



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Fells & Solway Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2020-24
Group Name:	Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd
Community Development Officer:	Helen Esslemont
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£8,549.00
Total Project Cost:	£20,298.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Chrysalis is a local charitable company based in Wigton. We provide a range of high-quality support for adults with learning disabilities and their families across North Cumbria. We have three resource bases across Wigton and a social enterprise Wholefood Shop providing for over 70 individuals. We also have a specialist provision in Carlisle. Activities focus on providing meaningful opportunities for socialisation and development of individual skills, including the arts, outdoor activities such as sailing, walking groups, independent living skills, sensory stimulation, horticulture. We support individuals to live independently in their own homes through our supported living teams, this can range from 1hr to 24/7 support.

As part of our ongoing recovery from Covid we are keen to expand our outreach and holiday provision to provide much needed activities at the weekends and evenings. The funding would support the activities by providing staff support for a limited range of outreach activities for 6 hours a week and their associated activity costs. This would enable us to offer the activities at reduced cost to individuals and enable a pilot project to ascertain if the activities would be successful in the longer term. Activities would include, discos in the community, trips to the cinema/ pub , bowling , theatre the gym with a focus on supporting local initiatives in Wigton and surrounding areas. Individuals would be supported to research local opportunities, achieving IT skills development and transferable skills.

Adults with learning disabilities will expand their horizons by accessing a wider range of mainstream activities and opportunities to socialise with their friends. Potential for individuals to develop natural supports in the community through these opportunities reducing reliance on services as well as developing life skills that enable people to achieve further independence. Carers will receive additional respite and enable them some time away from their caring responsibilities. Local businesses will benefit from increased income from the individuals attending the activities and an opportunity to develop their social inclusion agenda.

The funding from this application would be applied to the outreach development, and will enable us to offer the services to individuals at a reduced cost for the initial period which will enable us to gauge the level of interest for the outreach activities, ensure equal access to all individuals irrespective of the ability to pay and map future need. Individuals would contribute to the costs, depending upon the amount of available support funding.

Key Themes Met

The project supports Cumberland Council's central aim of improving the health and wellbeing of residents by enabling people to be more active in their community.

Chrysalis' work will also reduce inequalities by ensuring people have a wide range of life choices just like everyone else and this will be supported by local people for local people. The additional support for carers as a by-product of the project will ensure that they are able to continue in their role reducing dependency and providing critical support to prevent family breakdown.

Number of People Benefiting

50 - 100

Breakdown of Project Costs

Total Project Cost - £20,298

Staffing - £12,678

IT to support (inc laptop, phone etc) - £700

Transport Services for members - £2,000

Hall Hire - £720

Outreach tablets/ laptops & resources - £3,000

Staff expense costs - £1,200

Generated revenue - £3,200 (£5 per week/ per member)

Chrysalis will match fund this application with £8,549

Previous CCC Funding

Chrysalis hold the Cumberland Council contract for the provision of community activities and supported living for adults with learning disabilities.

Grant Amount Recommended

£3,700

Officer comments

This funding would allow the group to purchase the IT equipment needed in readiness for starting the project in April.

The local member for Wigton will contribute £1,150 and the local member for Thursby £800 from their allocations to the project.

Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel

Member Signature:

Date: