



Youth and Play Fund 2020 – Questions and Clarifications

We have received the following questions and queries about the fund since it has been launched. We hope that the below is useful for applicants. Any other queries please do contact us enquiries@youngmanchester.org

General

There isn't guidance for question XXX. Is this missing?

We have [provided guidance on questions which we thought might need some extra clarification. If there isn't guidance on a question – just use the prompts on the form.

There isn't a word limit on question XXX?

Just answer clearly and concisely.

Can we include photographs in our application?

Please don't include any attachments or photographs. This causes problems with file size and preparing assessment packs for panels. If we need further information or clarification we will be in touch.

Eligibility

Is this funding GM wide? Can it be used for activity in Trafford or Salford?

The funding is for children and young people in Manchester only. The funding is NOT GM wide.

For Pot 3, Cultural Partnerships, you require the lead applicant to be a “youth or play sector organisation”. Can an arts organisation lead this bid?

No. This application should be led by a youth and play organisation – you can name an arts partner in your application if you wish.

Can national organisations apply?

Yes. But organisations must be 'Manchester-connected' – see prospectus for this eligibility.

Funding

Is the funding for two years?

Yes. The funding is for programmes and activity from 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2022.

What funding is ring fenced for my ward?

We have not ring fenced investment at ward level, but rather given guidance for the levels for each area. When assessing applications, we look at the quality of the proposal as well as basing decisions on need. There is a commissioning needs analysis available and we also suggest you look at data on the [Council Intelligence Hub](#).

Process and applications

Last time this funding was announced there was a two stage application process. Is it just a one-round application process this time?

Yes. There is one formal application stage. The Young Manchester team may be in touch following your application for clarification or negotiations around your proposal.

Can we apply to more than one pot?

Yes. There are four pots of funding. Groups can apply to EITHER pot 1 OR pot 2, plus they can also apply to pots 3 and 4.

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Yes. There are four pots of funding. Groups can apply as a Lead Partner to EITHER pot 1 OR pot 2, plus they can also apply to pots 3 and 4. Groups can partner on any number of other applications.

Can you extend the deadline?

No. We want this work to be operational from 1st April 2020 so there is no flexibility on the submission deadline. However, we may work with you to adapt and negotiate on the application you submit.

Partnerships

Can we partner or collaborate with schools?

We welcome applications that engage schools, especially as referral routes. It is important when you consider your proposal though, that this funding is for **Youth and Play** and should not replace any statutory funding.

Can you tell us who to partner with?

We are happy to let people know that you want to make contact and to introduce organisations or individuals. However, we would not seek to mandate who you work with. We believe that partners are best placed to shape their own partnerships, in the interests of their communities and children and young people.

Budgets

We are applying for both Pot 2 and Pot 3; can we include staffing costs in Pot 2 to cover some of the staffing cost in Pot 3?

Pot 2 funding should be able to provide the core/foundation costs to be able to run your youth and play activities.

Pot 3 is a discrete pot with a specific purpose re: arts and culture. It is envisaged that pot three applications will reflect part time capacity.

Pot 3 delivery could enhance a Pot 2 application - but receiving one would not guarantee the other, therefore separate budgets should be prepared for each pot and should be sufficient to deliver proposed activities.

Are we required to provide a breakdown to show all the unit costs?

We do not require a unit cost expressed per child/young person or session. What we need from you is how you have calculated the overall project budget, with as much detail as you are able to provide.

We want to see how your activities represent reasonable value for money - and while we check for unreasonable costs we do not compare unit costs between applications.

As pot one/two funding is intended as core/foundation funding for youth and play activity we would recommend that you are realistic about your costs, factoring in costs for partnering activities, monitoring and evaluation, management etc.

Is there a maximum percentage of core costs that can be requested?

No. We don't have a set percentage limit on core costs. However it is important that costs are clearly detailed. We need to understand how you have calculated the overall proposal budget, with as much detail as you are able to provide – please don't include a set percentage. We want to see how your activities represent reasonable value for money - and while we check for unreasonable costs we do not compare unit costs between

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