

## Sir Robert McAlpine: Strong Foundations Grant

Thank you for considering applying to the **Sir Robert McAlpine: Strong Foundations Grant**. This document explains the background to the fund and the associated volunteering offer. It also outlines the necessary guidelines you need to know before applying via [this online form](#).

### Background

Sir Robert McAlpine is the UK's largest building and civil engineering company. The company is strongly committed to making a positive impact on communities and environments, and making a meaningful contribution to society.

Sir Robert McAlpine is currently undertaking a number of building sites across the country, including three in Manchester (Riverside, Embankment and Gore Street) which are shown on the plan overleaf. They want to take this opportunity to help grassroots initiatives around central Manchester and Salford grow and drive positive change.

### The fund's focus

The offer is available for community organisations that need funding or volunteer support for new ideas or ongoing projects. The focus of the fund is to:

- **Increase community cohesion**
- **Boost community well-being**

The fund is intended to benefit small ideas that can scale and engage local stakeholders, while addressing local needs and opportunities.

### What's on offer?

**£30,000** worth of grants are available. Projects can apply for funding of up to **£3,000 each**. In addition to funding, Sir Robert McAlpine will **offer their workforce as volunteers** to winning projects with a specific volunteering requirement.

### Who can apply?

The fund is open to all community groups (including registered charities and informal community / resident groups), not-for-profit organisations and community institutions such as schools.

The fund is not eligible for groups looking to use the money to deliver political or religious projects, private / personal projects or profit-making organisations. \*

*\*Faith based and political groups are welcome to apply, as long as the project being funded is not faith based or politically orientated. For example - funding for a public garden in a church would be considered.*

### Who decides?

Each application is scored and judged based on set judging criteria (see below). A judging panel will then choose the winners. This panel will consist of Sir Robert McAlpine employees, Manchester Cllr Akbar and Cllr Bret and also local community figures.

### Judging criteria

The panel will consider the following criteria when selecting the winning projects:

- **Community Need** - how much does the community need this?
- **Focus** - how does the project increase community cohesion and boost community wellbeing?
- **Location** - is the project located within or close to the target area (see map)?
- **Volunteering** - does the project need corporate volunteer support and how much, and does it have the capacity to take on volunteers?
- **Attainability** - how achievable is (are) the project's goal(s)?
- **Application** - is the application detailed enough and does it provide a clear breakdown of cost?

### Delivery Timeframe:

The application opens on **3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020** and will close at **midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> March**. Successful projects will be announced by the end of March 2020.

### By location – which projects qualify?



This grant is aimed at giving back to the local community around Sir Robert McAlpine's building sites. The target area **includes the following Manchester and Salford postcodes: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M50 and M6**. Applications received within this area will be given priority, HOWEVER applications close to this location will also be considered.

### How to Apply and Deadlines

The application form can be found here: <https://forms.gle/aDdzuy8v4uXjTbJz5>  
Please submit your application form by **midnight on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**.

### Contact Us

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