**Spirit of Manchester Active Communities Fund**

Some illustrations that might assist your ideas for developing a bid:

Bring in skills from people that want to help you, and create new ways for people to 'get involved':

Employee volunteers from a local business or a skilled professional wants to give you their time to develop a website or digital platform for your organisation.

*Use Active Communities funding to acquire a website domain, hosting and access to a website builder platform to give them the tools to do this for you.*

Help people and groups that 'activate' and mobilise people to do this better:

You run - or have access to a Community Centre, Hub or Asset.

*Use Active Communities funding to provide training or support to local groups, and help them widen their inclusion of people that want to help them - this could be through an increased awareness or knowhow in a particular area, topic or subject.*

Acquire the equipment or resources that you need to 'get something done' or 'do good' in Manchester:

You want to get serious about your designs on setting up a meal sharing scheme amongst neighbours and citizens in the communities that you serve.

*Use Active Communities funding to acquire the equipment you need to properly handle and deliver food, as well as the resources you need to ensure that this is done properly.*

Do something that brings people together so that they can share their views:

You know that there's something that people feel strongly about; and that they have something to say about it.

*Use Active Communities Funding to bring these people together at an event or gathering, document this and share it for others to see and take note.*