

Standing Together Hate Crime Awareness Grants Programmes (2023 – 2024)

Bury VCFA is pleased to be working with Bury Council and Bury Community Safety Partnership to deliver the Standing Together and Hate Crime Awareness community grants programmes.

These grants aim to enable Bury based voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector groups to deliver grassroots activities and projects that tackle community safety issues across the borough and raise awareness of hate crime and how to report it.

Total available: £110,000

Grants available	Max grant
Grants for activity delivered during GM Hate Crime Awareness Week (February 2024) or for small, targeted activities which meet the priorities of Standing Together.	£500
Grants for individual group applications	£5000
Grants for partnership applications	£10,000

Closing date: Monday 25th September 12 noon

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Grant Priorities

The Programme welcomes applications which address one or more of the priorities of the GM Standing Together Strategy:

Priority 1 - Keeping People Safe and Supporting Victims

- Protect vulnerable people from criminal exploitation
- Protect vulnerable young people
- Helping people to understand and prevent Hate Crime
- Improve how police, criminal justice and community safety services work with mental health services
- Improve services to victims
- Improve services to victims of sexual and domestic violence

Priority 2 - Reducing Harm and Offending

- Tackle organised crime
- Reduce high harm and repeat offending
- Prevent more young people from becoming involved in crime
- Rehabilitate people so they don't continue to commit crime
- Tackle drug and alcohol addiction and reduce deaths from their use

Priority 3 - Strengthening Communities and Places

- Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in neighbourhoods
- Reduce road danger and make our transport system safer
- Make our streets and night-time economy safer
- Invest in ways to bring communities together to improve community cohesion and deter crime
- Make public spaces and venues safer
- Tackle inequalities within services

In addition to these priorities, we are keen to fund projects that address Bury Community Safety local priorities:

- Reducing drug and alcohol related harm and criminality
- Tackling Domestic Abuse
- Increasing Community Cohesion
- Creating and Maintaining Safe Spaces
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Reoffending

Types of activities considered

We welcome innovative and creative ideas to engage people with the priorities of the Programme (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Using creative arts such as drama, films, poetry to understand hate crime or running awareness sessions during Hate Crime Awareness Week in Feb 2024 to promote inclusivity, cohesion and encourage people to report hate crime.
- Buddying projects for people at risk or providing a safe travel project.
- Interventions that will help people feel safer in their community/public spaces.
- Confidence building workshops or self-defence classes.
- Developing a good neighbour scheme.
- Domestic violence awareness workshops.
- Activities which bring communities together to promote understanding and acceptance.
- Sessions on the impact of anti-social behaviour targeted at perpetrators.
- Diversionary activities such as sports, music or workshops to address specific crime or ASB hotspots
- Mentoring activities which reduce and prevent re-offending.
- Training for volunteers and staff to help them support the victims of crime.
- Activities which provide positive role models for young people.

Previously funded projects have included:

Standing Together:

- Providing weekly activities for asylum seekers and refugees, encouraging lasting and beneficial friendships, supportive relationships and individual assistance.
- Running monthly workshops which provide a listening space for participants, with facilitated training in practical tools to help recognise hate crimes and domestic abuse and to build resilience to acquire the techniques to tackle these issues.
- To provide youth activities with a particular focus on sexual health, volunteer trainee youth workers and cyber-crime prevention
- Delivering community safety messages around ASB, serious violence and child exploitation to help pupils in Bury keep safe and help reduce harm and offending

Hate Crime Awareness:

- Project to bring Jewish and non-Jewish schools together to foster understanding of different faiths through a series of visits during Hate Crime Awareness Week.
- Hosting a Hate Crime Awareness Week event to safeguard relationships and promote an understanding of the needs of the LGBTQI+ community and other protected characteristics.
- Training sessions with GP's and healthcare professionals about their role in identifying and supporting people with disabilities who are victims of hate crime or hate crime.

