

We are delighted to announce that the Stagecoach Greater Manchester Fund in partnership with Forever Manchester is now open for applications from Community Groups in Greater Manchester.

The Stagecoach Greater Manchester Fund is offering awards of up to **£2,500**.

Fund criteria

The Stagecoach Greater Manchester Fund welcomes applications from grassroots community groups based in any of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester.

Who can apply?

The Stagecoach Greater Manchester 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 have an annual income of less than **£150,000**.

How much can you apply for?

The maximum award request that will be considered is **£2,500**.

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.

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

Please see the main webpage for this fund's deadline.

If you have any questions or have trouble completing your application, please contact us at 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.

About Stagecoach

Stagecoach Manchester is the leading bus operator in the region, connecting communities, supporting economic growth and working to protect the environment; proud to serve communities throughout Greater Manchester.

Their impact is about far more than transport – supporting the economy, helping to cut congestion on roads, protecting the environment and air quality, boosting safety on roads, and contributing to a healthier nation.

Stagecoach and **Forever Manchester** recognise that great things happen in and around Greater Manchester on a daily basis and we want to shout about it! The idea

behind the Stagecoach Greater Manchester Fund is to provide a positive, friendly and accessible approach to gaining much needed financial support for your group.

