**Green Social Prescribing – Grants Application Form**

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Wesport have been appointed by **Healthier Together** and the **Green Social Prescribing Project Board** to manage this first grants process within the Green Social Prescribing (GSP) project across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG).

The focus of the GSP, funded for 2 years, is to establish health and nature as a golden thread across the BNSSG health and care offer. As we seek to address health inequalities, there is a focus on our residents with the poorest access to nature, who also have the poorest mental health outcomes.

Through a system-wide approach, strongly supported by NHS leadership and a diverse range of organisations, including the West of England Nature Partnership, we will significantly increase the range of support available to make a real difference in helping people recover and maintain mental wellbeing.

The focus of this programme of work is to support those population groups experiencing the poorest mental health outcomes across BNSSG including.

* Culturally diverse communities
* Those on low incomes
* People with long term health conditions
* Disabled people

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| We are keen to get this project up and running and are aware there are project ideas ready to go. With this in mind we have decided to go ahead with the first round of grant funding with short timescales. There will be future funding rounds which will also be open to a wider geographical area, **so don’t worry if you are not in a position to apply at this stage.**We have assigned £25,000 to each geographical area in this first round and welcome partner applications. There is no min or max amount of grant you can apply for, we hope the co-production events will be a chance to discuss your ideas with others and begin the process of forming partnerships. |

All projects will need to demonstrate they are directly linked into the locality they are delivering in and have an existing relationship with the priority community.

The desire is for projects to be co-designed with the local community they will be supporting and you will need to demonstrate a strong insight into their needs and interest/ownership of the suggested intervention.

Successful applicants will show an awareness for the barriers to participation and put forward a realistic approach for overcoming these barriers.

Funding might support new activity, increased capacity in existing programmes or work that increases access to local green and blue opportunities.

You will need to demonstrate you have a plan to sustain any new activity beyond this funding.

Applications will need to ensure their proposal meets the objectives and principles of GSP answering **yes** to **all** of the statements below:

1. **Can you demonstrate genuine codesign with local partners and the community?**
2. **Is there a realistic plan to gain strong participation in the proposed intervention?**
3. **Does the idea you are proposing have evidence to support that it can improve mental health? This might be national evidence or evidence you have collected locally from similar activity.**

Please complete the form below. It is also available online:<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KD7H2B5> There are suggested word counts for each section to guide you on the scoring weighting (*see Appendix A*).

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| **Lead organisation applicant: Name** |  |
| **Main Contact Person****Name:** **Email:****Phone:**  |  |
| **Status of organisation  *(delete as applicable)*** | *Registered charity* *Not-for-profit voluntary or community club or organisation* *Not for profit company or community interest company or other social enterprise* *Company limited by guarantee* *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* *Registered Society* *Other*  |
| **Companies house / Charity Commission No (*if applicable)***  |  |
| **Organisation address**  |  |
| **Organisation website and or social media account info** |  |
| **Select the geographical area your project will be focused in:*****(please highlight)*****NB: future funding rounds will be open to other areas** | * Hartcliffe and Withywood, Bristol
* Inner City and East Bristol
* Kingswood, S Gloucestershire
* Weston Super Mare, N Somerset

Across more than 1, please state: |
| **Select the priority community group your project will predominately be targeting (*please highlight)***  | * Culturally diverse communities
* Those on low incomes
* People with long term health conditions
* Disabled people
* Other health inequality group with reduced connection to nature?

Please state:  |

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| 1. **Please provide a brief outline of your current work / track record with this target geographical / priority community group to demonstrate your reach. *Approx. 250 words***
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| 1. **Are you working with partner organisations in planning or delivering the project, if so, which ones?** Partnership working can help maximise the use of resources***Approx. 200 words***
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| 1. **Please share an outline of your project including: *Approx. 500 words***
2. **what approach you are planning to take to connect people with nature**
3. **what you intend to use the funding for**
4. **evidence base that indicates your approach will improve mental health outcomes**
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| 1. **Please outline how you have co-designed this project with local partners and/or the community.** *A****pprox. 300 words***
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| 1. **Please share your insight on what the current barriers are to accessing green/blue spaces and give reasons why you are confident this project will overcome these identified barriers? *Approx. 300 words***
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| 1. **How many people are you anticipating will benefit from this project and to what level (ie one off, or regular engagement)? *Please explain how you came to this number, balancing breadth with depth and providing any evidence to support this estimate.***
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| 1. **How do you anticipate this work being sustained once this grant has been spent? Either sustaining the new activity or continuing the engagement of the priority community group*. Approx. 200 words***
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| 1. **How much funding in total are you requesting from the GSP fund?***The total amount available is £25k per area. Grants can be requested for any amount*
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| 1. **Please provide a breakdown of your funding request, include cost per hour of any items where relevant.**
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| 1. **When will the project aim to start and finish? (*all projects to be finished by Dec 2022 at the latest)***
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| **Start:**  | **Finish:**  |

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| **There are data capture and evaluation requirements for monitoring purposes which you will be required to capture for all attendees and submit within 4 weeks of the project finishing. We will supply the data set as and when a grant is awarded.** **If you will also be capturing other data for your own use, please state here:**  |
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By working in collaboration, Wesport and BNSSG CCG have a data sharing agreement and therefore will both have access to the content shared within your application and additional documentation. We also may contact you if the GSP panel consider any details or information might be useful to be shared in local mapping exercises or creating partnerships.

This is to ensure we can jointly support your organisation and project ambitions.

**Please sign to confirm you agree with the statements above:**

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| **Name**  | **Position in Organisation**  | **Date**  |
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**Please send your completed application to** **info@wesport.org.uk** **0117 328 6250 and also use this email/ number for any questions or clarification.**

**If successful with a grant award, we will require the following documentation to be submitted. If you forsee any issues with this, please notify us at application stage:**

* If you are an unregistered group, a copy of your constitution
* A copy of your latest bank statement, clearly showing your account number and organisation name
* A copy of your safeguarding policy and procedures
* A copy of your organisations insurance with cover to deliver the stated activities

The deadline for returning your completed application form is: either **9am Monday 16th August 2021 or the second deadline of 9am Mon 27th Sept 2021**

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed by **Tues** **24th August 2021** at the latest. Further discussion or feedback will not be possible for unsuccessful bids but future bids are possible.

***Thank you very much for taking the trouble to apply, GSP team***

**Appendix A**

**Scoring Matrix**

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|  | **Scoring**  | **Questions Scored**  |
| Track record of previous delivery including any evidence base and output/outcome data | Maximum of 5  | 1 |
| Working with partners | Maximum of 5  | 2 |
| Project Idea including likelihood to improve mental health, demonstrate join up to health and social care system and a plan for sustainability | Maximum of 15  | 37 |
| Co-design with target audience/community and credibility of plan for getting high levels of participation | Maximum of 10  | 457 |
| Value for money/ (number of people supported and number of sessions delivered against cost | Maximum of 5  | 68 |
| **Total Score available**  | **40** |