

LET'S END ~~HATE CRIME~~ TOGETHER!

Community Spirit Grants Programme

Hate crime has no place in Manchester.

Everyone in our city has the right to feel safe and we all have a responsibility to stand against hatred and discrimination.

PROSPECTUS

Background

The Hate Crime Awareness Community Spirit 2020 Grants Programme is offering ten awards of £1,000 to build the city of Manchester's community-spirit in tackling hatred and discrimination.

Only projects that will be delivered sometime between July and October 2020 can be funded.

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. Continued efforts by local groups and organisations are needed to raise awareness of and challenge hate crime in our communities and to help instil confidence in victims by highlighting how and where hate crime incidents can be reported.

In previous grants rounds, a majority of funded projects have been public events. However, the coronavirus COVID-19 has had a huge impact in every community in Manchester and across all areas of our lives, making the delivery of effective Hate Crime Awareness activities more complex.

Yet, self-isolation at home and other necessary restrictions that protect our health services are increasing everybody's appreciation of social interaction and the value of community spirit. This funding programme wants to recognise and celebrate the diversity in our society and its community spirit.

Bearing in mind the limitations caused by COVID-19, what could you do with a £1,000 Hate Crime Awareness Grant to increase or build on people's involvement in your community?

Project proposals submitted to this programme must fit with the government's coronavirus social-distancing measures and include careful consideration of the safety both of those delivering the activity and its intended audience.

Through Manchester City Council, Manchester Community Safety Partnership makes funding available annually 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.

Funding available

Groups can apply for Hate Crime Awareness Grants of £1,000 to deliver an activity during the period July to October 2020. The programme's funding pot totals £10,000, meaning ten grants are available in all.

Please note: there will be another funding round later this year for groups to hold events during Hate Crime Awareness Week in February 2021. 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 February 2021.

Current Context: COVID-19

Hate crimes are still taking place. Due to the safety-lockdown there has been a noticeable reduction in incidents happening in the 'usual' public places such as on trams and buses and in the city centre. However, Coronavirus-related incidents targeting some ethnic groups have increased in our neighbourhoods, parks, shops and supermarkets. Neighbour disputes, some with a race element, are more frequent with people reporting each other for breaking 'lockdown rules'.

There is a pressing need to raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it and also to safely promote positive messages in our neighbourhoods and celebrate community spirit.

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, and to
- Increase the reporting of hate crime incidents

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

The deadline for applications is midday on Wednesday 17 June 2020.

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:

- Disability¹
- Race
- Religion or belief²
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender³
- Alternative subculture / lifestyle⁴

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 www.gmp.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-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 around 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.

¹ Physical and / or mental disabilities

² Including Islamophobia and anti-Semitism

³ 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

⁴ 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.

Who can apply for a Hate Crime Awareness Grant?

The funding programme is open to groups and organisations, which meet all of the following criteria:

- Is a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation or public sector body
- Works within the city of Manchester for the benefit of people living in the city and that wishes to deliver an activity in Manchester that meets the programme's aims with regard to hate crime awareness listed on page two of this prospectus
- Has a bank account in the name of the group / organisation
- Agrees to complete and return the Grant Monitoring Form after the activity is finished
- Has an up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the activity involves children or vulnerable adults, you will be expected to provide your safeguarding policy on request)
- Can provide a copy of a current insurance liability policy certificate to cover their activity

What we cannot fund

We cannot fund any activity that does not meet the aims of the grants programme, is not based in Manchester or is not for the sole benefit of communities in Manchester.

We are unable to fund projects that are not able to be delivered in the period July to October 2020.

We are unable to fund projects that do not plan to use the full £1,000 grant available.

Funding cannot be awarded to any political organisations / groups and the grants cannot pay for speakers from within your organisation.

What we can fund

In this section we would usually give a long list of examples projects that received grants in recent funding rounds. However, these projects tended to be public events involving large numbers of people meeting face-to-face, which would be inappropriate in the context of COVID-19.

A couple of previous projects are useful to consider:

- A young people's radio show to discuss what different type of hate crimes are
- Young people's social media campaign by creating a YouTube video to challenge hate

We're keen for applicants to think up new ways of raising awareness of hate crime and celebrating community spirit able to be delivered with social distancing and other safety measures in mind.

Without wishing to stifle new ideas by being overly prescriptive, you may want to consider things such as:

- Creating online resources or apps
- Using podcasts or video-conferencing
- Producing online workshops, adverts for a local radio station or social media campaigns for communities impacted by hate

- Producing information cards, posters, leaflets for communities about how to get help if they are experiencing problems
- Celebrating good news in an area
- Creating a network of support people

The grant application form

The grant application form is a simple way for you to break down the main elements of your project:

When and how the activity will take place

increase the reporting of hate crime incidents and engender community spirit

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,

How it will adhere to COVID-19 safety restrictions

How to apply

- The deadline for grant applications is midday on Wednesday 17 June 2020
- They should be emailed to grants@macc.org.uk
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application has been successful by Monday 6 July
- 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, then we have not received your application and it will not be assessed for funding.

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 and Greater Manchester Police 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 by Monday 6 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 gather due diligence documents to send to Macc for checking before grants can be paid.

Due diligence checks of successful applicants

Macc will ask successful applicants to provide promptly:

1. a copy of the group's Constitution / Memorandum and Articles of Association
2. a copy of the group's bank statement covering a one-month period including June 2020
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 insurance liability 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 grant monitoring form within three weeks after your project as a condition of funding. The grant monitoring form is a short form to update us on what you did as part of your activity and what the outcome was. Organisations that fail to send in the monitoring form may jeopardise any future Hate Crime Awareness Grant applications they wish to submit.

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.