

Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Communities Against Cancer

Project Overview and Application Guide

About this guide

This guide provides an overview of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Communities Against Cancer (CAC) programme and explains how to apply for funding in the second funding round.

The programme launched in November 2025, and the first funding round closed in February 2026. Applications for the second funding round will be open from **8 September 2026 to 5 October 2026**.

Please read this guide before submitting your application.

1. What is BNSSG CAC?

BNSSG CAC is a two-year project coordinated by the Chinese Community Wellbeing Society (CCWS). It supports Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations across BNSSG to deliver initiatives that reduce disparities in cancer prevention and early diagnosis.

The project is funded by the Somerset, Wiltshire, Avon and Gloucestershire (SWAG) Cancer Alliance via the VCSE Alliance, and overseen by the BNSSG Integrated Care Board (ICB) Cancer Team.

2. Who is eligible to apply for these grants?

VCSE organisations working in the BNSSG area can apply, except for projects delivered in the Inner City and East Bristol (ICE) area.

BNSSG CAC does not fund projects in the ICE area, as similar work is being covered by other organisations.

Projects delivered within the following ICE wards are **not eligible** for funding:

- Ashley
- Central
- Easton

- Lawrence Hill
- Eastville
- Frome Vale
- Hillfields
- St. George Central
- St. George Troopers Hill
- St. George West

However, organisations based in the ICE area can still apply if their project will take place outside the ICE area and primarily benefit communities outside it.

Private limited companies are generally not eligible for funding. The only exception is for companies limited by guarantee that have a clear charitable purpose. To demonstrate eligibility, these organisations must submit their Articles of Association or other governing documents with the application. The document must clearly show that the organisation exists for charitable purposes and does not distribute profits to members or shareholders.

3. What communities is this project aiming to serve?

Although the project is coordinated by the CCWS, it does not only serve the Chinese community. BNSSG CAC aims to serve all community groups in the BNSSG area outside of the ICE area, with a particular focus on underserved groups listed below in reducing health inequalities.

1. People living in areas of deprivation
2. People on low incomes
3. People experiencing mental health challenges
4. People who are neurodiverse
5. People who are digitally excluded
6. People affected by substance misuse
7. People from LGBTQIA+ communities
8. People who experience ethnic health inequalities
9. People from Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater communities
10. Other communities, please specify

4. What is the aim of the project?

The project aims at giving everyone a fair chance to prevent cancer and find it early. We want to support project that:

- Raise awareness of cancer signs and symptoms
- Encourage more people to take part in cancer screening
- Help people understand how healthier lifestyle choices can reduce their cancer risk
- Build community confidence in accessing and speaking with health professionals

Please note that this funding is for projects focused on cancer prevention and early diagnosis. It is not for supporting individuals already affected by cancer.

5. How much funding can I apply for?

You can request between £500 and £10,000. Monies awarded will be paid directly to the successful organisation.

6. What period will this funding cover?

The funding can be used to support a project within the period of **November 2026 to the end of August 2027**.

7. Why are these grants being offered?

Everyone deserves the best chance of preventing cancer and finding it early. However, not everyone has the same opportunities to stay healthy and get the care they need. These unfair and avoidable differences are known as health inequalities.

Certain groups in the society are more likely to face these challenges. These include people living in deprived areas or on low incomes, people from some ethnic backgrounds, and those who are digitally excluded. They also include people from LGBTQIA+ communities, traveller communities, as well as people experiencing mental health challenges, neurodiversity, or substance misuse.

These barriers mean that people are less likely to know the signs of cancer, take part in screening, or see a doctor early. As a result, some people have worse health outcomes. For example, data shows that people in the most deprived areas are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer late, when it is harder to treat.

These grants are therefore being offered to address these challenges.

We have put together a list of existing studies around these areas, if you are interested, please download the document [here](#).

8. Can we apply if our organisation is not registered?

Yes. We welcome applications from organisations that are not legally registered.

If your organisation is not registered, you will need to:

- provide a referee's contact details so we can better understand your organisation
- submit bank statements in your organisation's name covering the most recent 12 months as part of your application

If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact us before submitting your application.

9. What types of projects is BNSSG CAC seeking to support? Can you give me some examples?

BNSSG CAC is seeking to support all types of projects that achieve the project aims listed under Question 4. Examples of activities/ projects could include, but not limited to:

- Creating a creative asset that could raise awareness of cancer signs and symptoms in a culturally relevant way.
- Workshops or activities promoting healthy lifestyles to reduce cancer risk.
- Activities that address misinformation or knowledge gaps to build confidence in cancer screening.
- Workshops that help build confidence in speaking with health professionals about cancer signs and symptoms.

