**Grant Fund - EU Settlement Scheme Outreach Project**

**Background**

The EU Settlement was opened fully from the end of March 2019 for EU citizens to apply for settled or pre-settled status dependent on the number of years of residency in the UK. To support people to apply the government has offered a range of support including digital assistance services and ID checking. As well as encouraging local authorities to support EU citizens through raising awareness of the scheme, the government have funded a number of national third sector organisations to assist vulnerable groups with complex cases such as not having relevant residency documents.

Leeds City Council Customer Access Service have signed up to provide digital assistance and ID checking through 5 of our community hubs. More details of the Council’s offer can be found on the following website (<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/brexit>), along with links to national guidance and toolkits.

In promoting take up of the scheme and consistent with the organisations’ vision for Leeds to be a compassionate city, the Council is committed to ensure appropriate support is in place for all our EU nationals. The Council are aware that for some communities this needs to be a more front facing offer with outreach work to complement our local community hubs service. The council has allocated £20,000 to support the outreach activity, which is to be allocated in **small grants** to local VCFS organisations to help deliver this programme.

**Purpose of the Grant**

To deliver outreach activity that includes the following key activities:

* Raising awareness of EU citizens to the EU Settlement Scheme and how to apply
* Promoting using nationally provided communication toolkits to ensure consistency of message
* Providing assistance and signposting to Gov.UK site and to local Council community hubs offering digital assistance and ID checking services
* Participation in local delivery network/forum

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

To include:

* Numbers and backgrounds of EU citizens supported
* Neighbourhoods within which outreach activities were undertaken
* Feedback of issues and barriers to take up of EUSS

**Applications/Expressions of Interest**

To Include:

An outline of your proposal (no more than 2 sides of A4). To detail proposed geographical focus; target communities; numbers to be supported and outline of activities to engage EU citizens.

Additional to this please provide breakdown of grant funding spend (maximum allocation per application is up to £5,000).

Closing date for applications: Friday 23rd August 2019

**For further Information Contact**

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