

# Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector Grants 2026-2029

## Information Event Questions

The following questions were asked at our information events. The answers below won't apply to everyone but might give useful clarification for some applicants. We have not included questions that are already answered in the programme booklet or guidance documents.

### **Eligibility**

*If we work in other parts of Greater Manchester or the UK can we still apply to support Manchester residents?*

Yes, however we're only interested in how our investment will support Manchester residents so make sure your application focuses on this.

### **Grant award process**

*Have you decided how many small / medium / large grants will be awarded?*

No, we have not pre-allocated funding by grant size. Applications will be judged on their own merits. Our aim is to fund as diverse a range of VCFSE orgs from this grant as possible, which includes grant sizes but also things like geographical spread, communities of identity and types of organisations.

*Is the funding process all or nothing and if so, should we apply for less than we need so we stand a better chance of being funded?*

In the first instance we encourage applicants to apply for a reasonable proportion of their true costs, making sure this is within the limits of what we can and can't fund.

*We've applied to other funds and we won't know the outcome before we submit our application to OMVCS3. Can we apply for the same work to ensure our costs are covered by one application or the other?*

Yes. We understand that many organisations apply to multiple funders at the same time. If you're waiting on a decision from another funder for the same work, please let us know in your application, including what you plan to do if both applications are successful.

### **Real Living Wage**

*Some of our staff might end up being paid the Real Living Wage and others not, due to mixed funding sources. How will this affect our application?*

We recognise that not all funders currently support the Real Living Wage. However, we will ask you to outline a plan for paying the Real Living Wage within the first two years of funding as far as possible. This is an opportunity to tell us any barriers you face and how these might be addressed, so that we can best understand your situation and take this into account.

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