



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

**KEEPING CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE**

GRANT PROSPECTUS



Keeping Children and Young People Safe

Manchester Community Safety Partnership, Manchester City Council, Young Manchester and other partners across Manchester are committed to driving a **bold new approach** to **keeping children and young people safe in Manchester** by tackling anti-social behaviour and violence which impacts on children and young people **across the city**. We're establishing clear, coherent and consistent approaches that have children and young people at their heart.

We are building a **city-wide, long-term** approach for all children and young people impacted by violence and anti-social behaviour – finding ways of using the resources, skills, expertise and passion we have in Manchester to make a difference to the lives of children and young people.

This programme of work builds on previous investments by Young Manchester and the Community Safety Partnership, in particular the Positive Engagement Programme and Keeping Children and Young People Safe – but also marks a **significant step forward** – moving from individual programmes to a **strategic, locally-driven** approach. The work is underpinned by funding principles:

- **Children and young people's voice** – the voices and lived experiences of children and young people will be critical to all funded activity
- **Quality and impact** – we will ensure that our work is making a difference, and work with partners to build evidence, demonstrate value and champion the impact that youth and play work has on children, young people and communities.
- **Partnership** – we will prioritise collaboration and collective impact, seeking to work with, and build up, others whilst building strong alliances and networks across the city including with statutory settings and systems.
- **Systems** – Young Manchester's approach is grounded in our understanding of the complexity of the situation for children and young people in the city, and that a systems-focused approach is necessary to facilitate change

A key output from recent work was a report from our partners RECLAIM, 'Listening to the experts'. The report concludes that **“any strategy to tackle serious youth violence will fail if it doesn't involve the young people it affects. . It may even make things worse ... young people ... see the response to violent crime as superficial, stigmatising and too often based on race, class or gender-related stereotypes rather than their lived reality.”**

Young people have told us that these issues are complex and systemic. Our approach is therefore grounded in our understanding of the systemic causes of violence which impact on children and young people's lives. Young Manchester's strategy states:

“Our work will seek to challenge and address the direct impact of poverty and inequality, as well as seek to understand and tackle the root causes which keep children, young people and their families in poverty, and continue to create an unequal society. Our work will also place significant emphasis on inclusion and equity, ensuring that opportunities are accessible to all, no matter the barriers and challenges that they may face.”



Purpose of the Fund

Our overall approach to tackling violence and anti-social behaviour is phased. This Fund is an **initial investment** that will enable VCS partners to support children and young people, placing them at the heart of the debate on how we create a Manchester where young people can live free from violence. Further investment will follow, allowing us to increase the number of projects we support.

With initial spend required in this financial year - grants of up to £50,000 are available to deliver **holistic projects** focussed on **direct work with children and young people**. Projects should build on **current strengths** and focus on delivering high quality practice with children and young people. Learning from these direct delivery projects will continue to build our long-term viable proposition for attracting further investment and long-term outcomes for children and young people.

Projects must be focussed on direct delivery, but you should also explicitly demonstrate:

- How evidence from your project can inform wider learning and shape future policy and practice and will engage with a city-wide agenda
- How your project builds strong partnership working at a local level, within and beyond the VCSE sector (including for example with schools and Early Help)

Examples of projects which could be considered

Based on learning from previous investments we are particularly keen to hear from projects that **combine** different ways of engaging with children and young people – for example: street-based detached youth work with progression opportunities and wrap around support – delivered in a **neighbourhood** or **ward** basis.

If you have existing work in a particular neighbourhood you may apply for a grant which enhances existing provision (for example if you have a detached programme – you could apply for funding to enable it to include 1:1 support).

We are also open to receiving proposals for small grants for activity which enhances learning on youth violence and / or complements neighbourhood/ward provision.

