

The CDL Fund is NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS.

We are delighted to announce that the latest round of the CDL Fund, in partnership with Forever Manchester, is now open for applications from grassroots community groups in the borough of Stockport.

The CDL Fund is offering awards of up to **£1,000**.

Cheshire Datasystems Limited (CDL) is a leading insurance software house based in Stockport. As part of their commitment to corporate social responsibility, they work with Forever Manchester to deliver support to grassroots community groups.

We will close for applications at **midday on Thursday 6th March 2025**.

Fund criteria

The CDL Fund welcomes applications from grassroots community groups based in the borough of Stockport.

The Fund aims to support the activities of local community or voluntary groups and projects that contribute positively to the quality of life, general community wellbeing and improved health of people which address any or all of the priorities listed below:

- Digital inclusion
- Older people
- Children and young people
- Stronger communities
- Environment

- General Community Health and Wellbeing Projects (**please note: the fund is not accepting applications from sports clubs and groups at this time**)

Who can apply?

The CDL Fund aims to encourage and support grassroots community organisations. This means small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage people to get involved as volunteers and who just need a bit of financial help to be able to work with their community in the way they'd like.

Applicants must be based in the borough of Stockport and have an annual income of less than **£150,000**.

Funding is primarily awarded to groups based in the borough of Stockport although applications from adjoining neighbourhoods in Denton and Hyde in Tameside and Wythenshawe, Didsbury, Withington and Fallowfield in Manchester will also be considered.

How much can you apply for?

The maximum award request that will be considered is **£1,000**.

What can you apply for?

Local groups understand how they can best work in their communities, so we don't want to limit the type of request you can make. You just need to let us know what you want to do and what positive things your activity will provide for people in your community.

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Is there anything you can't apply for?

Unfortunately, there are a few things that can't be funded, such as activities that have already taken place or been paid for, contributions to major appeals, activities promoting political or religious beliefs and activity which should be provided by statutory services.

If you're not sure if we could consider your application for funding, please contact a member of the Forever Manchester Communities Team, email awards@forevermanchester.com and we'll be happy to help.

Supporting Documents

For help and guidance on your groups supporting documents and to see what we require to be submitted alongside your application, please refer to our guidance which you can find here: [For Supporting Information](#)

Please note that this information forms part of the Fund guidance and should be read in full before you start the application form.

Deadline for Applications

We will close for applications at **midday on Thursday 6th March 2025**. Any applications received after this time will not be considered.

How long will a decision take?

For this round of the CDL Fund, we aim to let you know the outcome of your application by **mid-April 2025**. Please do not plan to start any activity until after you hear if your application has been successful.

If you have any questions or have trouble filling this in, please contact us at awards@forevermanchester.com or phone **0161 214 0940**.

About CDL

Stockport-based CDL has established its position as a market leader in the highly competitive retail insurance sector by consistently creating powerful software solutions that deliver competitive and innovative advantage to our customers. As a software house, their business is based on innovation and the creativity and teamwork involved in creating cutting-edge technology solutions for big brands.

CDL commitment to their local community

Sustainability. Partnership. Integrity. Professional excellence. These values lie at the heart of how CDL does business. We embed these principles in all our relationships, working in partnership with our clients, suppliers, people and communities to promote long-term sustainable business.

Our goal is to make a positive impact on the communities in which we live, work and do business. We actively seek out opportunities to achieve this, working closely with local organisations to strengthen our environmental and community investment policies.

We have an active community investment programme, and run the CDL Fund through our partnership with Forever Manchester.

The CDL Fund awards grants to a range of community projects, in particular addressing the concerns of digital inclusion, education, employability, arts and culture and disadvantaged groups in society.

