



Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit: Community-led Approaches Programme

Allocation: £100,000

Period: 2020-2021

Expression of Interest Guidelines

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 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 18 th November 2020
EOI (stage one) Deadline	5.00pm Friday 18 th December 2020
How to apply	For the application form go to: Bolton CVS Grants and Investments
Notification of stage one applications	Week commencing 25th January 2021
Stage 2 deadline	Week commencing 8th February 2021
Start Date	Successful applicants must be prepared to start delivery immediately (beginning of March 2021) with any work in schools completed by the end of July 2021.

Community-led Approaches Engagement and Activity

Community engagement has been taking place since July 2020. The community lead has been consulting with the community and also public sector services supporting the area of New Bury.

A community co design session took place on the 02/09/2020 at the learning centre in New Bury in Bolton. Representatives from the local authority, community groups and residents met to discuss what the strengths and issues were in New Bury, and what might be done to improve the situation.

The session considered

- 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 with this community to form an Alliance to work together to develop the key areas identified by this co design process.

Fund Priorities

Expressions of interest should bring together an alliance of organisations/community groups who can offer the following interventions in New Bury:

1. Projects that engage and support both young people and their parents/carers/families, holistically, connecting with additional support where necessary.
2. Youth Work - open access, targeted and detached. The targeted work should support young people who are at risk or vulnerable to serious youth violence or criminal exploitation.
3. Community sports based interventions.
4. Activities offering mentoring / positive role models.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications which offer creative solutions to identifying suitable venues in New Bury using community assets including outdoor spaces.

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

Geographical area: all work must be delivered within the New Bury area.

Fund Outcomes

The outcomes we want to see for young people living in New Bury as a result of this funding include

- Improved access to activities and opportunities
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing
- Improved relationships between young people and their parents/carers
- Improved work readiness
- Improved sense of belonging and community

Background information

One organisation is invited to take the lead role in submitting an expression of interest on behalf of a voluntary, community, social enterprise sector (VCSE) alliance by completing the application form accompanying this information pack. The lead organisation needs to have strong connections with the community in New Bury, Bolton.

Funding: The funding allocation is for the successful alliance and will be 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.

Start and end time: Successful applicants will be expected to start work immediately (beginning of March 2021) with any school work completed by the end of July 2021.

What is an alliance?

In this context, the alliance will be a collaboration of 2 or more VCSE sector organisations working together in order to achieve shared goals and outcomes. The alliance will be defined and organised by VCSE sector organisations. Whilst there is no essential requirement for a formal partnership agreement, the alliance 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.

All alliance members must be a VCSE sector organisation.

Can we be a member of more than one Alliance? Yes, you may include your organisation's name on more than one alliance bid.

Expectations

The Lead Organisation:

- The application must be submitted by one organisation on behalf of the alliance.
- The role of the applicant organisation will be to submit the application and to be the main point of contact for monitoring and reporting.

The Alliance:

- The total number of alliance members is at the discretion of the alliance itself.
- The alliance in this case will be 2 or more organisations who agree to work together to co-design and deliver a set of agreed outcomes.
- If successful, the alliance members will all agree terms and conditions directly with Bolton CVS.
- Payments will be made directly to each individual alliance member, once all required information has been provided and agreed.
- The alliance lead will be responsible for reporting on delivery and budget milestones.
- The alliance will be required to provide a written report on progress twice yearly.

Eligibility

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

To apply for this opportunity, the **'applicant'** organisation, **on behalf of the alliance:**

- Will be expected to demonstrate that it has experience of leading a partnership or alliance.
- Will be expected to have an income of over £50k in the last year and full accounts for a minimum of 3 years.

All alliance members must:

- Be based and/or provide benefit to people living in New Bury, Bolton.

All alliance members must also be either:

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

Alliance members must:

- Have a proven track record delivering work in New Bury which promotes community development.
- Be up to date with the monitoring returns for any grants managed through Bolton CVS.
- 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 be registered with Bolton Council's **Register of Sports Coaches** or another suitably recognised body.
- 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 Bolton 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 Bolton.
- 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 Bolton, resulting in increasing the amount of money circulating within Bolton.
- Your project could require a new paid post. If you employed a Bolton 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 Bolton CVS.
- That you have answered all the questions.

If your application meets the stage one requirements you will be invited to 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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