We are open to hearing your ideas and creative proposals which align to the aims of the fund. We'll consider funding activities including, but not limited to:

- Detached youth work and outreach
- 1:1 support
- Targeted youth support
- Outdoor learning, adventure and residential experiences for young people
- Peer support and education
- Youth voice
- Conflict resolution initiatives
- Place-based community development work with young people
- Mentoring and youth leadership



Current context of the Fund

Initial Investment

A partnership between Manchester’s Community Safety Partnership, Manchester City Council and Young Manchester has been established to develop and support work with youth and play providers in the city.

The first phase of this work will involved the commissioning of approximately £200,000 to coordinate, develop and enhance practice in Manchester.

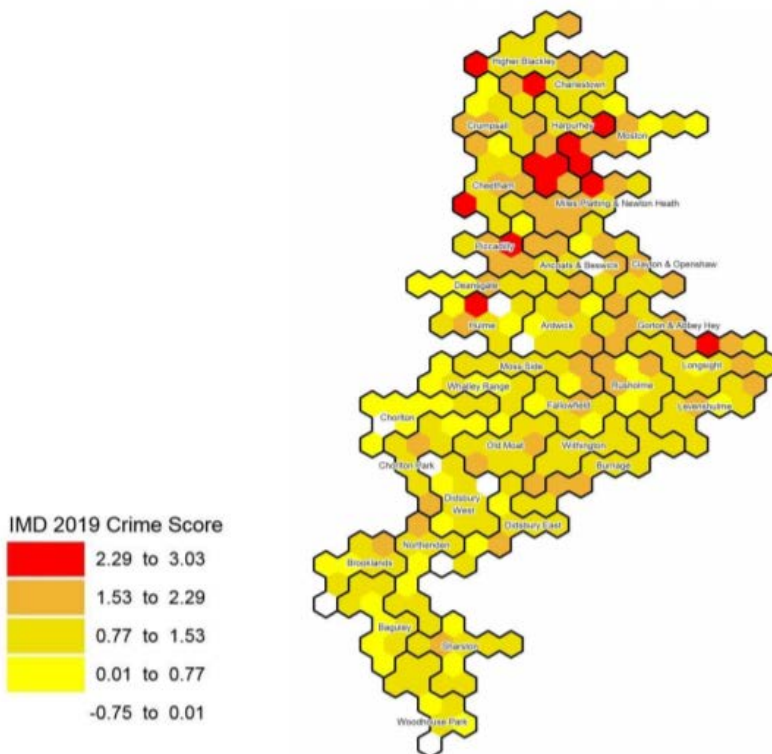
Though funding is not guaranteed beyond March 2021, we are making a long-term commitment to supporting children and young people impacted by anti-social behavior and violence and it is our expectation that there is ongoing investment.

We will also be increasing the number of wards and neighbourhoods we can support in a phased and progressive way.

Operational Priorities

In the latest Indices of Multiple Deprivation (2019), Manchester had the highest average rank for the Crime domain across local authorities in England and Wales There are strong correlations between areas that experience high levels of crime, and other factors, including income, employment, health and disability, and education, skills and training.

Current operational funding priorities are in those areas with the greatest need as per below (see also priority wards section below)



Current context of the Fund

According to GMP data, the main hotspots for youth-related ASB in each of the past three years have been in the north and east of the City and in the City Centre. Areas which have seen persistently high concentrations of ASB involving young people include the City Centre, Harpurhey, Newton Heath, Charlestown and Gorton and Abbey Hey.

Cheetham Hill has also been identified by GMP as a key area where there is concern with regard to young people being drawn into crime and exploitation and remains a priority for increased engagement with young people.

A Note on COVID-19

Please note, at the time of the release of these documents face-to-face delivery of youth work has some restrictions, all delivery of activity under this Fund should be compliant with local and national guidance. You can take a look at the latest guidance from the National Youth Agency here <https://nya.org.uk/reacting-to-covid-19-advice-to-youth-services/> and from other agencies including Young Manchester and Manchester City Council here <https://www.hub.youngmanchester.org/advice-and-guidance-for-workers>

Proposals should be based on current delivery possibilities – but also show how they could be adapted based on increased or decreased restrictions.



