



## Funding support

### Ma Famille (My Family)

Ma Famille is an African community group, with a Cameroonian majority, providing support for local African residents and refugees based in Greater Manchester. We aim to help these members settle into the community and feel at home as most members are new to the UK.

We support each other through providing a foodbank of culturally appropriate food, skill-sharing such as proofreading work, translating forms and CV's etc, and sharing knowledge on British culture as well as visiting places of interest together.

Ma Famille is now expanding and helping the next generation by running workshops, events and activities which share and teach the culture and history of their heritage. These also maintain a connection for those who left their country at a young age or haven't been able to return since arriving in the UK.

Macc were recommended to us by a neighbouring group, Fandeme, and so we contacted them for help on the completion of the GM BAME application form. This was our first time to apply for a grant and we needed some support.

Macc provided bid writing support and helped us to gain a greater understanding and awareness of diverse income sources. Millie reviewed our first funding draft application form and made some recommendations to make the application be much stronger. The staff (Millie and Charlotte) were very experienced and supportive, and the feedback was provided via email and a zoom meeting.

The outcome was successful as we were granted £1,000. Macc also sent us a template invoice to be able to claim the grant, as well as support in how to record and keep evidence of expenditure, and a link to their bookkeeping factsheet.



The group support from Macc has had a very positive impact in the BAME community. Their experience and patience has been key.

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