

Social Recovery Fund

Guidance Notes and Application Template

One Manchester is currently inviting applications to our Social Recovery Fund.

We are seeking to offer grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 that will rebuild and grow new connections in our communities.

We are looking to hear from organisations in our neighbourhoods that will ensure no-one lacks the opportunities to socialise and develop inclusive peer support networks. Put simply, we want to help isolated people in our communities to make lasting friendships and socialise in their neighbourhoods, to get them the help they need when they need it.

Applications close Midnight on 31st October. More details are available at: www.onemanchester.co.uk/social-recovery

We know that the pandemic has taken its toll in our communities. Aside from the impact on health and the economy, social distancing and isolation has meant that many of us have lost people close to us, and not had the opportunity to develop and maintain the connections with our friends and neighbours.

We know there has been a decline in mental well-being in recent months and there has been an increase in the number of people reporting that they feel lonely. We also know that the people of Manchester are not going to accept that and have the creativity and willingness to step up and support each other.

We want to make it easier for people in our communities that have challenges making positive social connections. We want our funding to support people in the coming months, but also have a lasting impact.

We are particularly interested in projects that engage with individuals and communities that are at a greater risk of being isolated or lonely, and may not be engaging with other support available. This may for example include people with health conditions and disabilities, people who live alone, older people who lost contact with friends and family, people who are new to our city, or in transition and need support to settle.

The fund will be open for applications from Friday 24th September, and close at Midnight on Sunday 31st October.

Who can apply

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations that are Manchester based, predominantly serving residents in the Manchester Neighbourhoods listed below. Projects in all areas are eligible, but we will weight applications from the areas with asterisks, which have been under-represented in our previous rounds of COVID response grants. We want to make sure that our tenants will benefit from the services provided. However, projects can also benefit the wider community in these areas.

- Ardwick
- Beswick *
- Clayton *
- Fallowfield
- Gorton
- Abbey Hey
- Hulme
- Levenshulme
- Longsight
- Moss Side
- Openshaw
- Rusholme *
- Whalley Range
- Newton Heath
- Moston

To meet our eligibility requirements, the lead applicant organisations will need to be able to provide:

- A current copy of a suitable governing document for a not-for-profit voluntary organisation, charity, or social enterprise.
- Proof of a bank account in the name of the organisation.
- Proof of identify of applicant, and their connection to the organisation applying.
- This fund will not accept applications from individuals.

Partnership applications are welcome, although the lead applicant will be accountable for funding and delivery and must meet the above requirements.

What will we fund

We want to target funding at enabling projects that will have the greatest reach and impact within our target areas. We want to support people that are at a greater risk of being isolated or lonely and may not be engaging with other support available. This may for example include:

- people with health conditions and disabilities

- people who live alone
- older people who lack friends and family
- people who are new to our city or in transition and need support to settle.

Examples of what we can fund include:

- Items of equipment, materials or goods
- Costs for community events or engagements
- Publicity materials and costs of taking part in events
- Volunteer expenses and training for volunteers
- Costs of interpretations, translations, and alternative formats or other interventions to make your support inclusive
- Costs towards sessional work, or contributions towards salaries
- Travel costs

Projects will have up to 12 months to complete the project and spend grants awarded in line with their proposal.

Aims and Objectives

We want to understand who your project will support, and what difference it will make. Successful projects will be required to monitor and report back on what's been achieved. Outcomes will be agreed depending on the nature of the projects, but may include:

- Numbers of people engaging in social / community activity for the first time
- Demographic information about people engaged in support or activities, such as age, gender, ethnicity, disability status and postcode
- How often people are engaging with the project activities
- The difference that the project is making to the individuals involved, such as reducing loneliness, creating new friendships, or increasing happiness.

We will prioritise proposals that:

- Demonstrate a good awareness and understanding of the individuals and groups they will target.