Key Information

Funding is available for projects and programmes for holistic place-based support of children and young people and contribute to strategic development of a city-wide approach to keeping children and young people safe in Manchester, as outlined under 'Purpose of the Fund'.

- Call for applications: 14th July 2020
- Closing date for applications: 31st July 2020

We welcome applications from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector working with children and young people. Organisations must be 'Manchester-connected', by which we mean they must be able to demonstrate at least two of the following criteria:

- Organisations that involve people who work or live in Manchester in their governance
- Organisations that are actively involved in Manchester networks and boards that involve other VCSE organisations
- Organisations that are involved in partnership working with other Manchester-based organisations

Funding is available for revenue - delivery of services and/or equipment.

Bids are invited in one stream with a maximum grant size of £50,000, though small grant applications are welcome. Applicants can apply to deliver more than one project.

We anticipate that projects will commence in August 2020 and that funding will be used by 31st March 2021.



Further information

Partnership working

Working in partnership and collaborating with multiple agencies in order to secure outcomes for children and young people is a core requirement of this fund. Manchester Community Safety Partnership, Manchester City Council and Young Manchester value partnership and collaborative approaches to tackling big challenges.

Engagement in city-wide work during the funding period will be a critical aspect of ensuring that this work is a success and further investment is secured.

All partners need to demonstrate:

- A commitment to supporting a coordinated, city-wide approach, with dedicated time to engage in meetings, workshops and events to further the aim of establishing a city-wide strategy for keeping children and young people safe
- That they will share on-going findings and learning with the wider network to inform on-going development of practice and strategy
- That they will work in partnership with key stakeholders, including the police, community safety and neighbourhood teams, safeguarding teams, schools, Early Help hubs and wider community and voluntary sector organisations

Grant beneficiaries

This funding is intended to support children and young people aged from 8-18 years old (up to 25 years old for those with additional needs).

Grant applications must state who their project will benefit. Applicants should explain whether their funding will support children and young people **from marginalised groups** who may have barriers in accessing services.

Priority wards

Across the whole of this programme of work and in the next two years we are keen to ensure that we have a geographical spread of projects across the city - while knowing that children and young people living in (or active in) certain wards are more at risk than others.


The current **scope of activity for this initial investment** is determined by the priority areas, identified by the strategic threat assessment and CSP priority areas. The first priority areas are

- Cheetham Hill
- Harpurhey/Moston
- Miles Platting/Newton Heath

Followed by

- Clayton and Openshaw
- Gorton and Abbey Hey
- Targetted areas of concern in Wythenshawe – please contact us to discuss

Further areas will follow as the programme builds.



Further information (cont.)

We will consider proposals that relate to other areas of Manchester – but before putting in the time to apply you should consider that we may not be able to support your proposal immediately. If your proposal is outside of the priority areas it is most likely to be successful if they are:

- Small grant sizes
- Enhance practice
- Can contribute to city-wide learning
- Involve the development of a partnership in a particular area

You should be able to show a clear and robust understanding of the context in which you are working.



What we will and won't fund

We want to see realistic bids and we understand that quality youth and play work costs money. This funding intended to provide a platform for long term investment in the sector and we want to ensure that funding is sufficient to allow for quality work to take place (e.g. that staff are well supervised, can attend training etc.)

The value for money that a project delivers will be assessed against its total contribution to the aim of the Fund. Bids will not be assessed against one another in pricing but they will be assessed for unreasonable costs.

If you submit a bid over the suggested funding guidelines **it will be considered** but your partnership should plan in advance for the eventuality that you are successful in your application but are requested to reduce your application in line with the suggested grant size.

We will fund

- Items directly relating to the cost of your activities or service enhancements
- Staff salaries, including delivery staff and/or management costs including the time for quality practice supervision
- Training and capacity building activities
- Food, equipment and resources directly related to the costs of running your activities and engaging children and young people
- PPE
- Transport costs
- Volunteer expenses
- DBS checks
- A proportion of your core costs, clearly related to the scale of activity delivered under this funding

All costs must be reasonable and it must be clear how all expenditure directly meets the needs of children and young people.

