

Stepladder Innovation Funding Criteria:

Proposals with the highest scores will be awarded funding.

Criteria	1 (Poor)	2 (Acceptable)	3 (Good)
<p>Management: If VCSE organisation</p> <p>or</p> <p>Non-constituted individual or community group</p>	<p>Poor organisational structure eg. Limited members of management team. Number of related people on the board</p> <p>Or</p> <p>No history of charitable involvement or delivering wellbeing services</p>	<p>Sound organisational structure Eg. Good number of trustees or board members</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Some history of involvement around mental health or delivering charitable projects in the community</p>	<p>Strong organisational structure Eg. All relevant roles filled plus more succession planning</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Extensive history in supporting mental health or delivering charitable projects in the community</p>
Sustainability	Unlikely the project will continue past the funded period	Reasonable measures taken to ensure long term viability	Robust plans in place to ensure project can continue
Need for Project	No clear evidence of need past the applicants opinion	Anecdotal evidence of need	Data and evidence submitted to clearly show need
<p>Finances: VCSE Orgs</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Non-constituted</p>	<p>Lack of reserves Loss made in last financial year</p> <p>Or</p> <p>No financial plan for project</p>	<p>Broken even Small amount of reserves</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Rough financial plan for project</p>	<p>Multiple sources of income At least 3 months reserves</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Thorough financial plan for project</p>
Impact	Unlikely to make an impact or achieve the aims of Stepladder Somerset. Focuses on small numbers or a small geographical area with no justification associated to it	Potential to make an impact and will benefit a reasonable number of people for the scale of the project	Potential to make a significant impact (relative to the amount of money requested) either in terms of number of people, geographical area or sustained and high quality support for small numbers of individuals
Meet priorities listed in Innovation Fund Guide	Does not clearly support men's mental health	Supports men's mental health but not one of the priority groups listed	Supports men's mental health and impacts one or more of the priority groups

Partnership working (for £500+ only)	Project working solo	Working with at least one other partner	Range of in kind financial support received from different organisations
Innovation (for £500+ only)	Innovation will be either 0 or 3	Project has never been trialled before in Somerset, new and different ways of working demonstrated	