAB access point, foodbank, MOSO refugee support drop in, early years help drop in). Neston Civic Hall. Community gardens. Hospital discharge support service. Befriending service for older people. Activities including social groups, day trips, silvermail penpal scheme, senior matinees for older people. Full circle intergenerational group. Bereavement friendship group. Social prescribing service. Young voices of Neston C&YP group. Well fed service. Warm welcome space. Community Lead for Neston and Willaston Community Partnership. CH64 Community volunteer awards 2025. The Big Lunch 2025.
What activities, events or services does your organisation plan to provide in Neston for the next 12 months?	ESOL / RAS support group. Art club. Photography group. ADHD insight programme. Chair based exercise. Refurbishment of Neston Civic Hall

Your project	
Project title	Social Prescribing Service
Amount requested	£2067
Project start date	01.04.26
Project end date	31.03.27
Describe your project	Neston and Willaston PCN and NCYC have

	<p>had a contract in place since 2020 for NCYC to provide a social prescribing service. It was determined, as a community focused role that the social prescriber would be best placed in a community setting.</p> <p>The role is funded via the ARR scheme however due to recent changes in the DES guidance which determines how funds can be allocated the service has now been left with a substantial shortfall. The new guidance means PCN's can only claim funding for staff salary so as the provider, NCYC are now left facing a deficit if we continue to provide this service. Under the new guidance we can draw down very minimal amounts to go towards the other related costs to the service including supervision, mobile costs, training, room hire, materials, travel, contribution to core costs. It is imperative that the social prescriber service remains within a community setting as this has proved effective and currently there is no available space within any of the GP surgeries. Our request is to cover this shortfall to ensure we can continue to provide a social prescribing service.</p>
List the main objectives of your project	<p>Improve wellbeing. Increased control over wellbeing. Personalised approach. Improve confidence. Reduce isolation and loneliness. Improve access to community provisions.</p>
Explain how each main objective will be achieved.	<p>Our social prescriber meets with patients regularly and monitors improvements in wellbeing via the ONS and record of onward referrals.</p> <p>The social prescriber attends all community partnership meetings to ensure new services are promoted and lacks in provision are addressed.</p>
Provide a timeline for implementation of your project.	<p>This funding would cover the shortfall of current available funding compared to available funding last year.</p>
Detail the evidence that proves why this project is needed.	<p>This service has been community based since it was launched in 2020 and has consistently received on average 250 referrals each year, from GP's, support providers, self referrals.</p> <p>The social prescriber provides the link between the needs of our community and service providers and being based at the</p>

	<p>community centre, with access to free space means the social prescriber can be responsive to the needs of our community. Our social prescriber, as well as supporting people on a one-to-one basis, also oversees the bereavement friendship group, support the Young Voices of Neston group and is currently training to deliver the ADHD insight programme.</p> <p>If funding cannot be sourced to cover this shortfall it is likely NCYC will not be able to continue to deliver the service as we cannot subsidise supervision, desk space, training, materials etc without it having a detrimental impact on the Charity as a whole. Not having the social prescriber within a community based setting would result in the service being less visible, more difficult to access and is likely to increase the length of time people need to access the service and notice improvements in their wellbeing as one of the main factors to the success of the service is that it is based at the community centre where there is easy access to many other provisions such as the JCP, CAB, foodbank, MOSO etc.</p>	
Please demonstrate how the people who will benefit from your project, with lived experience of the issues tackled, have been involved in its development and how they will be involved in its delivery.	Regular feedback is gathered from clients who access the service.	
What difference will your project make to the lives of the people who will benefit from it and how will you measure its legacy?	<p>The social prescribing service has a direct impact on number of GP appointments. It also supports people to take control of their own wellbeing and engage in community based services.</p> <p>The social prescriber reports when particular issues are more prevalent and issues with lack in provision of services to the community partnership.</p> <p>Wellbeing improvements are measured via ONS4 and regular feedback on the service is obtained from patients.</p>	
How many people do you estimate will benefit from your project?	Direct beneficiaries	250
	Volunteers	12
If you aim for your project to carry on in the future, how will you ensure it continues after the funding from this application has been used?	This issue is being looked at nationally since the changes were made to the DES so we are hopeful that going forward the restrictions on the purpose for the funds being drawn down through the ARR scheme will be reviewed.	

