



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL



Hate Crime Awareness Grants Summer-Autumn 2024 Programme (2)

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Summary

This grants programme offers eight awards of £500 to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) and public sector organisations to deliver event-based activities that help to tackle hatred and discrimination by:

- raising awareness of the issues surrounding hate crimes
- raising awareness of how hate crimes can be reported
- celebrating diversity and promoting cohesion in our communities

The deadline for applications is 12 pm midday on Thursday 25 July 2024. Successful applicants must fully deliver their project by no later than November this year.

Note: this programme is using-up unallocated monies from a recent differently focused HCA Grant funding round.

Background

Manchester Community Safety Partnership has been awarding these grants to local groups and organisations for over ten years¹. In this time, hundreds of awareness raising events and activities have

¹ Community Safety Partnership funding is made available annually by Manchester City Council to support projects across the city that promote awareness of hate crime and how to report it. Macc administers this grants programme on behalf of the Council.

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.

We need to continue to support local groups and organisations to raise awareness of and challenge hate crime and to help instil confidence in victims by highlighting how and where they can report incidents.

What could you do with £500 to help raise awareness and tackle hatred and discrimination?

Funding available

Organisations can apply for grants of £500 to deliver an activity between August and November 2024. The funding pot totals £10,000, meaning ten grants in all are available.

Please note: there will be another funding round later this year for groups to hold events during 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.

Aims of the Hate Crime Awareness Grants Programme

Within the context of celebrating the diversity of communities in Manchester, the main aims of these grants are to:

- raise awareness of what hate crime is
- increase the reporting of hate crime incidents
- bring communities and groups together to celebrate diversity

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

The deadline for applications is 12pm midday on Thursday 25 July 2024

If you have general questions about this funding, please contact Oliver at Macc via oliver@macc.org.uk.

What is hate crime?

A hate crime is an act of violence or hostility based on who you are or what someone thinks you are. Hate crime can take many forms, including (but not restricted to):

- 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

Authorities in Manchester currently recognise and monitor six main areas of hate crime:

- disability²
- race
- religion or belief³
- sexual orientation
- transgender⁴
- alternative subculture / lifestyle⁵

However, if your activity aims to highlight other areas of discrimination, please do not let this stop you from applying. We would still like to hear from you and know more about your activity as it might be something we could fund.

Third party reporting centres

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 chat system at <https://www.gmp.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime/report-hate-crime/>.

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 has nearly 50 of them. Please go to www.bit.ly/31mZYXW for a list of the third party reporting centres in Manchester.

For more information about hate crime, please visit the Making Manchester Safer website: www.makingmanchestersafer.com.

Who can apply for a Hate Crime Awareness Grant?

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

- VCSE or public sector / local authority organisations
- based and working within the city of Manchester for the benefit of people living in the city
- able to deliver an activity in Manchester that meets the hate crime awareness aims summarised on page one of this prospectus
- has a bank account in the name of the organisation (or has links with another VCSE org that will hold funding on your behalf)
- agrees to complete and return a Grant Monitoring Form after the activity is finished

² Physical and / or mental disabilities

³ Including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

⁴ 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

⁵ 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.

- 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

Types of project that have previously received Hate Crime Awareness Grants include:

- hate crime awareness events taking place in specific residents-association areas
- outdoor fun and educational activities aimed at children and families
- schedules of hate crime awareness-raising on various relevant community radio stations
- partnership projects where VCSE and public sector organisations come together to deliver hate crime awareness events and promote the organisations' roles in tackling hate and discrimination
- activities positively promoting different aspects of Manchester's cultural identity
- production of videos about hate crime awareness to be made widely available
- a community centre in central Manchester held group sessions for young people to raise awareness and understand how to report hate crime
- events encouraging public awareness of community safety in relation to hate crimes
- a north Manchester neighbourhood project ran a social event to celebrate community spirit
- a community question and answer sessions inviting different faith communities
- a Manchester College held 'Human Library' events at four college campuses, engaging with hundreds of young people
- a disability hate crime event to raise awareness and support those affected
- a drop-in support group for female refugees and their families
- Greater Manchester Police held an event to celebrate diversity and promote hate crime reporting in China Town
- schools challenging hate crime through celebrating differences in the school community
- The University of Manchester held a panel discussion with a group of speakers for students from abroad which was attended by over 90 students
- a faith group held a 'Communal Feast' with other faith groups in the area, over 100 people attended and enjoyed a three-course, one at each of three different faith venues
- a charity in central Manchester produced artwork and had a launch event to unveil the art, and events were held by different local minority ethnic groups to raise awareness and promote reporting
- an LGBT poetry-writing workshop to explore how the LGBT community are affected by hate crime

- an information session for those living with dementia to learn more about hate crime
- young people’s social media campaign by creating a YouTube video to challenge hate

We are keen for applicants to think up new ways of raising awareness of hate crime and how to report it.

What we cannot fund

We cannot fund:

- non-VCSE or public sector organisations
- VCSE organisations 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 November 2024
- projects that don’t plan to use the full £500 grant available
- political organisations and activities
- speakers from within your organisation

The grant application form

You can find the grant application form at <https://manchestercommunitycentral.org/hate-crime-awareness-summer-autumn-2024-2-grants-programme>. We intend it as 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

the reporting of hate crime incidents and promote cohesion

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

How many employees / volunteers will organise and deliver it

What the activity will involve and how it will help raise awareness of what hate crime is, increase

How to apply

- the deadline for grant applications is 12pm midday on Thursday 25 July
- they should be emailed to grants@macc.org.uk
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application has been successful during the week commencing Monday 12 August
- 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 to request support and the team will manage requests subject to their capacity.

How will decisions be made

An independent panel of representatives from Manchester City Council, Greater Manchester Police and the VCSE 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 31 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 May 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. 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.