



Application for Funding from Hampshire Action Teams

Organisation Details

<p>Name of Organisation</p>	<p>VISA (Village Information and Service Adviser) Programme project team</p> <p>The project team is made up of representatives from the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winchester City Council • Hampshire County Council • Winchester Area Community Action • Winchester District Over 55's Forums • The Good Neighbour Scheme • Age Concern Hampshire
<p>Type of Organisation (Please tick or double click to check the appropriate box)</p>	<p>Community/Voluntary Group <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>District/Borough Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Parish/Town Council <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Registered Charity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>School/College <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other (please describe below):</p>
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Funding Details

<p>Which HAT are you requesting funding from</p>	<p>Winchester</p>
<p>Amount of Funding Requested (Please state if all or part of the funding will be spent on staffing costs)</p>	<p>£10,000</p> <p>None of this funding will be spent on staffing costs.</p> <p>Estimated funding breakdown:</p>

	<p>Programme Year One: Venue hire- £1000 Community transport- £500 Training materials- £1000 Technology needs, including laptops and internet access for VISAs- £3500 Programme publicity- £1000</p> <p>Programme Year Two: Venue hire- £1000 Community Transport- £500 Training materials- £500 Programme publicity- £1000</p>
<p>Joint Funding (Please list any other funding secured for the project from other organisations)</p>	<p>There is currently no joint funding allocated to this programme.</p>

Details of the Bid / Project

Title of Bid/ Project	Winchester District VISA Pilot Programme
Summary of Bid/ Project	<p>The VISA Pilot Programme is designed to improve ease of access to and accuracy of community information for older people in two pilot locations in the Winchester District. There will two pilot programme locations; one in each of the Winchester District priority areas- Winnall and Stanmore.</p> <p>The VISA Pilot Programme will achieve its goals by placing a locally known volunteer VISA in two pilot sites in the District to provide face-to-face interactions with community members seeking information about services, which is the preferred method of information sharing amongst older people.</p> <p>The VISA volunteers will be trained to sign-post older people to services that can assist them in staying healthy and active in their communities.</p> <p>Supporting the ageing population and providing access to information are two of the major themes emerging from the Winchester City Council Community Strategy 2010-2014. The Community Strategy:</p> <p><i>“... sets out a range of important issues for our District which need to be addressed by the partners of the Winchester District Strategic Partnership (WDSP). These issues can’t be solved overnight and will need all partners to work at them over the length of our strategy in order to make a difference.</i></p> <p><i>However, there are some concerns which partners have said are both important and urgent. The WDSP will therefore make a concerted effort to address these priorities in the coming four years, as well as working on the other issues in this Strategy. Consequently, our top priorities will be Older People and Access to Services.”</i></p> <p>Funding would be used to assist with the administrative set-up of the programme (venue hire, etc), providing community transport for volunteer VISAs, providing technology for the VISAs (laptops, internet), carrying out & evaluating baseline surveys in the pilot area, training, CRB checks and on publicity materials.</p> <p>This project is supported by the Winchester District Over 55’s Forums, the Winchester District Health & Wellbeing Group (LSP), the Winchester District Older Persons’ Partnership, the Good Neighbour Support Scheme, the OPAL network run by Age Concern Hampshire, WACA and Hampshire County Council Adult Services.</p>

<p>How does the Bid meet the HATs Term of Reference?</p> <p>1) To tackle economic, social and health inequalities in the local area</p> <p>2) To support the delivery of Hampshire's improvement priorities within the Hampshire Local Area Agreement*</p> <p>3) To support local highways and transport priorities**</p>	<p>The VISA Pilot Programme will address economic, social and health inequalities in the Winchester District by helping older people in the District gain access to the same quality information regarding services available.</p> <p>Specifically, the VISA Pilot Programme hopes to reduce the levels of isolation and loneliness and increase the levels of physical and mental health amongst older people by sign-posting them to services and information that can increase their quality of life and encourage them to be more active in their communities.</p>
<p>Timescale (What is the anticipated period over which the money will be spent?)</p>	<p>Commencement Date: The VISA Pilot Programme kicked off in August of 2010</p> <p>Completion Date: 31 March, 2013</p>
<p>Intended Outcomes (How will the success of the bid/project be measured?)</p>	<p>The success criteria for the VISA Pilot Programme will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of 'gateway forms' (a referral form which is completed by a VISA when a visit has taken place) that are completed • Positive evaluations completed by those community members using the service • An increased awareness of local services available • Broader community objectives may also be achieved, including improved up-take of community transport, increased numbers of older people participating in community activities.
<p>Future Funding Arrangements (If the project is to last more than a year how will it be funded in subsequent years? How will any outcomes achieved by the project be sustained in the longer term? If it is a capital scheme how will the equipment be maintained?)</p>	<p>The VISA Pilot Programme is a pilot programme designed to determine whether a VISA scheme can be successful in the Winchester District.</p> <p>If the programme is successful, it will be gradually rolled out to other communities in the Winchester District. This roll-out will require some future funding, some of which may be available through HCC's Rural Development programme, Parish Councils or LEADER funding.</p> <p>The programme mostly consists of up-front costs. Once the VISA Programme is in place in a community it should require limited resources to continue to run successfully.</p>

* Further information on the LAA can be found at the following website - <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/localareaagreement.htm>

** Any approved bids for highways/transport projects will require liaison with the Executive Member for Environment.

Declaration

I declare that the information supplied in this application is true and that any funding received from Hampshire County Council will be used for the purposes described in this form. The Council reserves the right to reclaim any funding not used for the purposes stated on this form.

I agree to provide a report detailing the outcomes of this bid/project (a form will be sent out for completion at the relevant time).

Signed

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Position in organisation

Please return your completed form to: The MATTERS Panel, 105, Fish Lane, H.C.C., Winchester, S023 8UJ, or email: members.s@hampshire.gov.uk