The Dickinson Fund
Guidance & Criteria

Applications open: 2nd November 2026
Applications close: 14th December 2026

How much can you apply for?

You can apply for up to **£1,000.**

Who can apply?

Charities and community groups looking for funding to support people with mental health issues and/or promote and encourage good mental health.

Did you know? In Kirklees there are 42,000 people aged 18-64 with a common mental health disorder, and 1 in 25 boys and 1 in 10 girls cut or hurt themselves in times of stress or life problems. Men are also a higher risk for suicide, especially in the 25-39 and 80+ age brackets.

Jimmy Dickinson and One Community are doing something about it.

"We feel that while mental health issues are more readily discussed these days, there is still a reluctance to talk about these problems and for people to seek the help that they need. We are particularly aware of the impact that isolation has on people, not just in rural areas, but in our towns and villages. It is a common misunderstanding that only older people are at risk of loneliness. A recent study by the Co-op and British Red Cross revealed that over 9 million people in the UK, across all adult ages, are either always or often lonely. Loneliness can have a big impact on mental health and is more likely to increase your risk of death. We hope that through our new fund we can provide targeted support to local groups helping people with mental health issues; and that they will then make a real difference to local people's lives for years to come."

What we will fund:

- Therapeutic and support groups
- Projects promoting education for a better understanding of mental health issues
- Encouraging healthier use of social media amongst children and young people
- Self-harm prevention and support
- Projects led by young people, including activities that raise awareness of youth mental health issues
- Groups or projects that help tackle loneliness or isolation
- The Fund will also support operating costs, including utility bills, salaries and equipment purchases.

Grants can be used to extend current activities or to introduce new ones.

You'll have up to 12 months from your project start date to use your grant.

If you have successfully applied for a One Community grant before, this Fund welcomes you to apply again.

Please contact ellie@one-community.org.uk if you have any questions.