



Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit: Community-led Approaches Programme

Rochdale – Darnhill

Allocation: £100,000

Period: 2024 - 2025

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 by local voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector infrastructure organisations in Greater Manchester: Bolton CVS, Salford CVS, Macc and Action Together.

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	25.03.2024
EOI (Stage One) Deadline	28.04.2024
How to apply	Stage One Expression of Interest Alliance Application Form
Notification of Stage One applications	
Stage Two deadline	
Notification Date	

Community-led Approaches Engagement and Activity

Community engagement has been taking place since July 2023. The community lead has been consulting with the community and public sector services supporting the Darnhill community.

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 individuals and groups, and youth engagement sessions.

The sessions 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 Outcomes

The outcomes we want to see for young people living in Darnhill 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

Expressions of interest should bring together a partnership of voluntary, community & social enterprise organisations who can offer the following interventions in Darnhill.

1. A catalogue of sports, wellbeing, and creative arts activities for young people to explore outside of a formal learning setting.
2. A mentoring programme or community wide project that encourages community cohesion and helps to provide positive role models for young people and families that are at risk or vulnerable to serious youth violence and criminal exploitation.
3. Programmes that support and empower young people in the Darnhill area that are at risk of exclusion to explore their education and employment aspirations.
4. Work with parents: Projects that engage and support children and parents/carers/families, holistically, connecting with additional support where necessary.
5. Projects that seek to work with underused community spaces and give power to residents to shape the activities they want to see.

Age Range: delivery proposals need to prioritise young people aged 8 - 25 years.

Geographical area: all work must be delivered within the area of Darnhill, Heywood.

We are particularly interested in receiving applications which offer creative solutions to identifying suitable partnerships/venues in the area mentioned above and community assets including outdoor spaces.

Applications must be able to evidence how this work supports wider neighbourhood integration and longer-term sustainability working alongside core neighbourhood stakeholders.

We encourage applications that are in line with the above priorities but look to work with specific demographics within the Darnhill community as part of a more focussed programme within the larger body of work.

Background information

Partnerships of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations are invited to submit an expression of interest by completing the application form accompanying this information pack. The members of the partnership need to have strong connection with the community of Darnhill.

Funding: The funding allocation is for the successful partnership 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.

What is a partnership?

In this context, funding is available for a collaboration of two or more VCSE sector organisations working together in order to achieve shared goals and outcomes. We welcome and encourage partnership working with schools, youth services and all members of the District Youth Partnership. However please be aware that **eligible funding** within the costings section of your application is for VCSE organisations only.

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.

Can we be a member of more than one Partnership? Yes, your organisation's name may be included in more than one expression of interest.

Expectations

The Lead Organisation:

- The application must be submitted by one organisation on behalf of the partnership.
- 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 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.
- If successful, the alliance members will all agree terms and conditions 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 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 partnership**

- Will be expected to demonstrate that it has experience of leading a partnership.

- 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.

All partnership members must:

- Be based and/or provide benefit to people living in Darnhill.

All partnership 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 Action Together.
- 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 Darnhill 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 Darnhill.
- 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 Darnhill and surrounding area, resulting in increasing the amount of money circulating within local area.
- Your project could require a new paid post. If you employed a Darnhill 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 Action Together
- 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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