

Community Development Grants



April 2023 - March 2024



WCHG Community Development Grants

- 56 applications received
- 34 applications successful
- £81,673 applied for
- £51,057 grants given





Grants Panel

- 7 tenants are currently members who have been trained to scrutinise grant applications received from community voluntary organisations
- Made up of committed tenants who are keen to support the development of local community and voluntary organisations.
- Working together to ensure that Wythenshawe has a great offer for people to access quality community activities.
- Scoring against key criteria to ensure that projects benefit the local community and are not for profit groups.
- Ensuring that WCHG funding is given to projects that benefit the Wythenshawe community and it's people, making a difference.





Some of the Groups Supported

- Wythenshawe Safety Patrol – Food Poverty Initiative – free hot food offer to those who are struggling
- Directions for Men – Men’s Mental Health Project – cultural trip to develop social skills and reduce anxiety
- Monday Morning Group – Social group reducing isolation – purchasing craft resources and social cultural trip
- Jimmy Egan Boxing Club – support with refurb to the gym
- Black Belt Academy – support with refurb to new premises due to being relocated
- Together One CiC – Cinema Equipment to enable local people to access cultural films

Groups Stories

Sarelles : We were grateful for the grant to support their new dresses and accessories in. 75 dancers received new costume for competitions. The Troupe do a lot of fundraising ourselves and we are so grateful to WCHG for their wonderful grant. We are run purely by volunteers and we have a great team spirit, we call ourselves a family. Some of our families are low income and struggling with the cost of living so to be able to offer competition costume for free is something with always endeavour to do. This enables the dancers to take part and not worry about how they are going to pay for it. All together with our support they managed to raise a whopping £9,000 on top of the WCHG grant we were able to get the dresses we so longed for and looked amazing on that dance floor. Thank You !!!



Groups Stories

St John's Catholic Club

The club based on Honford Road received a grant to serve Christmas Dinners to those who were lonely and isolated on Christmas Day. All people involved gave their time voluntarily to support this great initiative with 10 volunteers on the day. Our youngest Volunteer was Harry who was 12 years old he has volunteered his Christmas day for the last 3 years. Thank you Harry. Tables were set and all attending in person were able to have a free drink with their meal. We also arranged for door to door service for those who were housebound and couldn't come in person. Every request was catered for and even those last minute on the day asks over 95 dinners were given out.

Quote: today was a godsend, I had somewhere to go on Christmas Day which I would have otherwise spent alone.

Quote: being homeless, today is a good day, lovely company, kind people and a warm place with amazing food thank you!



Groups Stories

Focus and Fly

We were funded to offer a confidence building course at the local Dandelion Centre in Woodhouse Park. 8 local women took part in an 8 week photography and media course to encourage discussion, build their self esteem and connect with each other. Friendship circles were formed from the group of the ladies taking part created some amazing images that will be on display in the Dandelion. They increased their confidence and self-esteem, fostering a sense of belonging and creating stronger community bonds.





Criteria

- **Funding criteria and who can apply:**
- Groups representing residents and people working in the area may apply. Applicants must show that their proposal will benefit residents of Wythenshawe.
- Agencies/Groups working in Wythenshawe may also apply if:
 - The grant is in addition to any funding that the agency would normally be expected to provide
 - The agency/group 'matches' pound for pound any grant made for the lifetime of the funding
- Applications from groups and people who live or work outside Wythenshawe are accepted, provided they can show that their proposal benefits a large proportion of residents within the area. E.g. a community group whose work overlaps the Wythenshawe area could apply even if some of the funding benefits people who only live in an area adjacent. However, the grant awarded may be reduced in line with the percentage of Wythenshawe residents benefitting.
- Applications for funding from groups or agencies must show that they are inclusive and comply with equal opportunities principles. They will need to have an open membership and not discriminate in any way. For example, a project that is aimed at disabled children should be available to all disabled children in Wythenshawe.
- Applications need to provide evidence that they meet relevant health and safety legislation and any other relevant legal requirements: such as Food Hygiene, Health & Safety Training. They are also required to have insurance and suitably qualified people to undertake a particular activity, or that a group working with vulnerable people have done DBS checks on it's volunteers and staff. They will also have risk assessments in place and a nominated Safeguarding Officer and First Aider. It will not be the responsibility of WCHG or the panel to confirm that they have met these requirements. If these are not provided grants may be delayed or declined.
- Groups may apply for more than one grant in a year (12-month period, not restricted to financial year). If there is evidence that they have made good use of the grant they have been given, they will be eligible to receive another grant in the same year, however, priority will be given to new grant applicants. Groups can apply more than once, however any allocated grant cannot exceed the limit of £2,500 in any 12-month period.

- Any new group which does not have a bank account can apply for funding to be paid into an existing groups/voluntary organisations (not an individuals) bank account on the understanding that this arrangement is only applicable for their first grant application. Any further applications they will have a constitution/set of rules, committee and also an established bank account in the name of the group applying for the funds.
- Applications for room hire or rent are limited to a maximum of 26 weeks for existing groups but the panel would consider paying up to 52 weeks for a newly established group.
- All groups are allowed to apply for two trips/social events (such as Christmas party) per calendar year. However, a second application will only be considered if the group can demonstrate match funding of at least £5 per head for all attendees.
- The panel will only consider an application from a Sport or Dance Group costume/kit every 2 years. They can however apply for other project related funding in any 12 month period.
- The panel will not take into account volunteers time as match funding. 'In Kind support' will only be accepted as 'match funding' if the applicant can show this incurs an actual cost.
- Groups who have previously received funding will be expected to show a level of match funding. If match funding cannot be demonstrated it may impact on the total allocation given.
- The Grants Scheme will not fund wages for staff members of the group who will be applying. Expenses will also not be funded for staff or volunteers belonging to the group. However, groups can apply for fees and expenses of 3rd parties whose input may be crucial to the success of the project. i.e. guest speakers
- Large, 'non-voluntary' organisations with headquarters based outside of Wythenshawe must demonstrate match funding 'pound for pound' basis in order to apply to the scheme.
- Funding must not be applied for continuation funding, projects must not apply annually for the same costs.

What we will not fund:

- Individuals
- Profit Making Organisations
- Projects which promote political or religious activities
- Projects that are the responsibility of statutory organisations such as Greater Manchester Police or Manchester City Council
- Salaries
- Alcohol
- Events without the building/land owner's permission
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Questions?
