

**Population Health Targeted Fund - Consultation on First 1000 Days of a Child's Life Grant
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

The document below, uses the same headings that were used during the consultation (i.e. Aims, Priorities, Objectives etc.) for the grant fund and includes a combination of questions, statements and themes raised a number of times.

AIMS	Questions	Reply
	The inclusivity of men, partners and wider family and community connections raised a number of times as something that needs to be added/made more explicit.	Agreed, this will be addressed in the documentation – prospectus, application form and guidance when the fund is launched.
	Is there an opportunity to build relationships between statutory and voluntary organisations and add value in a number of areas in particular Sure Start Centres and the universal offer?	Yes, this fund is about how we can build on relationships and increase access to services and support (both statutory and voluntary) during the first 1000 days of a child's life.
	Include a third aim – Promote partnerships and networks to support the above approaches	Agreed, this is will be reflected within the documents for the fund.
	Can we simplify the language?	Yes, we will try to simplify the language across all documents for the fund and encourage people to refer to the prospectus and guidance material when completing their application form when the fund is launched.
	Recognise quality is as important as quantity	The quality of the work is more important to us than having lots of projects that do not have an impact and deliver good outcomes for those that they work with. This will be the focus of the application stage and throughout monitoring relationship with organisations.
	Have the aims been devised with women and	Yes, the aims have been developed by a co-design

	families/organisations working with them?	group including Early Years, VCS, Health Visiting, Children's Commissioning and Population Health representatives that work directly with women, families and organisations during the first 1000 days.
PRIORITIES	Be more specific around which communities 1. Communities of identity 2. Geographical priorities 3. BAME	The prospectus and guidance for the fund will include more detail on the priorities for the fund when launched. This is/will also be reflected in the funding amounts that can be bid for.
	Can we work in partnership with faith groups?	Yes, we encourage you to think about how you can utilise local assets and connections to people and places and the collaboration and partnerships that could strengthen this work.
	I think it is problematic when we target in this way. Is there some way of identifying the need more clearly, or explaining why these areas are being prioritised?	The North and BAME priorities have been identified through the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) from the Our Manchester VCS grant programme launched in 2018. More information and guidance will be made available when the fund is launched and this include grants that can be applied for across the city.
OBJECTIVES	The grant needs to be clear that this is about conception to age 2	Agreed, this will be made clear in all documents for the fund.
	Objective 1 - to remove the word 'good'	Agreed, this will be actioned in all the documents for the fund
	Objective 3 – Replace the word 'improve' with 'promote' and to also include 'family / friend and community relationships'	Agreed, this will be actioned in all the documents for the fund
	Can you include something about environment, i.e. if you live in	The prospectus and guidance for the fund will include a

	an unhealthy or chaotic environment this will impact on development and health of a child?	range of examples to encourage people to think about different types of activities and support including healthy lifestyles and environments.
	Is the grant just for women? Would a whole family approach improve outcomes and sustainability? Universal services are focused for the majority on mother and baby, gaps are with the rest of the family	No, the grant is not just for women. Within the Population Health Plan – First 1000 days, there are specific things that are focused on women, however the fund is also about a whole family approach including fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and the wider community.
PROPOSAL	Need to make it explicitly clear that the grant is not just about north Manchester	Agreed, this will be made clear in all documents for the fund.
	Need to make clear that BAME work is across the city	Agreed, this will be made clear in all documents for the fund.
	Need to make it clear that the grant is inclusive and can respond to aims and objectives from different perspectives i.e. mums, dads, communities of identity, age groups e.g. young parents	Agreed, this will be made clear in all documents for the fund.
	Partnership working – suggestion that smaller grants be available for local grass roots organisations	We will not be running a smaller grant fund (to what we have already communicated), however, there is an expectation that funds are passed on to organisations through partnerships.
	Concern was raised about interest and capacity and would there be enough groups bidding. i.e. enough groups with the skills knowledge and capacity expected to deliver on the bigger grants	We have been and are continuing to engage with organisations and Council and Health offices across the city to promote the fund and test this out. The feedback to date is that there are organisations interested in applying for all of the available grant amounts.
APPLICATION	Eligibility – why are only groups from the 3 grant programmes	The co-design, principles and due diligence process of

<p>PROCESS</p>	<p>eligible to apply? Must be open to groups not funded by existing Council grants.</p>	<p>these programmes were done using some of the same principles and at a similar time. Organisations funded via these programmes have gone through due diligence already and have ongoing relationships with the funders.</p> <p>The focus of the money is VCS organisations, but should build on collaboration and partnership relationships with others.</p>
	<p>Will organisations be expected to work in collaboration with others? Will that be made clear and also will that mean that the partners are eligible to apply for future OMVCS funding?</p>	<p>Expectations around partnership working will be explained clearly within the documentation for this fund when launched.</p> <p>As to whether groups would be eligible to apply for future funding from OMVCS. OMVCS is currently in the 2nd year of a 3 year programme and is currently closed to new applications.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS</p>	<p>Ensure grants are spread fairly in wards of evidence of high need and support needed to local organisations in central Manchester, inner city wards of Rusholme must be prioritised</p>	<p>The priorities for this grant will be outlined in the prospectus and guidance and the assessment process will also use criteria that will give weighting to the priority to engage with BAME mothers, fathers and families, and coverage across the city, particularly where there is little or nothing that already exists.</p>
	<p>The grant is unique in terms of strong emphasis on partnership. A big organisation usually take the money and deliver very little. It is good to encourage big organisation to form partnership with grass root organisation to deliver the desired outcomes</p>	<p>Organisations are being encouraged to work in partnership and for a 'significant' amount of money to be passed to partner organisations. 'Significant' should be based on the relationship between organisations and what is needed to deliver the project and activities</p>

		<p>overall. In some situations a significant amount of funding will mean a more equal split of the funds, in other situations it will be split differently based on who is delivering what within the project and/or specific delivery of activities.</p>
<p>OTHER COMMENTS</p>	<p>Why are the Older People's fund and First 1000 days fund grant amounts and bidding different?</p>	<p>They are two separate funds with different aims and objectives. The primary aim of the older peoples fund is to increase the health and wellbeing of older people in each one of the 12 neighbourhoods of Manchester. This was set from the start of the Programme Team taking on the development of the fund. The funding allocations for the Older Peoples grant are neighbourhood based and smaller than the First 1000 days, which has been taken into consideration with regards to the actual amount of money that will be potentially split between partners over a 2 year period and the number of times organisations can bid to the fund.</p>