



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

Name of Organisation	Men Only IOW
What does your organisation do?	<p>Men Only groups are open to men 18+ who may be affected by loneliness, depression, or other mental health issues. They are a place to share friendship and support over a common life condition.</p> <p>It is a place to provide support to men, whether they need some advice or just someone to talk to. We intend to create a peer group with the aim of helping men prevent mental health problems proactively rather than reactively.</p>

SECTION 2 - TYPE OF GRANT APPLIED FOR

Are you applying for a marketing or community grant?	Community Grant
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SECTION 3 - YOUR PROJECT

Please tell us about your project	<p>Men Only is a nonclinical peer support initiative designed to provide an opportunity to meet new friends and to help put an end to the social stigma and help with loneliness or mental ill health.</p> <p>In the groups men can expect to be understood, not judged, supported, not criticised, heard, not preached to. We will support each one on their journey and support them in their move forward to create a new positive lifestyle, and we can help them help themselves to create a personal and more sustainable plan that will give them their life a meaning.</p> <p>Whilst we know we cannot fix people's problems, we can attempt to help them consider self-healing and we can stay with them on this journey and support them in their move forward to create a new positive lifestyle, and we can help them to create a personal and sustainable plan that will give them their life more meaning and with the opportunity to make new friends and we will strive to end the social stigma of mental health and the loneliness so many men experience.</p>
Date of Application	Monday 14 th June 2021
Project start date and expected duration	The Project Started on January 18 th 2021

SECTION 4 - DEMAND FOR THE PROJECT

In order for Ryde Town Council to properly evaluate your grant proposal it is vitally important that you are able to demonstrate a legitimate need for the project you are proposing.

Please take the time to highlight the research you have done as well as how you will evaluate the success of the project.

What are the expected outcomes of the project and how will you measure any success against them?

<p>How have you evaluated the demand for your project?</p>	<p>I used ONS statistics around men's mental health in the UK followed up with discussions and feedback from some group sessions with men in various age groups.</p> <p>I also approached other outreach initiatives and sought advice and information.</p> <p>All of this and the general raising of awareness of Men's mental health issues have guided me to this point.</p>
<p>How will you measure the success of your project?</p>	<p>I will poll and request written feedback and testimonials from these men using the service. This information will not only support the eligibility of the initiative but will allow the format to evolve to suit the needs of those being a part of the initiative.</p>

SECTION 5 - FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECT

It is important that you have fully costed your project and are able to demonstrate how the potential grant funding from Ryde Town Council will be utilised.

Amount of Grant Funding requested	£3,500
Total cost of your project/event	£6,398 (per annum)
Percentage of Total Cost that the Grant Funding Represents	Approx. 54%
How will any outstanding costs be met?	We will be offering subscription services, online and face to face courses. We will offer group fundraising and we are actively looking at additional funding and donations.
Please outline how the project costs been identified and provide a detailed breakdown for each. <i>If it is easier to put this in a spreadsheet then please attach one to the application.</i>	Please see attached spread sheet

SECTION 6 - ALTERNATIVE PROJECT FUNDING

While we would like to be able to fund far more projects it is important to remember that Ryde Town Council has very limited capacity to fund projects.

Therefore please demonstrate other funding streams that you have investigated and are utilising.

Which other sources of funding have been sought for this project? Please include any applications that have been made, both successful and not.	IOW NHS Trust Charitable Funds, Wight Aid.
How is income generated for your organisation?	It has been self-funded

SECTION 7 – RYDE TOWN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN

The Town Council has recently adopted a Corporate Plan.

To view the Corporate Plan 2020/25 see the Home page of the Town Council's Website [Link to Home Page](#)

<p>How does your project help the Town Council to achieve the objectives set out in this Plan and a Charter for Ryde?</p>	<p>Ryde shows high levels of deprivation along with some of the worst results Island wide for violent crime. Aspire Ryde has also highlighted homelessness, mental health and deprivation issues and drink and drug use by adults are a local concern.</p> <p>Men Only can't change that on its own, we can, however provide support by providing an option for education, support and community for adolescent and adult males in Ryde.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported that 6.9 per 100,000 suicide deaths (with confirmed 845 registered deaths by suicide) occurred in England between April and June in 2020, i.e., during the peak of the coronavirus pandemic (UK News, 2020). That estimates to a horrifying 70 deaths a week, something that cannot be allowed to continue.</p> <p>We aim to encourage men to talk, to us, to each other and to their friends and family. Men only also aims to provide all men the opportunity to make new friends, we will strive to end the social stigma of mental health and the loneliness so many men experience.</p>
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SECTION 8 – PARTNERSHIPS

Ryde Town Council firmly believes that the total can be greater than the sum of the parts and that partnerships can achieve great results. In this section please outline partnerships your organisation currently has, those explored for this project and any reasons you feel they might not have been relevant.

<p>Highlight other organisations who you will collaborate with to provide the project and outline any approaches you have made to other organisations who may share similar goals.</p>	<p>We will maintain connectivity with other local support organisations such as Umbrella Hub, Jigsaw, Aspire and Samaritans. We will actively signpost when appropriate.</p>
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Please tell us who will do the work and who will manage the project

The project is currently managed and operated on a day-to-day basis by me. As we grow and expand, I will actively recruit volunteers and create a group of support drawn from those within the group that wish to grow and gain more experience. As we have more connection to local groups in Ryde, I anticipate a sharing of activities and support.

SECTION 9 - DOCUMENTATION

Please submit the following information in support of your application:

- A copy of your organisations most recent audited or verified accounts (please redact any information that you do not want in the public domain (e.g. account number or signatures)
- Evidence of any partnership funding
- A copy of your organisations constitution or set of rules of governance

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the following information before signing and sending your application

- (a) I/We declare that the information I have given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge
- (b) I/We declare that any grant awarded by Ryde Town Council will be used for the specific purposes description in this application
- (c) I/We confirm that a completion/evaluation form will be submitted to the Town Council together with **evidence of expenditure** or set of accounts detailing costs for the project/activity/event for which the grant is awarded with-in one month of the end of the funding year being completed. Failure to do so will put any further funding requests in jeopardy
- (d) The grant must be spent within 12 months of it being awarded
- (e) You/your organisation will inform the Town Council if there is a delay in the start project/activity/event
- (f) Your organisation must acknowledge the support from Ryde Town Council in any marketing and promotional activity – a copy of the Town Council's logo will be provided for this use.
- (g) You must repay the grant (or part of the grant)
 - i. if the project does not go ahead or is not completed;
 - ii. if the full amount of the grant monies is no longer required;
 - iii. if the any of the terms of the grant are not complied with
- (h) Additional conditions may be added before the release of any monies and will be notified to the applicant on the award of the grant.

If you have any questions please contact us on grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

THE DECISION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS FINAL

PLEASE NOTE INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED AS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REDACT ANY SENSITIVE INFORMATION.

I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT KNOWINGLY PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION WILL INVALIDATE THIS APPLICATION AND WILL RESULT IN THE REQUIRMENT TO REPAY ANY GRANT THAT HAS BEEN AWARDED

Please return this form together with all the accompanying documentation to:

grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk