



Hate Crime Awareness Grants Summer - Autumn 2019 Programme Prospectus

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.

LET'S END ~~HATE CRIME.~~



Background

Manchester Community Safety Partnership makes funding available annually to support events and projects across the city that promote awareness of hate crime.

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.

For the Summer / Autumn 2019 Programme, Macc is continuing to work with Manchester City Council to administer the Hate Crime Awareness Grants.

Funding available

Groups can apply for Hate Crime Awareness Grants of between £250 and £500 to hold an event during the period July to December 2019. The Summer - Autumn 2019 Programme funding pot totals £10,000, meaning 20 to 40 grants are potentially 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 2020. 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 2020.

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 3 July 2019.

If you have general questions about this funding, please contact Oliver at Macc on 0161 834 9823 or 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 event 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 event 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 over 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 event is finished
- Has an up-to-date safeguarding policy (if the event 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 event

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

What we can fund

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

- A Community Centre in central Manchester held group sessions for young people to raise awareness and understand how to report hate crime.
- A north Manchester neighbourhood project ran a social event to celebrate community spirit
- A community question and answer sessions inviting different faith communities
- 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
- A young people's radio show to discuss what different type of hate crimes are
- 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

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

When and where the event will take place

How many employees / volunteers will organise and deliver it

Whom it is for and how many people are likely to attend

Whether the event is open or closed to the general public

What the event will involve and how it will help raise awareness of what hate crime is and/or increase the reporting of hate crime incidents

If it is a one off event or part of a larger programme of work

How to apply

- The deadline for grant applications is midday on Wednesday 3 July 2019
- They should be emailed to grants@macc.org.uk or posted to Hate Crime Awareness Grants, c/o Macc, 3rd Floor, Swan Buildings, 20 Swan Street, Manchester M4 5JW
- Macc will notify all applicants as to whether their application is successful by 18 July 2019
- 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 a couple of hours, then we have not received your application and it will not be assessed for funding. If you have applied but not received a confirmation email, please contact Oliver at Macc on 0161 834 9823 as soon as possible.

Support with your application

Macc's capacity building team can provide support for applicants through their usual referral process. They offer this particularly to groups that are new to this funding or have been unsuccessful previously. Groups are free to contact the team on the 0333 321 3021 support line or

via info@mcrcommunitycentral.org to request support and the team will manage requests subject to their capacity.

Also, between 2pm and 4pm on Tuesday 18th and Tuesday 25 June, Macc's capacity building team have drop-in sessions for voluntary and community groups to get advice on a range of topics. You are welcome to get support with your application at one of these sessions. The drop-in venue is Macc, 3rd Floor, Swan Buildings, 20 Swan Street, Manchester, M4 5JW.

How will decisions be made

An independent panel of representatives from Manchester City Council, Greater Manchester Police and the voluntary, community and social enterprise 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 by 18 July 2019. 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 most recent bank statement, preferably dated July 2019
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 event

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 event as a condition of funding. The grant monitoring form is a short form to update us on what you did as part of your event 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.