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**----- Children’s safety focus -----**

**APPLICATION FORM**

**MARK MCCALL**

Warmly remembered as former Chair of the SCSN Board of Directors, Service Manager for Housing at Fife Council, respected colleague and friend.

Mark was an enthusiastic, passionate advocate for home safety, particularly child safety.

**HOME SAFETY**

Research published by the Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN), and data shared by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), Public Health Scotland (PHS), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and others shows that “*falls are the second leading cause of deaths worldwide*”. Unintentional harm and injuries at home also includes a tragic list of poisoning, choking, drowning, cuts, burns, strangulation and others. The young (under 5s) and elderly (over 65s) are most at risk, and 94% of accidental deaths take place in our most deprived communities.

1,399 children under the age of five were admitted to hospital in the year 21/22 due to an accidental injury that happened at home. And as the current cost of living crisis cuts deeper through our communities, our families and services, we see that citizen access to essential safety equipment, support and resource is becoming far more limited, or unavailable.

We believe the risk to *children under 5* in these circumstances is particularly acute. Article 24 of the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (1989) provides for children to have the best possible health and wellbeing within their environment.

Home safety is critical.

**THE FUND**

SCSN, RoSPA and Fife Council (FC) have collaborated to create the Mark McCall Home Safety Fund, in tribute to Mark, and in service of an urgent community safety issue. This tri-partner initiative makes available £3000 as a one-off sum to a single winning application. The fund is for any organisation delivering home safety outcomes for children anywhere in Scotland.

**DATES & DEADLINES**

* APPLICATIONS OPEN - Monday 16 January 2023
* APPLICATIONS CLOSE - Tuesday 28 February 2023
* WINNER ANNOUNCED - Monday 20 March 2023
* PROJECT COMPLETION - Monday 18 September 2023 (*maximum 6 months from award*)

**HELPFUL CONTEXT**

The global pandemic changed our relationship with the home. More of us spend more time there, by choice, often necessity. As RoSPA highlight, “*because accidents happen behind closed doors in isolated incidents, they rarely attract media attention*”.

More than ever, families are struggling to cope. Surging prices in supermarkets, at the electricity meter, the petrol pump, clothes shops and elsewhere puts pressure or household budgets. It forces people to make unsafe choices. For many, spending money to safeguard in the home will be impossible.

This fund is not large enough to make broad, sweeping change happen. But it is big enough to improve the chances for some. With creativity and invention, these monies can stretch, to help focus support, raise awareness, and give practical help to stop preventable injury or death in our communities.

With this being the first year of the availability of the fund, we are looking to promote both the winning applicant and the fund itself therefore we are looking for cooperation in terms of media work to publicise both the fund and the successful organisation.

**CONDITIONS & JUDGING**

Applicants should consider **children under 5** and **safety equipment** as the essential criteria when imagining how to respond.

Entries must detail how funds will be practically used, including timescales. The winning application must **detail how impact will be recorded and evidenced**, and shared with the Mark McCall Home Safety Fund (SCSN, RoSPA, FC).

Applications should focus on **product provision** and **frontline services** - tangible, practical assistance - as preferred proposals.

High value will be put on **feedback** and **evaluation** and contact will be maintained by the funders with the winning applicant. There will be an expectation of an interim report three months after the funding has been released. Evidence on the success of the project can be anecdotal however the evaluation of the project is key for the availability of future potential funding stream.

Joint-bids or multiplier, match-funding applications are welcomed and will be considered.

The judging panel will comprise representatives from each founding partner (SCSN, RoSPA, FC).

Projects must **compete no later than 6 months from award**.

**Questions or further information**

If you have any questions regarding the fund or application form, require any clarifications or further information, please contact lorraine.gillies@scsn.org.uk

**Q1. Where did you read about the Mark McCall Home Safety Fund:**

**Q2. What is the full name(s) of the organisation applying:**

**Q3. What is the organisation’s main address in Scotland:**

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| Street: |  |
| Town/city: |  |
| Local Authority: |  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Telephone: |  |

**Q4. What two people within your organisation can we can contact, in relation to this application. Please note, all correspondence will be sent to the first named contact:**

**Contact 1:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| First name: |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Primary phone: |  |
| Alternative phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |

**Contact 2:**

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| --- | --- |
| First name: |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |

 **Charitable Status:**

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| Is the organisation a registered charity | Y/N |
| Name of the charity: |  |
| Registered Charity Number: |  |
| Can you forward your recent accounts | Y/N |

**Q5. How do you intend to use the Mark McCall Home Safety Fund, if successful:**

**Q6. Describe how your work will positively impact children’s home safety, if successful:**

**Q7. What is the approximate breakdown of project costs** (*\*maximum of £3000 from the fund*)

**Detail elements/items required for the project:**

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| Description | Amount |
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| **Total** |  |

**What are the sources of other funding - if additional to the Mark McCall Home Safety Fund:**

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| Source | Amount |
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| **Total** |  |

**8. Monitoring and Evaluation - how will you measure what you are doing *and* use this information to demonstrate the impact of this project?**

**Q9. Any additional comment in support of application, please share below:**

**Confirmation:**

**□** I declare on behalf of ……………………………………………… that the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Signed:**

Name in Block Capitals: ……………………………………………… Signed: ……………………………………………………...

Date: ………………………….

Completed forms to be submitted by 1700hrs Tuesday 28th February 2023 to info@scsn.org.uk