



Funding support

Manchester Vineyard: 422 Community Engagement Hub

MANCHESTER VINEYARD

422 Community Hub is a grassroots project of Manchester Vineyard which welcomes everyone from any faith or none. The project is dedicated to empowering communities through various engagement initiatives.

[Manchester Vineyard](#), a local church in the heart of the Longsight-Ardwick community. The 422 Community Hub hosts a community cafe, a variety of free programmes and spaces to hire for like-minded organisations that offer opportunities, boost well-being and tackle poverty. With a focus on enhancing community cohesion and addressing local challenges, 422 Community Hub strives to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those it serves.

422 Community Hub sought funding to further their community initiatives and projects. Understanding the importance of financial support in realising their goals, they applied for National Lottery funding. Following Lottery feedback on the application, the group sought support from Macc to strengthen its approach and the bid.

Macc, provided crucial support to 422 Community Engagement. Led by Rick, Macc worked closely with 422 Community Hub to expertly refine the proposal, ensuring it aligned with the requirements and objectives of The National Lottery Fund scheme. Macc worked tirelessly with the group to create a development plan. The plan helped to map out the project more clearly, address the funder's feedback and to strengthen the project proposal and risk register. There were several drafts of the development plan as it took shape. Macc supported the group to retain the substance of their original proposal whilst making a clearer case as to why a funder might wish to buy into it.



With the support from Macc, the group was able to submit a much stronger funding application, including extra funding for setting up conducting effective outcome evaluation. Since providing the support, Macc have heard that the group was successful in securing the much-needed funding for 422 Community Hub. With a grant of £145,000 over three years, the organisation now has the resources to expand its community engagement programs and to make a lasting impact.

Stuart Hogg, from 422 Community Hub, expressed his thanks to Macc, stating: *"We are enormously grateful to MACC as they brilliantly guided us through the process of enhancing our bid. Especially as they immediately responded to our last minute request. Thank you for all your support, it certainly made the difference."*

Through collaboration with Macc, 422 Community Hub not only secured the funding but also gained valuable insights for any further funding applications which they may need to submit in the future.

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