**Community Vaccine Champions Fund- Briefing Note - 09.05.2022**

From the 1st April 2022, the Community Vaccine Champions fund of up to £2000 has been made available for Citywide Community groups and Organisations to help improve health & wellbeing and promote COVID-19 vaccine uptake.

1. **What is the priority for the funding-** Funding will be prioritised for activities aimed at reducing health inequalities for residents in Nottingham City. The aim is to deliver initiatives to proactively address health inequalities and engage with members of the community interested in the wellbeing of others, sharing health messages, with a specific focus on increasing COVID-19 vaccine uptake.

**What is the criteria for the funding**

Any activity that is directed at increasing access to and uptake of COVID vaccination including;

* deliver key health messages to groups and communities
* dispel myths about the COVID-19 vaccines
* help develop local targeted communications
* provide information about how to get a COVID-19 vaccination
* Collaborate with health professionals to deliver sessions/activities including sanctuary Team (COVID-19 information, support, myth-bursting), the Medivan (vaccinates people on site) and Wellbeing Hub (Health & wellbeing signposting & information) for tailor-made sessions. Booking requests can be made by emailing Jasmine.Langley@nottscc.gov.uk
* Address COVID-19 impact on residents for example mental health, loneliness, low-confidence, financial resilience
1. **What can the funding be used for**

The funding can be used to engage with local communities and residents in Nottingham City through localised interventions. The funds will support costs like the examples below. In all cases the costs must relate directly to the activity the group are providing

* Rent/ venue hire
* Production of a leaflet to advertise the activities you are undertaking
* Staffing costs to facilitate workshops, focus groups or create safe space to have health & wellbeing conversations within deprived communities
* Travel / parking for staff and volunteers delivering activities (specified pence / mile)
* Incentives which help attract and draw in interest to facilitate vaccine uptake related conversations with the community for example family type activities with freebies e.g. taster leisure passes, food vouchers for fruit & veg, healthy snacks etc.
* Projects, activities, events, existing or new which encourage COVID-19 related conversations during everyday interactions and behaviour change to improve wellbeing.

Please note additional support is available for translation and transport to ensure that language and costs/means of travelling to a vaccination centre is not a barrier to uptake.

1. **When does the funding need to be spent by**

The funding needs to be allocated by end of July and spent by December 2022.

1. **What monitoring and Evaluation information is required for the funding**

The following information will be required part of the monitoring process;

* Current spend committed
* Description of COVID-19 activities set up to address vaccine uptake and improve wellbeing
* Health or care professionals involved in delivery
* Numbers of individuals engaged
* Any targeted work with ethnic minority groups
* No. of Sanctuaries or Medivan arranged to increase the uptake of Covid vaccine
* Case studies / good practice

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# **Appendix A: Application form Community Vaccine Champions**

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| **Project/event/Activity Name** |
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| **Name of Organisation** | **Contact name** | **Email** | **Telephone Number** |
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| **Outline key criteria of project** |
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| **Brief description of what the funding will be used for (Max 250 words)** |
| 1. Aim:
2. Actions:
3. Key stakeholders:
4. Target population (need identified):
5. Timescale:
6. Why the funding is important:
7. What the funding will be used for (please provide details)
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| **Which areas of Nottingham will your activity or intervention cover?****If appropriate (e.g. a housing estate/community) please include postcode** |
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| **Amount requested** | **Start date** | **Completion date** |
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| **If you have spoken to your local Integrated Care Partnership about this application, please include a few details below.** |
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