

# Local Community Fund 2019-23 Schemes

## Digital Inclusion and Awareness

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#### Scheme No 2A – ICT skills and digital careers

#### Overview

*Statement from digital inclusion strategy setting out aims*

The digital inclusion theme is intended to support discreet digital inclusion projects rather than the digital inclusion elements of projects which include a number of different activities. Digital inclusion and awareness activities that form part of projects submitted to other themes will be funded through the budgets for those themes if the project is successful, not the budget for the Digital Inclusion and Awareness theme.

#### Priorities

1. Access to ICT support and training for older people

*In this priority we are looking in particular to support activities which support older people to feel more informed and digitally included.*

2. Digital skill development for children and young people

*In this priority we are looking in particular to:*

- a) *Increase awareness of careers in the digital sector, and*
- b) *Provide children and young people with the opportunity to develop the skills for the digital sector.*

#### Outcomes

1. *Residents with limited digital/ICT skills, particularly older residents, those with English as a second language and those with learning disabilities:*

- a) *Have increased confidence in using ICT, especially around security;*
- b) *Are able to use digital methods to access services, find information, and communicate with others, and do so more regularly;*
- c) *Have increased digital skills.*

2. *Working age residents have greater awareness of digital careers, have increased digital skills, and have increased access to work and work placements in the digital sector*

#### Examples of activities

We can achieve these outcomes through a range of activities and services. These might include:

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1. *ICT support services for older people, including training/phone-in/drop-in assistance;*
2. *Digital buddying;*
3. *Partnership working with schools;*
4. *'Hackathon' events*

These examples provide a flavour of the types of activity we might support but it is not intended to be a full list.

#### **Geographic Spread**

Bids may be submitted for borough wide projects or for projects which are specific to a defined geographic area.

Consortia bids may be made for linked local services which provide a borough wide pattern of provision.

#### **Levels of Funding**

The budget allocated to this theme is £60,000 per annum. Each priority area within this theme has a notional budget but there may be some variation depending on the number and quality of bids received. The notional budget for this priority is £XX0,000 per annum.

There is no limit on the amount you may apply for but we intend to fund a number of projects within this priority so unless you are bidding as a consortium you should not bid for the whole of the budget. Also, please bear in mind the guidance about including full costs in your bid and that the Council will only be making offers different from the amount bid for in exceptional cases.

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#### Scheme No 2B – Online safety

#### Overview

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#### Priorities

1. Children and young people online safety

*In this priority we are looking in particular to support activity that raises awareness of potential dangers online among children, young people and their parents and carers, and supports the implementation of suitable prevention measures.*

#### Outcomes

1. Residents are aware of potential dangers online and implement suitable prevention measures
2. Young people and their families know how to report online bullying and abuse
3. Older people are aware of how to identify online scams and how to keep themselves safe

#### Examples of activities

We can achieve these outcomes through a range of activities and services. These might include:

1. Children/young people and families taught how to be safe online
2. Digital awareness support sessions for older people delivered in partnership with older people's groups.

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#### Scheme No 2C - Improving health and wellbeing facilitated through digital platforms

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#### Priorities

1. Children and young people online safety

*In this priority we are looking in particular to support activity that raises awareness of potential dangers online among children, young people and their parents and carers, and supports the implementation of suitable prevention measures.*

#### Outcomes

1. *Residents, particularly those who feel digitally excluded, people with learning difficulties, and people with limited English.*
  - a) *Have a better awareness of where to access health information/support, and increased confidence to access/navigate digital health services;*
  - b) *Are more likely to self manage health issues via digital platforms, including accessing health information, identifying appropriate support services, and connecting with others with similar issues;*
  - c) *Have increased confidence and knowledge of 'trusted' digital sources of health information.*

#### Examples of activities

We can achieve these outcomes through a range of activities and services. These might include:

1. *Activities to support community groups to become digitally enabled;*
2. *Development and access to digital platforms supporting improved health and wellbeing*

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