



Innovation Programme

The HSE Spark Innovation Programme is delighted to introduce the Community Innovation Fund, an initiative designed to promote innovation in community teams and services.

Healthcare professionals from **both HSE and Section 38 services** can apply for funding for novel initiatives that have the potential to improve the way care is delivered in our communities.

The CIF offers two categories of funding depending on the scale of the project:

- A. up to €20,000
- B. up to €60,000

Applications to the Community Innovation Fund will open on June 20th and close at 5pm August 19th.



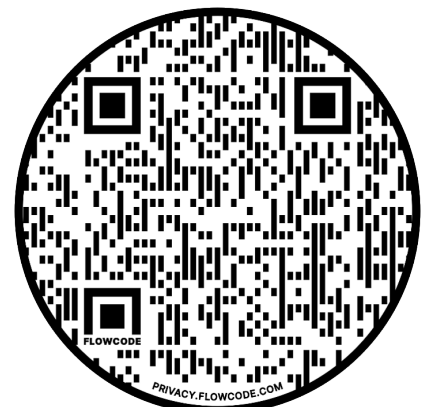
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The initiative will fund projects that:

- Add value to your service through increased delivery of best practice care, increased capacity or cost savings
- Demonstrate new ways of working
- Encourage collaboration between different services/organisations
- Can be scaled up and transferred to other services
- Show commitment to innovation

We are particularly interested in projects that impact delivery of care in the following areas:

- Care of Elderly
- Scheduled Care
- Disability
- Mental Health
- Chronic Disease
- Integrated Care Pathways

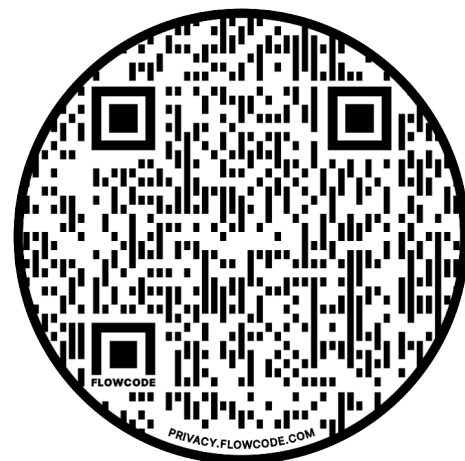


This fund is designed to empower staff delivering care in the community to provide innovative solutions to the problems faced in the health service by all of its stakeholders.

This initiative is not to be considered a substitute source of funding for proposals that should be 'business as usual' for a public service organisation. Where other sources of funding have been identified, the Spark Programme may consult the parties involved in relation to this scheme to ensure alignment and avoidance of duplication.

Eligibility for application:

- Support from line manager
- Signed approval for project from Chief Officer or Head of Service
- Applications from acute services must show a clearly identified pathway of care that is impactful in a community setting.
- Projects seeking funding for a personnel resource must be associated with a novel/innovative position or service offering. Applications for WTE to support existing services will not be accepted.
- Applications welcome from HSE or Section 38 teams.



Applications must be made using the application form by 5pm on 19th August 2022. Please follow the link [here](#).

Spark appreciates that the Google form is not accessible in HSE Hospitals, please email us below for a PDF of the questions if you wish to prepare in house.

Please note that incomplete applications and proposals for ineligible items/funding of job posts will not be considered. Further information on each of our initiatives can be found on our website or by contacting spark@hse.ie
Best of luck!

The Spark Team.

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This initiative is a cross-department, multi-stakeholder initiative made possible by funding from the following bodies:

- National Doctors Training and Planning
- Office of Nursing and Midwifery Director
- Health and Social Care Profession