



Fixed-term discretionary government grant for the development of health and social services organisation activities



Mandatory questions are marked with a star (*)

The City of Helsinki is preparing to apply to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health for a discretionary government grant for the development of regional health and social services organisation activities and for the promotion of health and wellbeing carried out by organisations.

These discretionary government grants are awarded to the wellbeing services counties and the City of Helsinki to be allocated to development projects carried out by organisations. The call for applications does not apply to rescue services.

Health and social services organisations can submit their project proposals by using this form. The organisation must have sufficient experience and expertise in project management and expertise relevant to the proposed project. Applicants are expected to be willing to cooperate with the City of Helsinki and other stakeholders and operators.

The City of Helsinki's priorities in the call for discretionary government grant applications

The organisation activities supported with the discretionary government grant must support the objectives and priorities set out in the Helsinki City Strategy and the City's Welfare Plan and Service Strategy for the Social Services, Health Care and Rescue Services Division. The organisation activities must complement health and social services and strengthen wellbeing, health and participation, particularly among vulnerable residents of Helsinki. The activities must be based on low-threshold interactive work with the target groups and cooperation with the service system.

1. Strengthening mental wellbeing and developing mental health and substance abuse work

Priority is given to activities that:

- strengthen mental health and psychological wellbeing in everyday life
- provide low-threshold support and help at an early stage
- prevent the accumulation of mental health and substance abuse issues
- reach people who are excluded from services
- support recovery, peer activities and a sense of community
- make use of cooperation models between organisations and services.

2. Strengthening participation and preventing loneliness

Priority is given to activities that:

- increase opportunities to participate in communities and society
- strengthen agency, equality and opportunities to make a difference
- help prevent loneliness among different age groups
- support the participation of disadvantaged people in particular
- strengthen local communities and communal environments.

3. Targeted interactive work to support vulnerable groups

Priority is given to activities that:

- reach people who are excluded from services or who are difficult to reach
- offer low-threshold interaction, advice, peer support and guidance
- support various target groups, such as families with children, young people, people with an immigrant background, people living with a long-term illness, people with disabilities, older people, people experiencing a crisis, people experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues, and other specific groups.

4. Reducing inequalities in wellbeing and health

Priority is given to activities that:

- reduce inequality and social exclusion
- support functional capacity and healthy lifestyles.

5. Developing effective cooperation models

Priority is given to development work that:

- is built on cooperation between organisations; the Social Services, Health Care and Rescue Services Division; and other operators
- strengthens service coordination, client guidance and the accessibility of services
- strengthens equal access to support and activities.

Application period

The City of Helsinki will accept project proposals from organisations from **22 September to 4 October 2026**. The projects will be carried out during 2027. Based on the project proposals, the City will prepare an application for a discretionary government grant to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, which will decide on the grants to be awarded to the wellbeing services counties no later than early next year.

Project proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. The City of Helsinki will contact the contact persons for the selected projects before submitting the grant application to the ministry.

Do not include any specific personal data on the form, such as information relating to the health, ethnic origin, religious or philosophical beliefs, or sexual orientation or behaviour of a private

individual. This information is not required, and it will not affect the processing of your application or the decision-making process.

Basic information about the organisation

1. Consent to the processing of personal data. [Read the City of Helsinki's privacy policy for grant activities here.](#) *

☐ Yes, I consent to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the privacy policy.

2. Name of the organisation *

3. Business ID of the organisation *

4. Basic details of the person in charge of the organisation

First name *

Last name *

Mobile phone *

Email *

Role

5. Further information about the organisation

Website address

Address of the organisation *

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Email

6. Basic details of the contact person (if different from the person in charge)

First name

Last name

Mobile phone

Email

Role

7. Description of the purpose of the organisation's activities (max. 500 characters) *

Briefly describe the purpose that your organisation seeks to promote. Do not describe the project proposal here.

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Project details

8. Which of Helsinki's priorities does your application relate to? *

- ☐ Strengthening mental wellbeing and developing mental health and substance abuse work
- ☐ Participation and preventing loneliness
- ☐ Interactive work to support vulnerable people
- ☐ Reducing inequalities in wellbeing and health
- ☐ Developing effective cooperation models

☐ None of the above

9. Estimated total cost of the project *

Amount in euros _____

10. Brief description of the project (max. 500 characters) *

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11. The project's tangible, verifiable objectives (max. 1,500 characters) *

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12. Description of the project's target groups and the plan to reach these target groups (max. 1,500) *

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13. Describe the activities to be carried out as part of the project (max. 1,500 characters) *

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14. Name any partners and describe the division of labour between the various participants in the project (max. 1,500 characters)

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15. Attach the financial plan for the project (with the project's estimated costs broken down into salaries and wages, facilities, travel, purchased services, and other expenses, for example) *

16. In this section, report any other grants awarded to the organisation for the same purpose (report any grants that you have received or applied for from the City of Helsinki or other financiers)

17. Further information regarding your application (max. 1,500 characters)

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