We won't fund

- Items not related to the cost of your activities
- Purchase of vehicles or property
- Building renovation/repair costs



Eligibility

To be eligible for funding your organisation must:

- Have a constitution
- Be a not-for-profit organisation – this includes voluntary, community and faith organisations, co-operatives and mutual societies, non-governmental organisations, education providers; organisations that are value driven and principally invest any surpluses to further social, environmental or cultural objectives
- Provide opportunities for children and young people/service users to be involved in the management and or decision-making processes in your organisation
- Demonstrate a commitment to equality and inclusion

You cannot apply if you are a private sector or “for profit” organisation.

How to Apply

You can apply for this funding by completing an application form and sending it to applications@youngmanchester.org.

- Please make sure you read the guidance notes carefully
- Please clearly title the application with your organisation’s name
- The deadline for applications is **31st July at 3pm** – applications received after this time will not be considered. There will be no exceptions given the tight turnaround.
- You will receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your application



Support with your application

For support in putting together a strong application, the following websites may be of use:

RECLAIM

<https://www.reclaim.org.uk/kcyps>

Manchester Community Safety Strategy -

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/downloads/download/6107/community_safety_strategy

Manchester Community Central

<https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/>

Directory of Social Change

<https://www.dsc.org.uk/>

The National Lottery Community Fund

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding>

Know How Non-Profit

<https://knowhownonprofit.org/funding>

How decisions will be made

All applications will be scored and ranked by a panel, comprising a mix of experienced individuals aligned to the objectives of the fund.

We are intending to fund a good mix of proposals across the priority areas and a range of activity types. This may mean that applications that score well are not funded – for example if there is already a lot of similar provision in the same area of the city. It may also mean that after receiving proposals we suggest partnerships, collaborations or adaptations



The process once decisions have been made

All applicants will be notified by email as to whether their application has been successful or not and we will provide written feedback, on request. There is no appeals process but we'll be happy to work with you regarding future applications to similar funds.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake due diligence activities – with specific focus on your Safeguarding policies and risk assessment .

We will send you a grant agreement with our terms and conditions for you to sign and return.

FUND TIMELINE	
Fund opens	14 th July 2020
Deadline for applications	31 st July– 3pm
Assessment panels and decisions communicated	w/c 3rd August
Completion of this phase of funding	31 st March 2021



Working with Young Manchester

Ongoing Relationship

Young Manchester is a catalyst for radical change for children and young people. We are 'more than a funder' and hold close partnering relationships with the organisations that we fund. This funding is looking to make long term change – we'll need to work together to achieve that .

If you receive this funding, we'll visit your projects, provide links to other organisations, offer training opportunities and facilitate networking through partner days and other opportunities .

Our Expectations of our Partners

- Be open, transparent and cooperative
- Complete monitoring and evaluation activities on time and to a professional standard
- Participate in training and learning opportunities, particularly connected to strategic leadership activity
- Be welcoming to quality assurance activity, including regular quality support visits from Young Manchester and its funders
- Join in and take an active and constructive part in regular network meetings relevant to the funding
- Assist in Young Manchester's engagement with Manchester's children and young people
- Comply with additional requests for information, including from external evaluators

Monitoring and Evaluation

We expect you to monitor your activities, including keeping accurate records of how many young people have attended the funded activity. Monitoring will be regular and include quantitative and qualitative components. You must be able collect sufficient information to enable you to report regularly on the work that you're doing, demonstrating the impact your grant funding has made.

Added Value

Over the period of the grant, we will work with you to put mechanisms in place to help you to develop ways to enhance your overall social, environmental and economic benefit. We want to work with you on areas like paying the Living Wage, and contributing to Manchester's commitment to tackling Climate Change.

Thank you for your application

We look forward to receiving your applications and working with you to offer outstanding opportunities for children and young people in the city. For any questions you may have about the fund, please contact Young Manchester on enquiries@youngmanchester.org or by phone on 0161 631 2881.