Eligibility and Exclusions

- To be eligible to apply for funding, your group or organisation must be based or delivering services/activities in the borough of Bury.
- Although groups/organisations may apply for both Standing Together Grant and a Hate Crime Grant. The Hate Crime grant activities **MUST BE** a separate activity and **NOT** part of the Standing Together project activities.
- Groups/organisations must be up to date with monitoring returns for any previous grants managed through Bury VCFA*

*We understand that there can be many reasons why monitoring may be late or incomplete. Our development team are here to support. If your organisation has a recent track record with late or incomplete monitoring returns, we reserve the right to provide this information to the grant panel.

We welcome applications from:

- Constituted voluntary or community groups
- Registered charities
- Other types of constituted not for profit organisations including social enterprises

*If you are an unconstituted group or are unsure about your group's eligibility, please get in touch with the team at Bury VCFA on **0161 518 5550** who will be able to help.

What we cannot fund

We have limited funds available to distribute. In order to maximise our resources there are restrictions on what the fund is able to support. Areas of work the fund **cannot** support are:

- General appeals;
- Retrospective applications (i.e. the funding of activities that have already taken place or the repayment of money that has already been spent);
- Projects that do not clearly demonstrate outcomes aligned to priorities of Fund;
- Religious activities or projects that promote religion;
- Political activities;
- Projects where the main beneficiaries are animals;
- Provision of funds that directly replace funding for services which are the primary responsibility of statutory funders or which subsidise services delivered through statutory contracts;
- Applications for mainstream public services, including schools and hospitals;
- Individuals (i.e. not associated with an organisation);
- Large capital appeals (including buildings and minibuses) or CCTV equipment;
- Where organisations are in serious financial deficit;
- Large organisations which enjoy widespread support;
- Work that takes place in schools during school hours;
- Trips, outings, meals, parties or any other one-off activity that does not demonstrate significant community benefit;
- The purchase of alcohol.

Whilst being a previous recipient of Standing Together funding does not prevent future applications being made, please note that funding will not be made for repeated or continued activity that has received Standing Together monies for before where there has been no significant change in the request for funding.

Supporting Documents

Please submit the following documents with your application. Please contact Bury VCFA on **0161 518 5550** if you require support.

- Constitution
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults/Child Protection Policy (if applicable)
- Risk assessment for activity to be funded
- Up-to-date accounts verified by independent examiner or auditor (signed)
- Budget for the current period and the project/activity to be funded
- Quotes/Estimates/Costs (where applicable), as outlined in your application
- Copy of the latest Bank Statement

Monitoring

If successful, your group will be required to submit a monitoring form and a case study at the end of your project to demonstrate the impact of the grant awarded. You may also be required to take part in a mid-point discussion.

All funded projects must be completed by 1st December 2024.

Terms and Conditions

An application under this grants scheme requires agreement to the following conditions.

1. All grant recipients must complete an end of project monitoring report.
2. Bury VCFA reserves the right to reclaim funds not spent in accordance with the approved grant application, left unspent after one year of receipt, or in full/partially for breach of conditions.
3. Grant recipients are expected to positively promote the funder and acknowledge the financial support received in press releases and publicity.
4. Recipients must advise Bury VCFA prior to disposing of any resources or equipment funded/part-funded/supplied through the application (if within 2 years of receipt of funds).
5. Bury VCFA may apply any additional conditions deemed necessary as part of the grant award.

Receipt of Grant

1. Successful applicants will be required to sign an agreement to the grant conditions in advance of receipt of the grant.
2. Payments will be made to the organisation within four weeks of receipt of the signed agreement.
3. Payments shall only be made to the organisation named on the application.
4. VCFA will not make grant payments to an individual.

How to apply

The application form and guidance notes are available from our website www.buryvcfa.org.uk or email fundinganddevelopment@buryvcfa.org.uk

Please return your completed application form to
fundinganddevelopment@buryvcfa.org.uk

Deadline: Monday 25th September 12 noon

Help and further Information: If you would like to chat about a potential application or you need help with the application form, please contact:
fundinganddevelopment@buryvcfa.org.uk

Bury VCFA will be holding two briefing session on:

9th August 2023 at 10.30 – 12noon

12th September 2023 at 18.00 – 19.30

These online sessions will provide an opportunity for your group to find out more about the grants programme, learn about previously funded projects and hear hints and tips to help you strengthen your bid.