

How SHEP is funded

Where does the Project's funding come from? The Project receives core funding from the Community Services Department of the Health Service Executive Southern Region under Section 65 of the 1953 Health Act. The Project is also recognised by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs as a Community Development Project (CDP) and receives funding under the Community Development Programme through the Department's Voluntary and Community Services Section. Funding for the Project's International Partnership Programme is provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs through Irish Aid and by the Dutch international development agency, ICCO-Kerkinactie. Core funding for SHEP's Cork Advocacy Service is provided by the Citizens Information Board, whilst the Coiscéim Counselling Programme is funded by Janssen Pharmaceutical (Ireland) Ltd. The Project is supported by FÁS through the provision of three Community Employment Scheme workers. Additional support is provided by Cork City VEC, Co. Cork VEC, Kerry Education Service (VEC), the Family Support Services Section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs, the Family Support Agency and a number of state-funded local development groups. The Project recovers the cost of certain of its services on a non-profit basis, either through direct fee payments from clients or through service contracts awarded by statutory and state-funded agencies. In other instances, it benefits from the voluntary provision of services by trained social and health practitioners. Every effort is made to ensure that nobody need be excluded from participation in Project programmes as a consequence of financial insecurity.