

Greater Manchester Victims Capacity and Capability Fund

FAQ's

1. What fund is available?

The GM Victims Capacity and Capability Fund is open to the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector only. The grant is designed for victims' service organisations that are based in and deliver services within Greater Manchester who provide a key role such as support workers to support victims to cope and recover, whether a crime has been reported or not.

2. How much can I apply for?

The maximum amount of funding available is £5,000 per organisation.

3. When will the fund have to be spent?

Successful applicants will receive a one-off payment which will have to be spent within 6-12 months following receipt of the grant.

4. What is the deadline for applying for funding?

The application process will close at 4pm on 6th January 2025.

5. How do I register to attend the online Market Engagement Event taking place on 27th November 2024?

Register your attendance by emailing lucy.phelan@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk and you will be sent a meeting link.

5. When will I know if my application has been successful?

Successful applications will be notified via email w/c 10th February 2025.

6. Can I apply for this fund if my organisation is not based in Greater Manchester?

No, your organisation must be Greater Manchester based delivering victim services to Greater Manchester residents. Greater Manchester

covers the council areas of Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan.

7. Can Community Interest Companies and social enterprises apply?

Yes, they can.

8. What are the funding exclusions?

Funding exclusions apply to capital proposals, such as building or construction work, with the exception of small proposals, at the Commissioner's discretion, statutory organisations such as local authorities, hospitals, schools and colleges, unless they are supporting the application of, or applying on behalf of, another organisation or group of people, commercial enterprises, activities where the primary aim is to promote religious or political beliefs or medical research and equipment.

9. What should I include in our proposal costs?

Your proposal costs must include all costs that your proposal will incur. This allows us to ensure that the total proposal cost is realistic and fits within our criteria as being eligible.

10. Can our application cover the fees of a consultant or bid writer?

No. Any fees associated with writing the application are ineligible.

11. If successful, what type of grant monitoring will be undertaken?

Funding has to be spent within 6-12 months following grant receipt. A review process will take place in August 2025. The review is not designed to be lengthy and burdensome and will consist of organisations presenting invoices and receipts as proof that funding has been spent in line with the grant agreement and priority funding themes.

12. If successful, when can I expect to receive the funds?

To ensure prompt release of funds, we require organisations to provide their bank details on application and review the Grant Fund Agreement. Once notified of successful application, we will expect the organisation to sign and return a Grant Funding Agreement within 7 days to allow for the funds to be released.

13. I don't think my proposal is eligible, but should I apply anyway?

No, if your proposal doesn't meet the funding criteria it will not meet the minimum score and will not be considered by the decision-making panel.

14. What happens after I submit my application form / How are decisions made about which applications are successful?

After the deadline closes, the evaluation panel will review applications based on the allocation criteria and scoring matrix. They will eliminate any that fall below the minimum score. Applications that meet the minimum score will be passed to the Head of Service for selection and recommendations will be made to the Deputy Mayor. The Deputy Mayor's decision is final. All applicants will be notified by email of the final decision w/c 10th February 2025.

15. Do you have an appeals process?

No. The Deputy Mayor's decision is final. You are however welcome to apply again when the funds re-open.