Breakdown of project costs	
Description of expenditure	Amount £
Staff costs	33720
Direct costs (mobile, materials, training, travel expenses, subscriptions)	2446
Indirect costs (desk space, management supervision, cont. to building overheads, PL Insurance etc)	5604
TOTAL PROJECT COST (do not include in-kind costs)	41770

Sources of project funding and in-kind support	
Have you secured any other funding for your project? If so, where from?	Amount
ARR scheme	36120
NCYC will continue to subsidise the service, our request is for funding to cover the shortfall in funding from the PCN.	
Description of in-kind assistance secured (eg volunteer hours or donated equipment)	Amount (what is the financial conversion for this in-kind help?)

Financial information about your organisation (last financial year)	
What was the date of your last financial year end?	31.03.25
What was your organisation's income in the last financial year?	£300,804
Did your organisation have a surplus or deficit for the last financial year?	Surplus £
	Deficit £12301
What were your organisation's unrestricted reserves at the end of the last financial year?	£42377

Financial information about your organisation (current financial year)	
Are you projecting a surplus or deficit for the current financial year?	Projected surplus £4340
	Projected deficit £
What are your organisation's projected unrestricted reserves for the end of the current financial year?	£51438

Previous grant support from Neston Town Council
Please detail below previous grant support that your organisation has received from Neston Town Council during the past five years

Date of grant award	Purpose of grant award	Amount
23.04.24	CH64 Community volunteer awards 2024	498.40
13.10.23	Defib at NCYC	700
02.05.25	The big lunch	500

The Town Council's funding priorities	
We look for projects that support the funding priorities detailed in the Town Council's Grants Policy. Which of these priorities does your project support?	
To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities.	X
To help the Neston area's voluntary and community groups to improve the impact on the community.	X
To ensure the provision of services, needed by the residents of the Neston area, via the voluntary sector.	X
To support organisations which meet the needs of people experiencing social and economic difficulties.	X
To ensure that there is equality of access and opportunity for all Neston area residents to the services it provides and funds.	X
To improve or enhance the local environment.	

Checklist	
Latest annual accounts	X
Copies of written estimates or catalogue pages (if applicable)	
Policies for the protection of children and/or vulnerable adults (if applicable)	

Declaration	
1. I am authorised to make the application on behalf of the above organisation. 2. I have read Neston Town Council's Grants Policy and Funding Agreement. 3. I certify that the information in this application is correct. 4. If the information in the application changes in any way I will inform Neston Town Council. 5. I confirm that our organisation has the necessary governance in place to ensure accountability for the spending of any grant money allocated by Neston Town Council. 6. I understand that information provided in this application (with the exception of contact details and signatures) will be in the public domain and will be uploaded to the Town Council's website. 7. I agree to participate in monitoring, auditing and reporting feedback related to Neston Town Council grant funding.	
Name	RACHAEL FUREY
Signature	R.Furey
Date	24.09.25

Applications to the main grants programme are considered twice a year and the deadlines for submission of applications are **31 March** and **30 September**.

You can submit your application electronically to council@nestontowncouncil.org.uk or by post to Neston Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Neston CH64 9TR.

NESTON TOWN COUNCIL PRIVACY NOTICE FOR APPLICANTS TO THE TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Data Protection Act 2018 governs how we handle personal data.

Why are we collecting your information?

On our grant application forms most of the information we need relates to your organisation. However, we are often provided with names, email addresses, contact telephone numbers and addresses relating to named individuals who are submitting the form on behalf of the group. We are processing the data in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. We will only use the personal data supplied for the means of administering the grants programme.

How will we use your information?

The information you provide to us in connection with your grant application (including personal contact details) will be held securely as hard copy originals and as electronic data on Neston Town Council's shared drive. We will only use this information to assess, process and award community grants. For those successful in obtaining a grant award, we will use information about the project in publicity to promote the grants programme but will not share any personal data. If we want to use any photographs showing people at your events we will ensure we gain consent from them at the time in order to use images of them.

Who will we share your information with?

The information may be shared with other Council Officers and Town Councillors as part of our grant assessment and monitoring process. A redacted version of your grant application (removing private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures) will be considered at a grants meeting and, as such, will be uploaded to the Town Council website alongside other papers detailed on the agenda. Your contact details will not be passed on to third parties. Please note that Neston Town Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and other legislation.

How long will we keep your information?

Information from successful applicants will be retained for the current financial year plus six years. A redacted version of the grant application uploaded to the website as a meeting paper will be available to view for an indefinite period (private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures are redacted).

Information from unsuccessful grant applicants will be kept for 12 months from the point of application. A redacted version of the grant application uploaded to the website as a meeting paper will be available to view for an indefinite period (private addresses, private telephone numbers, private email addresses and applicant signatures are redacted).