

Inclusion & Wellbeing Partnership Fund – Micro Grants Information Pack

(Launch 17 November 2025)

GM=EqAl, as part of the Live Well Community Fund wants to put trust and decision-making where they belong: in communities. These micro grants are part of our wider pilot, supporting people across Greater Manchester to connect, create and care for one another.

This fund is designed for **geographically dispersed and intersectional groups**, especially those whose voices are often missed by locality-based funding. These are communities whose characteristics may include one or more of the following:

- Not concentrated in any particular area or spread across multiple boroughs
- Not always visible at a local level, but a significant population across Greater Manchester
- May have specific needs or experiences, requiring tailored approaches to engagement, service design, and representation

Micro-grants offer **up to £1,000** for small-scale, community-led activities that bring people together and support wellbeing.

Working towards what **Live Well** needs to be, we are keen to build in equity and equality across Greater Manchester. We want **all our communities** to Live Well, so we are asking all projects that we fund to answer the question ‘**How do we Live Well together?**’.

The fund is open for four weeks on a **rolling basis** from **17 November to 15 December 2025**. Eligible groups will be considered as applications arrive.

Who Can Apply

We welcome applications from:

- Based in Greater Manchester
- A registered charity, social enterprise, co-op, or unincorporated voluntary/community organisation with an appropriate constitution
- Small with a turnover under £100,000 in the last financial year
- Groups led by people with lived experience of inequality, including racially marginalised, LGBTQ+, disabled, neurodivergent, migrant, and faith communities.
- Project proposals working across **wellbeing, health and bringing communities together**. See below for some examples of the type of activities we can fund.
- Willing to share their story with the wider GM=EqAL and Live Well network, with our support (for example via social media, events, or a free publication)

Applicants should be able to deliver activities between **December 2025 and March 2026** that bring people together to connect, create, and improve wellbeing.

We Can Fund	Examples
Small events and gatherings	Cultural celebrations, coffee mornings, shared meals, Days Out
Short projects	Creative or wellbeing sessions (online or in person), peer groups, Community reporting and listening projects
Community resources	Short video/s, podcasts, guidance (e.g. 'How to work with our group' leaflet)
Access and inclusion costs	Interpreters, childcare, transport support

We Cannot Fund	Examples
Proposals that generate profits or private gain	Activities that are already funded
Political or partisan activities	Activities that benefit individuals, rather than the wider community
Ongoing core costs	Loan repayments
Contributions, donations or appeals	Projects that have already started

How to Apply and Decision Process

- Complete the short application form (available online or as a Word document) or submit your project idea via video or audio recording (5 minutes maximum) uploaded to YouTube (private link) or shared via WhatsApp. *We will still need the personal and organisational information provided separately (via online form or in the Word form).*
Please note: any video or audio recording over 5 minutes will not be accepted
- Applications will be **reviewed on a rolling basis** as they are received until **15 December 2025**.
- A panel made up of GM=EqAl members with lived experience and representatives from equality-led organisations will review applications each week.
- All applicants will receive feedback to strengthen their ideas, even if unsuccessful.

Timeline

Stage	Date	Description
Fund Launch	17 November 2025	Applications open on rolling basis
Weekly Reviews & Decisions	21 Nov – 19 Dec 2025	Panel reviews applications as they arrive
Project Delivery Period	Dec 2025 – Mar 2026	Funded projects delivered and documented
Reflection & Learning	Feb – Mar 2026	Partners and participants share insight and feedback

Monitoring and Learning

Reporting is light-touch and flexible — a short reflection form or voice note about what worked, who took part, and what difference it made. Your feedback will help us understand how inclusive funding can work better for dispersed and intersectional communities in future rounds.

This is a **pilot fund** — learning from your experience will help shape future funding for Live Well in Greater Manchester.

Support and Access

We want everyone to be able to apply.

If you need help to complete the form or to share your idea, contact us by phone, email, WhatsApp or video call. We can arrange translation and access support if needed.

 **Email:** Ayisatu.emore@vsnw.org.uk

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 **Apply online:** [Online Application Form](#)

This application expresses your interest in the fund but does not guarantee an award. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received until **15 December**, and all applicants will be informed of a decision.