



## Hate Crime Awareness Grants Manchester Summer-Autumn 2024 Programme

### GUIDANCE

#### Summary

This grants programme offers twenty grants of £500 to voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations and to public sector bodies, to deliver event-based activities that help to tackle hatred and discrimination within the city of Manchester.

The deadline for applications is 12 pm midday on Thursday 27 June 2024.

Successful applicants must fully deliver their project sometime between 1 August and 31 October this year<sup>1</sup>. The deadline for grant holders' completed end of project monitoring forms is also 31 October – so you would need to plan for this if your project is in October.

#### Background

Manchester Community Safety Partnership has been awarding these grants for over ten years. In this time, hundreds of awareness-raising events and activities have taken place, engaging people from across the city. Continuing to support this work is important, as there is significant under-reporting across all strands of hate crime.

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) has provided £10,000 for this purpose to support projects across the city of Manchester that promote awareness of hate *crime* and hate *incidents* and how to report them. Macc administers this grants programme on behalf of the partnership.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note: there will be another funding round later this year for groups to hold events during Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week in February 2025. Do not apply now for events due to take place that week. Groups and organisations that make applications now are welcome to submit an application to the next programme that focuses solely on events in 2025.

## What is a hate crime or hate incident?

A hate *crime* is any criminal offence, that the victim or anyone else perceives to be motivated by prejudice or hostility based on a person's characteristics or perceived characteristics.

Authorities in Greater Manchester currently recognise and monitor six main areas of hate crime. Alphabetically they are:

- alternative subculture / lifestyle<sup>2</sup>
- disability<sup>3</sup>
- race
- religion or belief<sup>4</sup>
- sexual orientation
- transgender<sup>5</sup>

Examples of hate *crimes*:

- physical attacks, such as physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti and arson
- threat of attack, including offensive letters, abusive or obscene telephone calls, groups hanging around to intimidate and unfounded malicious complaints
- verbal abuse, insults or harassment, such as taunting, offensive leaflets and posters, abusive gestures, dumping of rubbish outside homes or through letterboxes, and bullying at school or in the workplace

Hate *incidents* are also motivated by prejudice and hostility, but a crime has not been committed.

Examples of hate *incidents*:

- racist/homophobic or using any of the characteristics to have a joke, prank or banter,
- malicious complaints to housing, police or authorities
- refused entry to a place open to the general public

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<sup>2</sup> Particularly the way a person looks or dresses. In Manchester, social groups described as alternative subcultures often include punk rockers, ravers, metal-heads, goths, emo, indie, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Physical and / or mental disabilities

<sup>4</sup> Including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

<sup>5</sup> Transgender is an umbrella and inclusive term describing people, whose gender identity differs in some way from the one they were assigned at birth, including non-binary people, cross-dressers and those who partially or incompletely identify with their sex assigned at birth

## Reporting a hate crime or incident

There are several different ways to report hate crime in Manchester, you can report directly to the Police over the phone by dialling 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency or via online live chat at [Contact us | Greater Manchester Police \(gmp.police.uk\)](#)

However, there are other places to report if you do not feel comfortable speaking directly to the Police. These are third party reporting centres and Manchester. Please go to [Help and Support Manchester](#) for a list of the third party reporting centres in Manchester or other national organisation.

For more information about hate crime, please visit the Making Manchester Safer website: [www.makingmanchestersafer.com](#) or [Let's End Hate Crime – We Stand Together \(letsendhatecrime.com\)](#)

## Greater Manchester Hate Crime Plan

The Greater Manchester area has a shared plan for tackling hate crime<sup>6</sup>, which contains four key priorities:

- Prevention - bringing people together to promote cohesion and celebrate diversity in our communities
- Raising awareness of hate crime
- Increasing reporting - ensuring people know how hate crimes can be reported
- Improving the victim experience from the point of reporting to a resolution of the crime

## Aims of the Hate Crime Awareness Grants Programme

In support of the four plan priorities listed above, we want to continue funding local organisations to raise awareness of and challenge hate crimes and incidents.

However as well for this Summer/Autumn round of grant funding, we would like to see incorporated into your applications a focus on **either**:

1. **The theme of *intersectionality***, which is about those people who experience more than one strand of hate Crime/incidents. As stated in page 2 above, the six monitored strands are:
  - alternative subculture / lifestyle
  - religion or belief
  - disability
  - sexual orientation
  - race
  - transgender

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/police-and-fire/hate-crime-plan/>

An example of intersectionality would be a gay disabled person receiving hatred towards their disability as well as their sexual orientation.

**And/or:**

2. **The *barriers* that people face** in reporting a hate crime or incident. Examples of barriers:

- lack of understanding on what constitutes a hate crime/incident
- lack of trust in the police or authorities
- normalisation of hate crime/incidents
- hopelessness or what's the point in reporting
- physical/language or technology barriers
- personal cost

**Funding available**

The funding pot totals £10,000, meaning twenty grants in all are available. Organisations can apply for whole grants of £500 to deliver an activity between August and October 2024. Proposals that use less than £500 are discouraged.

