



Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit: Community-led Approaches Programme

**Allocation: £100,000
Period: 2022-2023**

Expression of Interest Guidelines Bury

Background

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) have commissioned 10GM to deliver a programme of work around community-led approaches. 10GM is a joint venture to support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in six of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

The key focus of the programme is ensuring that young people and stakeholders in a place come together, focussing on a strength based approach in the pilot sites to identify what's going on, what's not happening and to develop ideas from within the community to develop projects and activities.

The programme is co-ordinated by a VCSE Sector Strategic Lead who will be working with Public Sector and VCSE sector partners to deliver the programme. The VCSE Sector Strategic Lead will be responsible for maximising the contribution of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in leading a series of place-based responses to violence affecting young people in those areas most in need of help and in achieving better outcomes for residents in those communities.

This programme is about working with communities to find solutions to problems that exist in their area. Investment is important and there is funding available to develop and deliver solutions that communities define and decide. The key priority is about building trust with communities and acting upon their challenges and ideas.

You can find out more information about the strategy behind this programme through the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#) .

Fund Opens	Wednesday 11th May 2022
EOI (Stage One) Deadline	11.59pm – Sunday 5 th June 2022
How to apply	Stage One Expression of Interest Alliance Application Form
Notification of Stage One applications	Friday 24 th June 2022
Stage Two deadline	11.59pm Sunday 10 th July 2022
Notification Date	Monday 18 th July 2022

Community-led Approaches Engagement and Activity

Community engagement has been taking place since August 2021. The Community Lead has been consulting with the community and also public sector services supporting the communities of the Moorside and East wards in Bury East.

During the community engagement the aims were to understand the strengths and issues that exist and what might be done to improve the situation.

These sessions were a mixture of face to face, online meetings both with individual, groups and youth engagement sessions.

The sessions considered:

- Current community assets / What's good?
- What's not working?
- What's needed and ideas for change

Expressions of interest are invited from organisations with strong connections within this community to work as part of a community alliance to develop the key areas identified by this co-design process.

Fund Outcomes

The outcomes we want to see for young people living in Moorside and East in Bury East as result of this funding include:

- Improved aspirations.
- Improved access to activities and opportunities.
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing.
- Improved relationships between young people and their parents/carers.
- Improved sense of pride, respect and belonging in their community

Alliance expressions of interest will bring together an alliance of voluntary, community & social enterprise organisations who can offer the following interventions in Moorside and East in Bury East:

1. Mentoring programmes providing positive role models for young people and families at risk or vulnerable to serious youth violence and criminal exploitation.
2. Youth work activities that can show how they will reach and cater for the different communities that exist in Moorside and East
3. Schools based Interventions to support those at risk of exclusion
4. Community sports based interventions.

Age Range: delivery proposals need to prioritise young people aged 10-25 years.

Geographical area: all work must be delivered within the wards of Moorside and East in the East Bury area.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications from organisations that offer creative solutions to identifying suitable partnerships/venues in the areas mentioned above and community assets (including outdoor spaces).

Alliance expressions of interest applications must be able to show how their work supports wider neighbourhood integration and longer-term sustainability working alongside core neighbourhood stakeholders.

Successful applicants will be expected to work in partnership with other VCSE organisations to deliver the project. The funded project must complement existing relevant programmes and partnership work in the Bury East area.

Background information

Organisations from the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector are invited to submit an expression of interest in being involved in the community-led alliance project by completing the expression of interest form accompanying this information pack. The applicants to the alliance need show how they have strong connections with the community of Moorside and East.

Funding: The total funding allocation for the full project is up to £100,000. Costs may include overheads, delivery and some capital costs. If you are applying for capital costs, you must demonstrate that capital funding will directly enable you to achieve the fund's priorities.

What is a partnership?

