

Acceleration Reform Fund

Carers Community Fund – Small Grants

Online Small Grant Question and Answer Sessions

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has provided Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF) funding to each Integrated Care Board to support innovative practices in how unpaid Carers are supported.

On behalf of DHSC, Derbyshire Carers Association are working with Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and Derby Universal Services for Carers to fund small projects and initiatives that support Carers within their local community. This is connected to the ARFCarers hospital discharge project called H-Connect.

Through the H-Connect project, we expect an increase in referrals for Carer support to Derbyshire All Age Carers Support Service and Derby Universal Services for Carers. To make sure Carers are connected to accessible support as soon as possible, grants will be available to fund a network of community support services for Carers in Derbyshire and Derby City.

The ARF Carer Community Fund have small grants available for voluntary, community and social enterprises to pilot innovative projects that support Carers within their local communities. New and current Carers will be connected to groups, hubs and activities in their local community that improves wellbeing, enhances knowledge and learning and connects Carers to local support services.

To launch the ARF Carers Community Fund, we will be hosting two online sessions for groups and organisations to find out more about the project and how to apply. These will be held via Teams on:

- Wednesday 26th March 2025 2:00pm to 3:00pm
- Friday 28th March 10.30am to 11.30am

To book a place, please email info@derbyshirecarers.co.uk or call 01773 833833

Application packs will be available on the Derbyshire Carers Association and Universal Services for Carers website from Monday 24th March 2025.