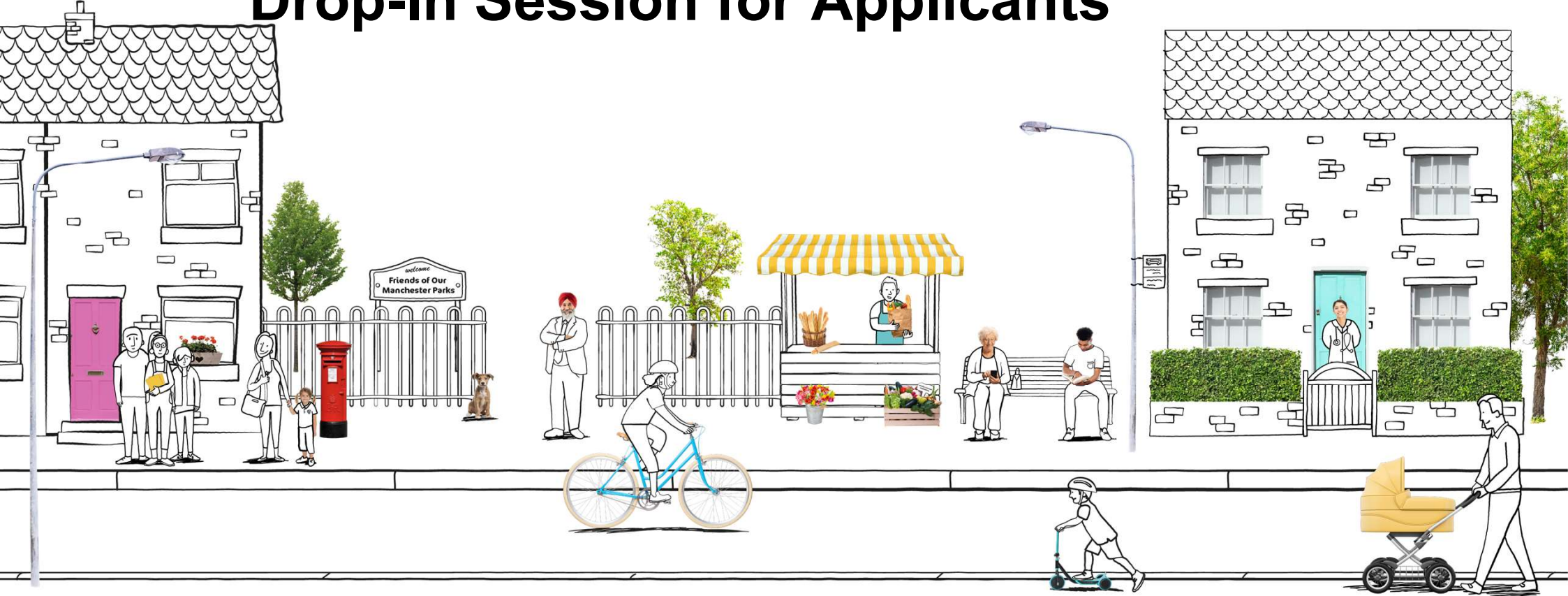


Cost of Living Grant 2024

Drop-In Session for Applicants



Virtual Meeting Housekeeping

- Mute your mics
- Keep questions until the end of the presentation
- Slides

Purpose of the Session

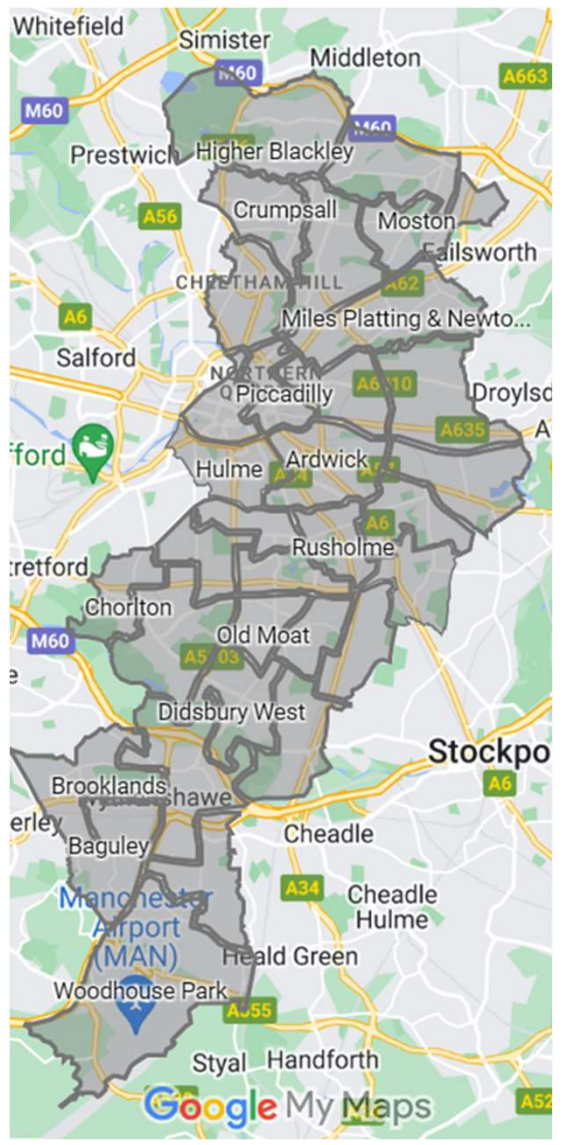
We are here to share information about the Cost of Living grant
- attendance on this session does **NOT** affect your chance at
application success

Cost of Living Grant Background

- OM Funds Team - omfunds@manchester.gov.uk
- Available Funding
- Grant Amounts
- Aims of the Fund

Our Manchester

Criteria



Types of things we won't fund:

- Activities that promote political views.
- Activities that promote religious beliefs.
- An hourly wage/rate for volunteers
- Research projects.
- Staffing costs not related to the specific project or activity.
- Individuals, including for travel, study, or other purposes.
- Costs that have already been incurred.
- Purchase of vehicles, land or property.
- Building renovation/repair costs.
- Work that isn't charitable or doesn't benefit Manchester residents.
- Direct payments to beneficiaries.
- Foodbanks, and projects where food provision is the main offer.

What we mean by “outcome”:

- Outcomes describes the impact you want to have as a result of activities.
- Please use the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timebound) framework to write your outcomes.
- Your outcomes must respond to the stated aims of the fund.
- Organisations must supply at least one outcome, and are free to write up to 5 outcomes.
- Your outcomes can relate to each other, for example the following three outcomes might relate to the activities of an organisation supporting beneficiaries to secure employment:
 - 1. 10 beneficiaries secure permanent and/or temporary employment in the next 12 months.*
 - 2. 35 beneficiaries successfully complete a work placement in the next 12 months.*
 - 3. At least 75% of beneficiaries report improved interview confidence.*

