Quality Improvement Support Fund 2019/20
Further Information - Overview

Aim of the Support Fund: The fund aims to support the use of quality improvement methodology and tools to inform the development of patient care and services, alongside the development of the workforce in improvement skills.

Who can bid for funds: This is a Wessex based initiative. Please see the eligibility criteria below for more details.

What should the funds be used for: Funding will need to be used to support either:
1. A healthcare issue linked to one of the following areas (listed within the NHS Long Term Plan), and which will use improvement methodology and tools as a key component of the work:
   • Digitally Enabled Care
   • Integrated Care (including Primary Care)
   • Maternity, Children and Young People (including Mental Health)
   • Public Health and Illness Prevention
   • Urgent and Emergency Care
   • Major Health Conditions (Adult Mental Health, Cancer, Cardiovascular, Diabetes, Stroke, and Respiratory)
2. The development or continuing professional development of the workforce in quality improvement (this could be on an individual, team or organisation basis).

When does the funding need to be used: The funding should be utilised between September 2019 and September 2020 (although the piece of work or development may not span this entire period).

How much can be bid for: Bids can be submitted for a maximum of £10,000. The monies awarded will be paid directly to the successful organisation/employer who will need to manage the money appropriately against the bid outline.

What will be required by those successful in being awarded funding: A draft project plan will be reviewed by HEE Wessex School of Quality Improvement to confirm that they are happy for funding to be allocated. Quarterly progress reports will need to be submitted and work and learning captured in poster format in autumn 2020. If for any reason the funding is not utilised on the planned work, recipients of funding must inform the School as soon as possible.

Application sign off: All bids require the support of someone who works at executive director level within the organisation/employer. This is to ensure that applicants will be supported by their organisation/employer if successful in being awarded funding.

How to apply: Please submit your completed bid application form to qualityimprovement.WX@hee.nhs.uk by Monday 1 April 2019.

Review of bids: The outcome of the bid process and allocation of funding will be confirmed in May 2019.

Any further queries: Please contact qualityimprovement.WX@hee.nhs.uk

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Further Information – Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to bid for funding from the HEE Wessex Quality Improvement Support Fund the following criteria must be met:

Employment:
• Applicants must currently deliver or be employed by an organisation or network within the Health Education England (Wessex) area that is delivering NHS healthcare
• The geographical area covered by Health Education England (Wessex) is Hampshire, Isle of Wight; Dorset and South Wiltshire
• Applicants will need to demonstrate that they have support from an Executive Director in their employing organisation or network where the funding will be invested

Bids must fall into either of the following categories
1. A healthcare issue linked to one of the following areas (listed within the NHS Long Term Plan), and which will use improvement methodology and tools as a key component of the work:
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Bids will also require:
• Evidence that the bid links with the strategic plan of the organisation/employer or network
• Evidence that applicants have worked with an appropriate senior individual to develop the bid, who will support the implementation this piece of work or utilisation the funding

Further Information – The Bid Application

The template (application form) provided to complete bids must be used for all applications. Applications not made via the bid template or submitted after the published application deadline will not be considered.

Bids will be required to include the following:
• Type of bid that is being requested
• Appropriate sign off
• Proposed approach as to how the funding will be utilised, including a breakdown of costs
• Proposed outcome measures
• Anticipated outputs
• Any risks associated

Completed applications are to be submitted to qualityimprovement.WX@hee.nhs.uk by Monday 1 April 2019.

For examples of current work being funded under this initiative please see our webpages
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Further Information – The Process

Please see below an outline of the process to support this initiative

January

Applications open

April

Applications close – 1 April 2019
Panel review of all bids

May

Outcome of bid applications confirmed

Bid successful

• May: Added onto School’s contact’s list
• July: Draft project plan will be required
• August: agreed funding transferred. This may come with conditions following review of plan

Quarterly updates on progress

Poster capturing work and learning in autumn 2020

Will have access to QI Masterclasses

Bid Unsuccessful

May: Added onto School’s contact’s list

Depending on outcome of additional information requested

Will be offered a place on the School’s QI workshop programme to help support with work

More info needed

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