

## **Manchester City Council**

### **Summer Playscheme grants 2017**

#### **Prospectus**

**To provide play services for young people aged 5 – 14 years**

#### **Key Information**

- Funding for the delivery of holiday play provision for children and young people aged 5 – 14
- Call for applications: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Closing date: 16th June 2017
- For voluntary, community and faith sector organisations working with young people
- Must be based in Manchester and/or mainly working with Manchester residents
- Funding available for revenue – delivery of services and or equipment.
- Bids are invited for between £1000 and £10,000
- Funding to be used by September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017
- Applicants can apply for funding for multiple projects however, the maximum number of applications from one organisation should not exceed three.

#### **1. Playscheme funding**

The purpose of the Playscheme funding is to complement the all year round play offer in Manchester. The funding is to provide free open access play activities, over the summer holidays with a particular focus on addressing gaps in provision, increasing the numbers of disabled children accessing universal play services and increasing children's opportunities to outdoor play. It is envisaged that this will be done through the delivery of play activities from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Manchester.

The funding will be used to support the delivery of the Valuing Young People Strategy (October 2016). The strategy outlines the Council's ambition to provide opportunities for children and young people to meet with their friends, to participate in leisure, sporting and cultural activities and to develop the skills and attitudes that will help them prepare for their future.

Through the delivery of the strategy we expect children and young people to achieve the following outcomes:

- Be able to achieve their aspirations and expectations
- Be able to lead healthier and more active lifestyles
- Be able to participate in decision making processes
- Be ready for work and lifelong learning
- Be involved in meaningful, enjoyable positive activities
- Be safer from harm
- Have increased access to outdoor play opportunities
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It is envisaged that the summer play scheme programme will also help contribute to the vision set out in Our Manchester, Our Children “Building a safe, happy, healthy and successful future for children and young people”

The four outcomes priorities of Our Manchester Our Children: *Manchester’s Children and Young People’s Plan 2016-2020* are for children and young people to be:

- Safe
- Happy
- Healthy
- Successful

There is £100k funding ringfenced for holiday Play scheme provision for Summer 2017. Manchester City Council wants to use this money to expand the existing all year round play offer to children and young people. Recognising the fact that there is a demand for supervised play provision in the holiday periods

A ring fenced amount of £100,000 has been allocated for Summer Holiday Play Schemes in 2017.

#### Priority Wards Play

- Harpurhey
- Crumpsall
- Ancoats and Clayton
- Fallowfield
- Withington
- Gorton North
- Burnage
- Baguely
- Old moat
- Hulme

## 2. Grant Objectives

Grant applications must demonstrate how they will meet at least one of the following objectives:

- Objective 1: To increase the number of play activities in priority areas of the city where there is little or no provision (see above)
- Objective 2: To increase the numbers of Disabled Children accessing your play service
- Objective 3: To increase access to high quality outdoor play opportunities, with particular focus on increasing play opportunities in parks, streets and open spaces.

Grant applicants should demonstrate how the grant objectives will help to achieve the Our Manchester Our Children Outcomes

- Safe
- Happy
- Healthy
- Successful

## 3. Activities and organisations we will fund

This funding is for the delivery of new activities and equipment that aims to support delivery. Some examples of the types of things we will and will not fund are listed below

### What we will fund:

- Equipment and resources
- Transport Costs
- Staff salaries
- A proportion of the your core costs, clearly related to the scale of activity delivered under this funding
- Volunteer expenses
- Refreshments
- Ofsted registration
- DBS checks

### What we will not fund:

- Purchase of vehicles or property
- Building renovation/repair costs

All costs must be reasonable and it must be clear how all expenditure directly meets the needs of young people. Ideally we want applicants to maximise the impact of a grant through combining it with their own resources and/or using it to attract external funding.

To be eligible for funding your organisation must:

- Have a constitution
- Be a not-for-profit organisation – this includes voluntary, community and faith organisations, co-operatives and mutual societies, non-governmental organisations which are value driven and which principally invest their surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives
- Be an established provider of play services based in Manchester, or mainly working with Manchester residents
- Provide opportunities for children and young people / service users to be involved in the management and or decision – making processes in your organisation.
- Be registered with Ofsted if you are a play provider on the appropriate register.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equality and inclusion

You cannot apply if you are:

- A private sector, or “for profit” organisation
- A public sector organisation i.e. local authority, education institution, health authority etc.

#### **4. Funding**

There is a maximum of £100k available to spend on Playscheme grants. Bids are invited for between £1000 and the full amount of £10,000. Funding must be spent by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Funding will be paid in full shortly after the grant has been awarded

#### **5. How to Apply**

You can apply for this funding by completing an application form and sending it to [p.barber@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:p.barber@manchester.gov.uk)

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- Please make sure you read the guidance notes carefully
- The deadline for applications is 4pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June
- You will receive an acknowledgement of our receipt of your application
- Decisions will be made and notified to all applicants before 30th June 2017

## **6. How decisions will be made**

All applications will be scored and ranked by a panel, comprising senior representatives of Manchester City Council.

We are intending to fund a good mix of proposals across the city and covering all of the objectives of this funding. This may mean that applications that score well are not funded – for example if there is already a lot of similar provision in the same area of the city.

## **7. What will happen after the decisions have been made**

All applicants will be notified by email as to whether their application has been successful or not and we will provide written feedback, on request. There is no appeals process.

Successful applicants will be required to submit the documentation set out in the application form. If we need to ask you to change your approach in order to fill a gap, or reduce overlap with another application we will arrange to meet with you.

We will send you a grant agreement with our terms and conditions for you to sign and return.

Funding will be paid in full shortly after the grant has been awarded. All payments will be made by BACs

## **8. Monitoring and evaluation**

- We expect you to keep records of how many young people have used your service
- You must keep financial records demonstrating how you have used the grant funding
- You must collect sufficient information to enable you to compile a report at the end of 12 months demonstrating the impact your grant funding has made.

## **9. Getting Help**

- If you want to discuss your application before submitting it you can contact [Adam](mailto:a.farricker@manchester.gov.uk) Farricker a.farricker@manchester.gov.uk is not part of the subsequent decision making process and cannot help complete your application form or offer advice on the likelihood of your application being funded.