- Target support to individuals most at risk of loneliness and isolation.
- Fill gaps in existing support provision.
- Can provide evidence, or clearly explain how the project will be successful in overcoming barriers to engagement.
- Will have a lasting impact beyond the 12 months of funding.

Key Dates

Open for Applications:	Friday 24 th September 2021
Applications Close:	Sunday 31 st October – Midnight 2021
Provisional Grant Offers announced:	Friday 12 th November 2021
Projects Start:	From 29 th November
Projects Complete:	By December 2022

Support with your application

If you are unable to submit your application online, or have any queries, please contact our Community Development team:
community.development@onemanchester.co.uk

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The form below is for reference to help you prepare your application. Your final application must be submitted online using the online survey link here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OMSocialrecovery>



You can also scan the QR code here to access the application:

1	Email:
2	Name of applicant:
3	Role of applicant (Please describe your relationship to the organisation):
4	Contact number:
5	Name of organisation:
6	Charity / Company Registration Numbers (where applicable)
7	Confirmation of bank account.
8	<p>Please provide a summary of the project or initiative you want to deliver. (400 words max)</p> <p>We want to know what the project or service will deliver, who will deliver it (staff / volunteers), how it will be delivered, and when it will be delivered.</p>
9	<p>Which geographic area will your project work? (200 words max)</p> <p>Please tick the area where your project will have the most significant presence or impact. If your project is working with lots of people from several areas you may tick more than one box, but projects that focus on one area only will not be disadvantaged in scoring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ardwick • Beswick • Clayton • Fallowfield • Gorton & Abbey Hey • Hulme • Levenshulme • Longsight • Moss Side • Openshaw • Rusholme • Whalley Range • Newton Heath

<p>10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moston <p>Tell us a bit more about where activities or services will be delivered, and where your participants are likely to live. Let us know if you have particular venues you will use, or if your support will be delivered as outreach or remotely.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Please explain what connection your organisation currently has with your target areas?</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Who will your project target and why? (300 words max)</p> <p>Are you targeting a particular group of people at greater risk of isolation? Please describe the target group or groups for your project or initiative. Explain why you are aiming to work with this group, and why you think there is a need to target them. Please explain how your organisation knows and understands this group.</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>How will your project successfully engage with your target group (300 words max)</p> <p>We want to know what is different, or interesting about your approach. How will you effectively involve and engage your target group(s) and why are you confident that you will be able to do so? How do you know there will be demand for what you are offering?</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>What outcomes will your project achieve, and how will you know whether your project or service is making a difference? (200 words max)</p> <p>If successful, we will want you to report back to us on what you have achieved. Please list the outcomes your project intends to have for the individuals you will work with, and how you intend to monitor and report on this to us. You can if you wish also include targets about specific outcomes you expect to achieve.</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>How will you know whether your project is inclusive and accessible? (300 words max)</p> <p>Describe how inclusivity will be considered in your project. When we say inclusive, we are interested to hear if you may be doing things for communities that aren't represented as often, like Disabled, LGBT+, Black and Minority communities for example.</p> <p>We would like to know how you will monitor and report on who is using your service, and if so, what information will you gather.</p>

16	<p>Will your project work in partnership with any other organisations? (300 words max)</p> <p>Do you have existing links to other organisations in the area relevant to your project? Tell us if you are planning to involve or work with other organisations to deliver your project. Please specify any partners that will receive funding as part of your project.</p>																						
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18	<p>Have you applied for funding from other sources for this purpose? – Please provide details</p> <p>We'd like to understand if you already have funding for this or a similar service, or you are seeking other sources to support your idea. This is not required, and will not count against you in our assessment, but we may wish to support you to secure complimentary funding.</p>																						
19	<p>Before submitting your funding application we encourage you to complete a diversity monitoring form here (https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KwjMPqC7M06FE9B4kAk4SzJYdfQT_MRP sazAA9FIkrJUQ0hWUEc4WIUzSTNGNkVLRk5VWE9FNFo5Uj4u).</p>																						