



Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social
Care Research and Support Service

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Joint Initiative Funding Scheme (JIFS) 2009

The Wales Equality and Diversity in Health and Social Care Research and Support Service (WEDHS), offers a way to improve the health and wellbeing for black and minority ethnic (BME) people in Wales through an innovative programme of research and development. WEDHS has established the Joint Initiative Funding Scheme to enable BME patients, service users, community groups, to strengthen the ability of smaller voluntary and community groups to carry out activities that enhance the quality of health and social care needs of BME groups in Wales and increase their involvement in the community.

These funds are available for health/social care-related activities that focus specifically on BME patients, service users, community groups, and the public in Wales. WEDHS does not have a list of typical activities; you can be as creative and original as you like.

What sort of activities or projects will WEDHS fund?

You might like to organise an information day, a seminar or a workshop; take a group of people on an educational outing or even produce a guidance leaflet. But don't feel limited by these suggestions. WEDHS are hoping people will come up with some original and creative ideas to make sure the event is a success. All we ask is that your project is designed to meet an identified need and that it helps inform us about how best to involve people in health and health related activities in the future.

Our main request will be for you to provide a short summary about the activity you plan. WEDHS will provide full guidance and support with this.

How much money is available?

We are able to fund projects or activities up to £350, with a few grants available for up to £500. Please note that this is a small pot of funding and so only a few groups will be successful in any one year.

What are the requirements for receiving funding?

WEDHS can only fund health-related events and activities undertaken by members of a community group or voluntary organisation which has a health or social care/welfare remit and is based in a WEDHS regional area (north Wales, west Wales and south east Wales).

To be eligible for funding, the activity must meet the following criteria:

- Be for the benefit of and involve BME people in Wales at every stage.
- Be undertaken as a group (individuals can submit an application on behalf of the group).
- Be at the planning stage i.e. you will need to apply for funding before spending or committing any money to the project.

Please be aware that not everyone will be successful, and that we can not fund the following:

- Activities planned without the involvement at every stage of BME people
Groups and organisations based outside Wales
- Individuals
- Applications seeking funding towards a larger overall budget (unless the planned scheme forms a discrete or 'stand-alone' part of a wider plan)
- Ongoing projects
- Retrospective grants (you must wait to hear the outcome of your application before spending, or committing, any money)
- Activities with the aim of making a profit

What information do you need?

We need to hear about who is involved in the proposed activity and what your local area is like.

You will need to briefly explain, in writing:

- What you want to do
- Why you want to do it
- Who it will benefit and who you intend to involve
- What you expect people to get from the activity
- When your activity will start and finish
- Your costs

How do I apply?

Complete the application form on-line or download and send by post to the address stated. Please get in contact with your regional WEDHS representative (see below) who will be able to answer your questions and offer guidance on planning your event. Make sure you have really thought your idea through. WEDHS needs to know that you have thoroughly considered what impact your project idea might have, both to the people you wish to involve and to their health and well being.

For further information please contact Olivia Ambang by email oambang@glam.ac.uk , or phone 01443483107.

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Can I get any help with making an application?

Yes. If you have any queries relating to the application or would like help and advice in making an application please do not hesitate to contact your regional representative.

What happens after the application has been submitted?

We aim to provide an answer to your request for funds within 6 weeks of the deadline. This may take the shape of:-

- an approval for funding

- a request for further information
- a request for a meeting, to discuss the application
- a refusal, with an invitation to submit again at a later date
- a request for more time to consider your application

Where do I send my completed application?

Please email completed forms to oambang@glam.ac.uk, or send by post to:

WEDHS Joint Initiative Funding Scheme
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Please note that a signed copy of the completed application should reach us by the dead-line.

NOTE: If an application is sent by email, a hard copy must be sent by post.