10. Do we need to have experience working on cancer-related project?

No. Experience with cancer-related projects is not required. If your application is successful, you will be asked to take part in some cancer awareness training relevant to your project. You may also choose to allocate funding in your application for additional training. This will ensure you have accurate information about cancer screening, signs

and symptoms, and ways to reduce cancer risk. We will also provide ongoing support to help you deliver your project.

11. Can the application be part of a larger project?

Yes. Applications may form part of a wider initiative, provided that the proposed activities have distinct, measurable outcomes that can be clearly identified within the larger project. Please make this explicit in your application.

When assessing applications, we will review the proposed work as a standalone project to ensure its impact is clear. In addition, priority will be given to organisations that do not already receive substantial levels of funding, so that resources can be directed to groups most in need.

12. How to apply for the grant?

You can fill out the online application form or download the application form in MS Word format at <https://chinesecws.org.uk/our-support/bnssg-cac/> .

If you choose to fill out the form in MS Word, please send your completed application to cac@chinesecws.org.uk. You should receive an email confirming we have received your application. If you do not receive a confirmation, please resend your application.

Alternatively, you can film yourself answering the questions on the application form and send the link of your video application to us.

Please submit your application by **23:55 on Monday, 5 October 2026**. Applicants will be notified of the results within one month.

If you have any problems accessing or completing the form, or if you wish to discuss your project before submitting, please feel free to contact us at cac@chinesecws.org.uk or 0117 935 1462.

13. What are successful applicants be expected to do?

Successful applicants are expected to:

- Ensure the project lead takes part in some cancer awareness training to support the delivery of high quality and accurate information about cancer awareness. You will be asked to declare the type of cancer awareness training completed when submitting your final report.

- Ensure the project lead attends the Kick Off Session and the Share and Learn Session for their funding round, organised by CCWS. These sessions support project delivery, shared learning and collaboration among funded partners.

Note: For organisations funded in Round 2, the Kick Off Session will take place on **17 November 2026**.

- Provide regular updates to the BNSSG CAC team on project progress and financial status.
- Submit quarterly reports that include engagement and outcome data as your project progresses.
- Submit a final report at the end of the project, including impact data and at least one case study.
- Use BNSSG CAC and BNSSG ICB logos on all publicity materials related to the project.
- Maintain an organisational bank account and designate a named contact person for the project.
- Keep all receipts or evidence for grant expenditure and make them available for review if requested.

14. How are applications assessed?

All applications will be assessed using this Funding Readiness Scoring Framework:

Criteria	Description	Score
Is your project relevant to CAC project aims? (20%)	Does your project aim to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve community awareness of cancer signs & symptoms - Encourage participation in cancer screening - Raise awareness of how healthy lifestyle can reduce cancer risk - Build community confidence in accessing and 	1= Not relevant 3= Somewhat relevant 5= Very relevant

	communicating with health professionals.	
Who is your target community? (20%)	Do your project's target communities align with the communities this CAC project aims to serve?	1= Not aligned 3= Somewhat aligned 5= Strongly aligned
How well do you understand the needs and barriers of your target community? (10%)	What are the needs of your target community? Why are you well placed to deliver cancer prevention messages to them?	1= Not clear 3= Somewhat clear 5= Very clear
Is your plan effective? (10%)	Do the activities you have proposed align with the project goals?	1 = Not effective 3 = Somewhat effective 5 = Very effective
Is your plan feasible? (10%)	Does your plan have a reasonable resource allocation to support the proposed activities? Is the time scale realistic?	1= Not feasible 3= Somewhat feasible 5= Very feasible
Are the measures of success clear? (10%)	This includes explaining how you will know if the project works, whether you collect feedback, what data you will collect, and how you will collect it.	1= Not clear 3= Somewhat clear 5= Very clear
Is the project making good use of the money? (10%)	Is the project value for money? Are the costs reasonable compared to the expected benefits?	1= Not clear 3= Somewhat clear 5= Very clear
How does your project bring new insights or improved approaches to meet community needs? (10%)	Does the project introduce new or improved ways of working, or does it identify and address gaps in knowledge or understanding within the community, rather than simply repeating existing provision?	1= Not clear 3= Somewhat clear 5= Very clear

15. What is your data policy?

We will only use the data you provided for managing the grant application and follow-up and we will need to share these details with the funders of the BNSSG CAC.

If you are awarded a grant, we may publicise details of your activities to showcase impact. The final report you submit at the end of the project may be edited, combined, or summarised for use in other formats as needed. Please note that any sensitive data you share with us will be protected.