What we mean by indicator:

- Indicators describe in numbers what you are going to measure to show the progress you're making against the outcome.
- Each outcome must have an indicator and each outcome can have more than one indicator. The same indicator can be used for more than one outcome.
- We also ask how you will record this information. This is just about the data sources you have, for example, beneficiaries might send you an email to let you know how the interview went, or you might use a survey to capture feedback.

What we don't mean by "outcome":

- Outcomes should not describe your activities without telling us the difference it will make.

For example: *We will deliver 40 employability webinars over a 12 month period.* – this is clear but it doesn't tell us what the impact of those webinars will be on your beneficiaries. What will the webinars achieve? As it currently stands, this wording is not useful for us as an outcome.

Application Process

1. Read the Prospectus
2. Read the application guidance document
3. Draft your answers in the application form word document
4. Ask any questions to omfunds@manchester.gov.uk
5. Submit your answers using Smart Survey
6. Your application will be screened
7. Application will be scored by application panel
8. Successful applicants will be notified and contacted regarding payment
9. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified

Basics:

Plan ahead

Read the Guidance

Answer the question

Be specific

Focus on Manchester work only

Allow enough time to complete your Smart Survey

Check your application

Email the team

Assessment Panel

The panel will be looking for applications that demonstrate:

1. Relevant Skills & Experience of the organisation(s) applying for funding
2. Connection between the proposal and the aims of the fund
3. Rationale for target beneficiaries
4. Value for money

Feedback

We will provide feedback to all applicants, but this may take some time!

Any Questions