

The Family Hub Network - Community Chest

You are advised to read the guidelines carefully before applying.

Funded opportunity update.

Following consultation, Sheffield City Council, Family Hub Services have created a *Family Hub Network - Community Chest fund*. The Community Chest is open to local community partners, who deliver free, open access, inclusive play activity sessions for children, young people, and their parent/carers.

The aim of the fund.

The Family Hub Community Chest fund aims to further support the creation of a sustainable inclusive *Family Hub Network membership*, where community partners link together with their local Sheffield Family Hub service. Working together to build better connection, with the aim that all who work with or volunteer, understand what services are available to support families living in Sheffield, and embrace sign posting families to these services, working collaboratively together to successfully meet individual family need at the earliest opportunity.

The fund aims to support best practice delivery, for example, organisations may wish to use the fund to purchase age and stage of development appropriate sensory resources, a nursing chair, a screen to support the facilitation of a designated breast-feeding area, resources to support special educational needs and or disabilities, supporting ease of access for all.

What are Sheffield Family Hubs?

Sheffield Family Hubs provide a key access point to services for children and families in Sheffield. Family Hubs are accessible, welcoming, and warm spaces. They deliver activities for children aged 0-5 and offer help, signposting, and support to parents/carers of children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities. *For further information please follow this link; [What are Family Hubs? | Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#).*

What services are available to families through the Family Hub?

Sheffield's Family Hub and its Start for Life services are committed to enabling and supporting expectant parents, babies, children, and their families to have a great start in life by providing services as early as possible. For further information please follow this link; [sheffield-start-for-life-offer-booklet.pdf \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#)

Why is Sheffield City Council able to fund this opportunity?

Sheffield is one of seventy five successful local authority areas receiving funding to drive forward the delivery of the national [Family Hub and Start for Life programme 2022-2025](#), Sheffield has been selected as a trailblazer alongside a small number of other local authorities. The programme is jointly overseen by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Department for Education (DfE). The

programme aims to support best-practice principles to maximise every child's potential, building upon the vision outlined in [The Best Start for Life: A vision for the 1,001 Critical days](#).

The Family Hub and Start for Life programme objective is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need, when they need it, while feeling supported and empowered in caring for and nurturing their babies and children. To achieve this goal the programme outlines the principle of building a successful *Family Hub network* to help drive progress by joining up *professionals, services, community partners and providers*, to work together to harness a long-term sustainable pathway to share information and work collaboratively together, with the aim of all families being offered clear, accessible and seamless, whole family support at the earliest opportunity.

The fund is to cover the life of the current Family Hub and Start for Life programme until 31st March 25. Successful organisations will:

- Share Sheffield Family Hub leaflets, QR codes and links with families accessing services, as well as verbalising an overview of the services Family Hubs have on offer and how to access these. [sheffield-start-for-life-offer-booklet.pdf \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#)
- Link families to the opportunity to register with their local Family Hub [Register with Sheffield family hubs](#).
- Have a commitment to work together in partnership and embrace the opportunity to attend free Early Help training sessions; *we would ask as a minimum requirement, attending briefings: on the Family Hub offer, the parenting hub, infant feeding and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) webinars.*
- A commitment to work together in partnership and embrace the opportunity to attend and contribute at Family Hub Network events to share information alongside other community partners, working collectively to build an inclusive sustainable Family Hub network.

Please note: Organisations keen to become new Family Hub Network members will be prioritised. This will enable a Family Hub Membership to be established which provides a board community partnership able to maximise the reach to families across the City of Sheffield.

Community Chest fund

The Community Chest fund will be distributed as outlined in the chart below. Please note the neighbourhoods identified below will be prioritised by the evaluation panel, alongside prioritising organisations who wish to become a new Family Hub Network member. You can find your closest Family Hub on our Family Hubs [map](#).

Each Family Hub locality areas has been aligned a Family Hub Network Membership - Community Chest fund worth 5k, the remaining amount of the fund available in this second round is outlined in the table below. Each organisation will be able to apply for a £250 payment, organisations will be able to apply up to a maximum of £1,000 (= £250 x 4 lots) per organisation as a one-off payment. Priority will be given to the

organisations who did not previously apply for the Community Chest grant. If organisations did receive Community Chest grant funding in round one, then the amount of funding awarded in round one will be taken into account, the overall amount which can be awarded from round one and round two of the fund is £1,000. Increasing the Family Hub Network membership, the number of partners across areas, alongside bridging the identified gap in areas across communities will remain a priority.

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| <u>North Family Hubs</u> | The amount of grant available in a locality area is listed below. Priority will be given to the locations identified in the lists below: |
| A - Early Days Family Hub | £4,000 |
| B - First Start Family Hub | £4,500 |
| <u>East Family Hubs</u> | |
| C - Darnall Family Hub | £2,750 |
| D - Shortbrook Family Hub | £4,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodhouse ward; Handsworth • Beighton ward; Beighton, Sothall, Owlthorpe neighbourhoods |
| <u>West Family Hubs</u> | |
| E - Valley Park Family Hub | £3,750 |
| F - Sharrow Family Hub | £3,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crookes and Crosspool |
| G - Primrose Family Hub | £3,500 |

Monitoring requirements

The recipient will be required to provide a report by the 15th of March 2024 which will include:

1. A short narrative report highlighting; how the grant has improved the organisations offer to families; including better connectivity to services,

success in supporting families to access the right information at the right time, having engaged in Early Help training including Infant feeding, Parenting Hub and Perinatal Mental Health briefings, signposting families to register with the Family Hub, and to the Family Hub Service offer alongside attending Family Hub Network events to share understanding across community partners.

2. Receipts of spend.

Additional information

Please note: Appendix 2 The terms and conditions of this grant.

Following your application

Applications will be considered by an evaluation panel who will make the final decisions on allocation of funding from the Community Chest. *Please note all panel members will be asked to declare any conflict of interest and where conflict of interest exists, the panel member will not be eligible to contribute, and another panel member will be selected.*