Inclusion and Participation Grants

Guidance Document

About us

Discover Digital is an initiative created in 2018 and managed by the ALLIANCE with the aim of highlighting digital tools that promote health and wellbeing. The programme has continued to evolve, enabling outreach and inclusion, promoting digital and health literacy, developing meaningful signposting and supporting the wider landscape.

With ongoing engagement, we have collected extensive insight regarding needs and barriers to digital health and care access. We aim to build on this and develop ongoing dialogue by delivering a small grants programme to support grassroots and third sector organisations to not only explore these issues, but also act on the intelligence they gather.

Help and Support

The ALLIANCE is keen to support you to submit the best application that you can by the closing date. Please get in touch to discuss your project idea and the application process.

Support can be tailored to your needs. Examples of which are:

- Discussing your project idea and how it embeds our Human Rights Principles for Digital Health and Social Care to ensure the promotion of good practice and person centred outcomes.

- Suggesting possible partners if applicants are looking to submit a collaborative application

- Creating connections with the ALLIANCE and the ALLIANCE Digital Health and Social Care team, to explore whether your project idea can be further supported.

▪ Grants Available

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Discovery Grant

- Up to £3,000
- Up to 6 months
- A small grant aimed at engaging seldom heard and minority communities in conversation around digital health and care, surfacing the barriers to adoption that they face and the support they need to remove these barriers.

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Enabler Grant

- Up to £15,000
- Up to 18 months
- A larger grant to support projects to tackle identified barriers, with the aim of supporting digital inclusion and adoption of digital health and care solutions amongst the targeted populations.

▪ How to Apply

For the Discovery Grant there is an application form to be completed and returned to the ALLIANCE before the closing date below. To apply for the Enabler Grant, applicants are asked to complete the application form and submit a supporting Project Plan (your plan should be no more than 500 words) which should include timescales for the project.

▪ Who can Apply

- Lead applicants and grant holders must be a third sector or community organisation
- Partnership bids are encouraged, but lead applicants and activity must take place within the third sector
- You do not have to be a member of the ALLIANCE to apply for a Discover Digital Inclusion and Participation Grant.
- If you have had a Discover Digital small grant (2020/21) before you can apply for an Enabler Grant, building on insight previously gathered.
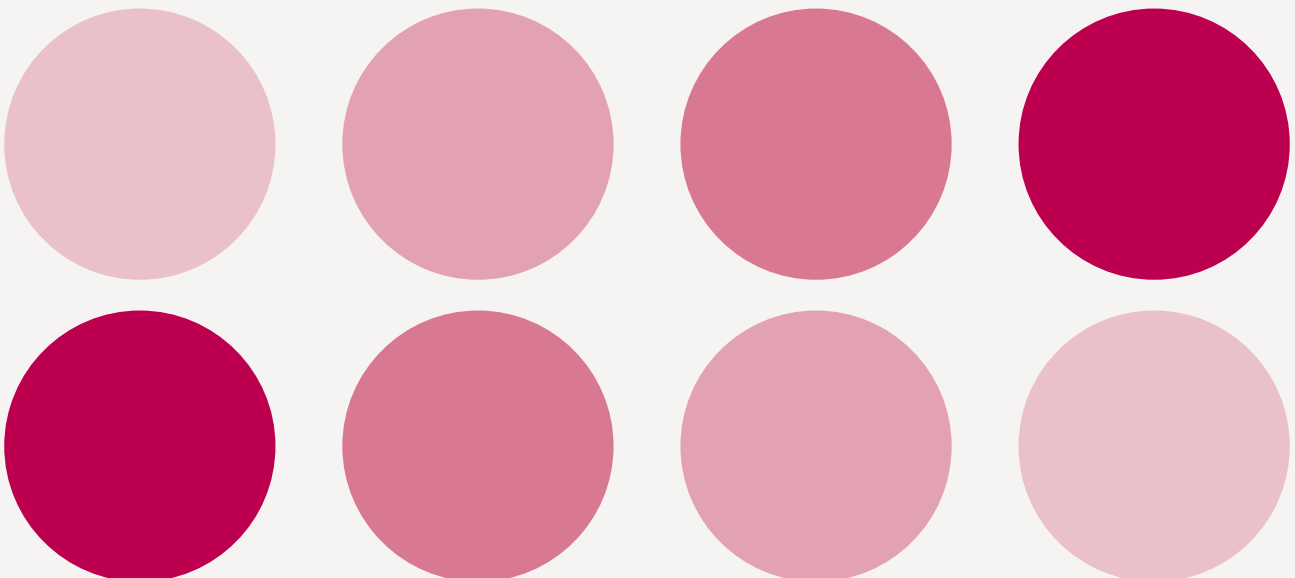
Exclusions

- The grants are unable to support projects which are solely for the running costs of an organisation or existing project

- Organisations may only hold one grant from Discover Digital at a time but can submit more than one application.

Criteria

All Applications submitted to the Discover Digital: Participation and Inclusion Grant must meet the following criteria:

Directly engage/deliver a project with individuals belonging to one or more of our target audiences

- people and families on low incomes

- people from ethnic minority communities

- care leavers

- disabled people or people with long term conditions

- people who have communication support needs

- people who experience sensory loss

- older people

- people who live in remote communities

Discovery

- The project will create opportunities for people to discuss and identify what resources they would need to better use technology and digital tools in managing their health and care interactions as well as what knowledge, understanding and skills people feel they need to feel confident to use this technology and digital tools

- The project will offer recommendations on how citizens could be best supported to acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to adopting digital health and care tools or services

- The Human Rights Principles for Digital Health and Social Care are at the heart of engagement activity and are included in identifying possible future solutions

Enabler

- The project is a new coproduced idea or a development of an idea to address identified barriers around digital health and care, with the aim of supporting digital inclusion and adoption of digital health and care solutions.

- The idea is based on the insight and knowledge previously gathered from the people it is designed to benefit

- The targeted population will be enabled to take a leadership role in the design, delivery and evaluation of the project

- The capacity of people to effectively utilise digital means to support their health and care needs will be significantly enhanced.

- The Human Rights Principles for Digital Health and Social Care are at the heart of the project

Closing Date

Applications must be submitted before 5pm on Wednesday 14 September 2022.

Please submit completed applications to: DHCScot@alliance-scotland.org.uk

Contact

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