We welcome applications from groups that are new to the programme as well as those who have applied previously.

The programme welcomes applications for activities that will take place during National Hate Crime awareness week (12-19 October 2024).

**The deadline for applications is 12pm midday on Thursday 27 June 2024.**

**Who can apply for a Hate Crime Awareness Grant?**

The funding programme is open to organisations that meet the following criteria:

- VCFSE or public sector organisations
- based and working within the city of Manchester for the benefit of people living there
- able to deliver an activity in Manchester that meets the GM key priorities and funding aims summarised on pages 3 and 4 of this guidance
- has a bank account in the name of the organisation (or has links with another VCFSE that is willing to hold funding on your behalf)
- agrees to complete and return a monitoring form after the activity is finished
- has an up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the activity involves children or vulnerable adults, you may be asked to provide your safeguarding policy)
- can provide a current *public* liability insurance policy certificate that covers their activity

## What we can fund

Over the years, hate crime awareness grant holders have delivered a wide range of awareness-raising activities aimed at a wide range of communities of identity and people and families of all ages that reside across the city:

- radio/podcast productions
- panel discussions/forums
- visual and other arts
- indoor and outdoor events
- educational/learning programmes
- awareness-raising and signposting sessions
- celebrations of different cultural traditions
- social media campaigns

We are keen for applicants to think up new ways of raising awareness of hate crimes and incidents and how to report them. Particularly proposals that focus on “intersectionality” and/or “barriers”, as referred to in the Aims section on pages 3 and 4 above.

## What we cannot fund

We cannot fund:

- non-VCFSE or public sector organisations
- VCFSE or public sector organisations not based in Manchester nor working for the sole benefit of communities in the city
- activities that do not meet the aims of the grants programme
- projects not able to be delivered by 31 October 2024
- projects that don't plan to use the full £500 grant available
- political organisations
- political or evangelical activities
- speakers from within your organisation

## The grant application form

You can find the grant application form at <https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/hate-crime-awareness-grants-summer-autumn-2024-programme>. It is a simple way for you to break down and explain the main elements of your project, e.g.:

when and how the activity will take place

whom it is for and how many people are likely to participate or be recipients

what the activity will involve

how it will help raise awareness of what hate crime is, increase the reporting of hate crime and address either “intersectionality” and/or “barriers” (see aims on pages 3 and 4 above)

how many employees / volunteers will organise and deliver it

## How to apply

- the deadline for grant applications is 12pm midday on Thursday 27 June
- they should be emailed to [grants@macc.org.uk](mailto:grants@macc.org.uk)
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application has been successful during the week commencing Monday 15 July
- If successful, grants will be paid in one tranche of money, subject to completion of standard due diligence checks (see “Due diligence” section below)

Please note: applicants that submit their application via email should receive a reply to acknowledge receipt of their bid. If you do not receive this email within one working day contact Oliver Cranfield on 0161 834 9823.

## Support with your application

Macc’s capacity building team can provide support for applicants through their usual referral process. The team offer this particularly to groups that are new to this funding or have been unsuccessful previously.

Groups are free to call 0333 321 3021 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday or contact [info@mcrcommunitycentral.org](mailto:info@mcrcommunitycentral.org) to request support and the team will manage requests subject to their capacity.

However if you have general questions about this funding, please contact Oliver at Macc via [oliver@macc.org.uk](mailto:oliver@macc.org.uk).

## How will decisions be made

An independent panel of representatives from Manchester City Council, Greater Manchester Police and the VCFSE sector will decide which projects are to receive grants. The panel will assess all applications that meet the conditions of funding. All decisions by the funding panel will be final.

Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application has been successful during the week commencing Monday 15 July. Successful applicants will be sent a grant offer letter and acceptance form including the grant’s terms and conditions. You need to complete the acceptance form and send Macc the requested due diligence info before we can pay out grants.

## Due diligence checks of successful applicants

Macc will also ask successful applicants to provide promptly:

1. the organisation’s Constitution / Memorandum and Articles of Association
2. a bank statement covering at least a one-month period no earlier than 1 April 2024
3. the names and home addresses of two trustees or committee members

4. the organisation's up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the proposed activity involves children and / or vulnerable adults)
5. a valid public liability insurance policy certificate to cover the planned activity

We need to review this information as part of our due diligence checks on all successful applicants in order to confirm that they are currently active in Manchester and financially solvent.

This can slightly delay grant payments or the funders can decide not to award payment if they feel that you have not met the due diligence requirements or that the organisation may use the funding for activity other than that stated in the application form.

## **Monitoring**

All successful applicants will be required to complete a short grant monitoring form within three weeks of project completion. The deadline for all grant holders' forms is Thursday 31 October – please ensure you plan for this if your project is in October.

Additionally, we would be happy to receive any photos, feedback from attendees, videos, newspaper clippings, etc. We will use these to promote next year's grants and illustrate the awareness-raising work done in Manchester.

## **Event packs**

Whether your application is successful or not, organisations aiming to deliver hate crime awareness activities can order HCA-branded merchandise such as posters, bags, wristbands, stickers and pens via [Hate Crime digital media & event pack request form](#).