

# **The NextGen Fund: Opportunities for Greater Manchester's Youth**

## **Fund criteria**

**The NextGen Fund** welcomes applications from grassroots community organisations based in any of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester. The Fund will focus on projects aiming to improve social mobility through the provision of education, skills development and opportunities for young people.

By young people, we mean those between the ages of 11 and 25.

## **Who can apply?**

**The NextGen 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 one of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester and have an annual income of less than £50,000.

## **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 those in your community in the context of the above criteria.

The following are just some examples of the type of project the Fund may support:

- Ongoing activities which help develop communication, teamwork and other life/work skills in young people, e.g. this could be sports, dance or other weekly activities (not short-term/time-limited activity) but which focus on developing skills that are valuable outside of the core activity

- Sessions aimed at helping young people in your community to develop interview or other skills to help them gain work or promotion
- Coaching and mentoring for young people in work who are looking to change careers/improve employment opportunities
- New, innovative initiatives that attempt to aid the above criteria in some way

### **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](mailto: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.

If you have any questions or have trouble completing your application, please contact us at [awards@forevermanchester.com](mailto:awards@forevermanchester.com) or phone **0161 214 0940**.

Our [Frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) provide further information about our funding programmes, who can apply and the application process.

### **NextGen Fund: Opportunities for Manchester's Youth**

The Fund has been established to reflect an individual donor's goal to address inequality of opportunity in young people. The fund aims to enable grassroots projects across Greater Manchester to provide young people either with the skills and education necessary, or direct access to opportunities that accelerate social mobility.

