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Carers' Small Grants Scheme

Do you have an idea for a project or activity to help unpaid carers in your community, but need funding?

I am pleased to announce the launch of the next round of our Carers Small Grants Scheme. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to get you started. The grants are available to groups and organisations (but not individuals) for projects and activities which can demonstrate that they make a tangible difference to the lives of unpaid carers of all ages in Wiltshire in one or more of the following ways:

- To give carers a break from their caring role
- To help carers learn a new skill which may increase their life chances and employability
- To help improve carers' physical or emotional health and well-being
- To reduce isolation
- To increase peer support
- To help carers' access to information, support and guidance

Match-funding is not required; however, these are one-off grants so applicants need to look for other sources of funding for the continuation of their project at the end of the funding period. (You can contact the Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation on 01380 729284 for advice on additional funding).

Funding will not be given for any project or activity which duplicates services already commissioned by Wiltshire Council.

The next deadline for applications is 30 November 2013 and applications can be downloaded from the Wiltshire Council <u>website</u>.