



Grant opportunity for organisations supporting families with children aged 0–5 years



Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is inviting community and voluntary sector organisations to join its Families First Pathfinder by becoming Community Lead Professionals through the Families First in the Community Grant.

We're looking for passionate community organisations supporting families with young children (0–5) to join us as Community Lead Professionals through the Families First in the Community Grant. This is an opportunity to play a key role in Warwickshire's Families First Pathfinder — bringing your skills into a multiagency system that's transforming how we support families.

Families First for Children is a national programme aimed at improving early support for children and families by ensuring they receive the right help at the right time. It brings together Family Help, Child Protection, Family Networks and multiagency safeguarding so families receive coordinated support from the right people without having to repeat their story.

Why get involved

- Receive funded training to develop your team as Community Lead Professionals
- Be part of a stronger, connected local network
- Bring your expertise into multiagency family support
- Help families receive the right support at the right time, reducing escalation.
- Lead support for families as a trusted, consistent point of contact.
- Shape change as part of a national test and learn programme with the Department for Education. (DfE)

What you'll do as a Community Lead Professional

- Coordinate a family's support plan and communicate with other professionals
- Lead or contribute to multi-agency meetings, including MDTs and Family Help Networks
- Work collaboratively with Family Help Teams and specialist services
- Share insight and learning to shape the Families First system
- Provide accessible, community based early support without requiring formal assessments
- Receive training, development and ongoing support from WCC

How the funding works

- Increase capacity to deliver early, preventative support
- Contribute skills to multi-agency family plans
- Deliver new, innovative or strengthened support across the 0–5 age range

Note: Funding is not available for work with school aged children

How and when to apply

- Applications must be submitted via the online Grant Application form which takes around 15 minutes to complete
- Eligibility, scoring criteria and terms are included in the Grant Funding Application conditions

Deadline: 8 April 2026

Delivery begins: May 2026

Applications are submitted via Intend which is Warwickshire's quick and simple on-line tendering portal. <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/warwickshirecc.aspx/Home>.

You will find the application pack on Intend, which includes full details about the project funding, its requirements and eligibility criteria. It also provides a link to the online form and guidance to help you complete the questions.