In this context, funding is available for a collaboration of **two** or more VCSE sector organisations to form an alliance and work in partnership in order to achieve shared goals and outcomes. We welcome and encourage partnership working with schools, youth services and existing relevant partnerships and projects. However please be aware that **eligible funding** within the costings section of your application is for VCSE organisations only.

Successful alliance applicants from Stage One will work with other organisations to develop a partnership project to meet the outcomes of the fund. Whilst there is no essential requirement for a formal partnership agreement, the partnership members will be required to agree and sign up to a Memorandum of Understanding, outlining how each organisation would deliver its activity to achieve the collective goal.

Expectations

The Partnership:

- The total number of members is at the discretion of the partnership itself.
- The partnership in this case will be two or more organisations who agree to work together to co-design and deliver a set of agreed outcomes.
- The alliance members will work together as part of a steering group to all agree terms and conditions of the partnership directly with Bolton CVS.
- Payments will be made directly to each individual partnership member, once all required information has been provided and agreed.
- The partnership members will be responsible for reporting on delivery and budget milestones.
- The partnership will be required to provide a written report on progress twice yearly.

Eligibility

All applicants need to meet our [minimum requirements for applicants](#).

All alliance members:

- Will be expected to have an income of over £50k in the last year and full accounts for a minimum of three years. However, if there has been a decrease in income generated due to Covid-19, please discuss this with Michael Phipps, Bolton CVS.
- Be based and/or provide benefit to people living in Moorside or East wards of East Bury.

All alliance members must also be either:

- A constituted voluntary or community group
- A registered charity
- Another type of constituted not for profit organisation.

Members must:

- Have a proven track record delivering work in the area stated which promotes community development.
- Be up to date with the monitoring returns for any grants managed through Bury VCFA.

- Have a charitable-type dissolution clause or an asset lock.
- If your costings include payments to a trustee or committee member, your governing document must allow this and you must have appropriate procedures in place to manage any potential conflict of interest.
- We expect you to have appropriate insurance for your groups' activities.
- Any sports coaches (volunteer or paid) must hold a suitably recognised coaching qualification.
- If you are working with children or young people and/or vulnerable adults, your group or organisation needs to have a named committee member or trustee responsible for safeguarding. Your Safeguarding Policy must outline clear steps to take in the event of an incident or disclosure, including who to inform and how to contact them.
- You must have safeguarding training for all staff and volunteers, who have face-to-face contact with children and young people or vulnerable adults.
- We welcome organisations who pay and/or are accredited Living Wage employers (for more information see: livingwage.org.uk).

Social Value

The application form will ask you about the wider social value of your project. We're asking this because we want to make sure we promote the **full value** of the voluntary sector's work in Moorside and East and beyond.

What is Social Value? Social value is about the wider benefits your project could bring. This could be to the environment, our local economy as well as promoting inclusion, empowerment and happiness. For example:

- If your project involves local volunteers, it could bring new skills and expertise to Moorside and East.
- If your project builds in environmental benefits by reducing car use, reducing, re-using or recycling materials. Or, by encouraging people to understand, enjoy and protect our wildlife, local nature reserves and green spaces.
- You could decide to purchase materials for your project from an independent retailer in Bury, resulting in increasing the amount of money circulating within the borough.

- Your project could require a new paid post. If you employed a Bury resident, the resulting social value would be that you have contributed to the local economy.
- Your project could be working in partnership with a local business to harness additional skills and resources for the benefit of our community.

What happens once we have received your application

Once we have received your application we will complete initial checks to ensure:

- That you meet our minimum standards for eligibility.
- Your application is eligible to apply for the fund.
- That you have completed all outstanding monitoring for any other applications you have that are managed by Bury VCFA
- That you have answered all the questions.

If your application meets the stage one requirements you will be invited to work with the other alliance applicants to put together a partnership proposal and submit a stage two application.

At this stage you will be required to submit a fully costed delivery plan and milestones.

Further information

For an informal discussion about this opportunity, please contact; Michael Phipps Michael@boltoncvs.org.uk 07922423600

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