

**WEST SWINDON
PARISH
COUNCIL**
Grant Application Form

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About You:	
Date:	6 th November 2020
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How long has your organisation has been active?	Since 2002
Please tick the boxes to confirm you are submitting all of the following with your completed application:	Governing Document e.g. Constitution/Terms of Reference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Management Group or Committee Membership details <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Annual Turnover of your organisation	Approx £100,000 (based on 2019 accounts)
Your Grant Project:	
Name of project or activity?	<p>Phoenix Enterprises is a Swindon based registered charity & social enterprise that provides a stepping stone for adults with mental health problems and learning disabilities to achieve mainstream employment, reduce dependence on benefits and avoid poverty.</p> <p>Please see the attached document explaining the work and benefits that Phoenix Enterprises provides to residents in the Swindon area.</p> <p>The project is to fund staff training in Mental Health First Aid, provided by St John's Ambulance.</p>
<u>Who</u> is it for? and <u>where</u> is it happening?	<p><i>E.g what neighbourhood?, age group? community of interest?</i></p> <p>More and more demands are being made of our staff and volunteers in striving for good practice, regulatory compliance, professional developments and the increasingly complex needs of our service users. The Mental Health First Aid training provided by St John's Ambulance is required urgently to allow the Staff at Phoenix Enterprises in Swindon to be trained in supporting our Adult Service Users and their families in areas ranging from helping them cope with depression and anxiety through preventing harm and abuse.</p>

<p>How will residents in West Swindon benefit from this?</p>	<p>We currently have 4 Service users residing in the West Swindon area – with potential to take more Service Users from the area since Phoenix have recently moved into their new larger premises.</p> <p>In addition, we run a Stepforward programme which is open to all individuals (not just registered Service Users) who have fallen on difficult times particularly during the Covid restrictions. Stepforward offers help and assistance with such things as Universal Credit training, signposting to debt management, help with writing Cvs and job searching. We also offer support for individuals who are feeling isolated during these difficult times.</p>
<p>When you aim to start and finish?</p>	<p>We aim to start the Mental Health first aid courses at the earliest opportunity, ideally starting in January 2021.</p>
<p>What funding are you requesting from the Parish Council?</p>	<p>The staff training costs £350 per head with up to 10 staff members (including volunteers) requiring the training. We would like to request a grant of £1000 if possible from West Swindon parish council, however any contribution would be welcomed and appreciated.</p>
<p>Please detail any match funding you will bring to the project <i>e.g. donations, in kind funding, volunteer hours.</i></p>	<p>Up to 6 of our staff members requiring to attend the Mental Health first aid training are Volunteers (Phoenix would not be possible without the help and support of our Volunteers both in supporting the Service users on a daily basis as well as helping with the day to day running of the non profit making side of the organisation. Stratton St Margaret PC have donated £870 and Comic Relief have granted £1000. Three other Swindon PCs have donated £1000 each towards other projects for the benefit of Swindon communities.</p>

Additional Information:

Although the numbers of service users from West Swindon, as with all parishes, varies from time to time, we currently have four. Our total service users is 48 at the moment.

There is also one volunteer in West Swindon who will receive the training, although the ultimate beneficiaries will be the service users.

We are fundraising for several local community projects; Therapy dog, Breakfast Club, Staff Training, and a Tranquility Room, which are being funded by other Parish Councils and which are available to West Swindon Service Users. Our plan is to invite participation in all these projects amongst all Swindon Parish Councils.