

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT YOUR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Everyone has been impacted by Covid-19

Any new ways of working, new resources, new approaches to how you will do business in the future is as a direct result of Covid-19 and the emerging needs of your customers.
APPLY for funding now.

A group supporting people with learning disabilities had not applied for funding as their group had not been affected by Covid-19. But... Covid-19 has disproportionately affected people with learning disabilities, and this should inform how you change your messaging, deliver your service and support your group in the future – this change is a direct result of Covid-19. They were advised to APPLY for funding.

Some groups have gained funding and increased their reserves – So they are ok?

If you are in this position, begin planning NOW how you will develop your future service, use some of this money to “grow” your service to your community. For example; install Broadband to your building and offer free wifi access to your community.
Purchase computers to support Digital Access for your community.
Run a questionnaire and ask your community what they need.

PLAN for future Delivery NOW & APPLY for funding NOW

This will allow you to deliver the service you want to in the future, don't delay applying for funding until you are up & running your new service, as the funding may not be there.

Download Application Forms

Practice filling them in. Learn the language of funding bids, by reading applications. Contact DCA if you are struggling to understand what is being asked of you in a funding bid.

Learn by Doing

Submit bids and learn from the process. Once you have had a successful bid, use this as a template moving forward. Always keep a copy of all bids submitted.

Get Support – DCA is here to help

Whether that is training your team/trustees so that you have the skills to write bids, checking bids you have written or helping you to develop a case for support – DCA Are Here...

Call our Dedicated Helpline on 01202 847609
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