**Spirit of Manchester 2019 Mini-Grants Programme Eligibility**

**Applicant eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for a Mini-grant, you must:

* be a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation with some form of constitution
* be operating in Manchester
* have your own bank account
* have an annual turnover under £100,000

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from groups for whom this would be their first bid or from organisations representing minority communities of interest / identity.

**Project eligibility**

This year’s £3,500 Spirit of Manchester Mini-grants Programme will provide Mini-grants of between £250 and £500. We want to hear from groups wanting to do something that will benefit their community, e.g.:

* Support local people to feel connected and more active in their communities / encourage participation of local people in community projects
* Support people to have better quality of life, e.g. improved mental and physical wellbeing
* Enable people of all ages to develop new skills and knowledge
* Promote partnership working between community groups

We are hoping for lots of different ideas about projects. The Mini-grants can fund a broad range of activities including arts, culture, environment, health, learning, social events and sports. Simple ideas like sharing a meal together are welcome too. Above all, projects should bring people together to benefit their community.

**IMPORTANT - Activity that the Mini-grants cannot fund**

The Programme is unable to fund:

* activities outside the city of Manchester
* contributions towards existing projects or fundraising appeals or ongoing running costs
* the work of individuals
* projects that promote a particular political or religious viewpoint
* proposals that do not explicitly address aim(s) of the programme (e.g.: the bullet points in the previous *Project eligibility* section above)