



Hate Crime Awareness Grants 2025

Micro Grants – Up to £500

Total Allocation: £10,000

Closing Date: The fund will close for applications when all the funds are allocated.

Programme Guidelines

Background to the Fund

Bolton's Fund is offering micro grants of up to £500 to Bolton-based, not-for-profit VCSE groups to organize a one-off event or activity promoting Hate Crime Awareness during Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week in February 2025 (3rd to 9th).

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. Even in difficult times, local groups and organisations need to continue raising awareness of hate crime, challenge hate crime in our communities and help to instil confidence in victims. This will be achieved by highlighting how and where hate crime incidents can be reported.

What is a hate crime?

A Hate Crime is a crime or an incident that is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hatred based on someone's:

- race, colour or ethnic origin
- nationality or national origin
- religion, faith or belief
- gender or gender identity
- sexuality or sexual orientation
- disability
- lifestyle or dress

Hate incidents can take many forms including:

- physical attacks
- threat of attack
- verbal abuse or insults – including bullying
- An incident does not have to include violence for you to report it. Verbal abuse, threats or victimisation can be just as distressing and are taken just as seriously.

Bolton Council Online Hate Crime Training: click [here](#) to view the hate crime training video.

Visit [Bolton Council's Hate Crime web page](#) to find out how to report hate crime. This page also lists all the third-party reporting centres in Bolton.

Funding Priorities

The Hate Crime Awareness micro-grants must be used to fund one-off events or activities that achieve the following:

- Raising awareness and understanding of hate crime and how to report it.
- Encourages victims to come forward and report hate incidents.
- Takes place in Bolton during Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week in February 2025 (3rd to 9th February 2025).

Some examples of activities that may help achieve the funding priority could include:

- Creative projects like workshops, podcasts, video campaigns, or social media initiatives.
- Activities targeting specific communities disproportionately affected by hate crime.
- Inviting speakers with lived experience to share their stories.

How much money can you apply for?

Name of Grant	Maximum size of grant	Eligible Spend
Micro Grant	£500	For a one-off event or activity during Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week 3 rd – 9th February 2025.
Please note: Maximum of one award per organisation.		

How to apply and timescales

Fund Opens:	tbc
Deadline:	The fund will close when all the funding has been allocated.
Go to Bolton's Fund web page for application form links:	Click here: Bolton CVS Website
Notification of outcome:	Early January 2025

What can you spend the grant on?

- We cannot fund the purchase of equipment in this funding round. Please make use of the Free Hate Crime Resources available from Bolton Council.
- All other Bolton's fund exclusions apply (for example we cannot fund alcohol or the promotion of religion). Click [here](#) for our "*Minimum Requirements for Applicants and what we can fund*" document.

Who is eligible to apply?

The following types of organisations are eligible to apply:

- Constituted voluntary or community groups.
- Registered charities.
- Other not-for-profit organizations (CIOs, CICs, Community Benefit Societies).
- Your organization must be based in or benefit the people of Bolton.
- Must have a bank account in the group's name.
- All applicants and project leaders must complete Bolton Council's Online Hate Crime Training.

Please note: Funding will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and the application form will close when all the funds have been allocated.

Who isn't eligible?

- Local government bodies, schools, NHS bodies, or individuals.

How to Apply:

- Complete the short 'Expression of Interest' form that will be available on the Bolton CVS website in November 2024 (exact date to be confirmed).
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are allocated.
- Along with the form, submit:
- Recent bank statement (less than 3 months old) with redacted financial information.
- Copy of your group's constitution.
- Safeguarding policy (if working with children or vulnerable adults).

What You Can't Spend the Money On:

- Purchase of equipment. (Use Bolton Council's free resources – see below for links)
- Alcohol or promotion of religion.

Resources:

- Bolton Council Online Hate Crime Training: click [here](#) to access the free Be Safe Bolton's online Hate Crime training.
- Free Hate Crime Awareness Resources: Contact Bolton Council Community Safety Officer - Andrew Bailey, Andrew.Bailey1@bolton.gov.uk
- Reporting Hate Crime: Visit Bolton Council's Hate Crime webpage [here](#).
- Greater Manchester Lets End Hate Crime click [here](#)
- Greater Manchester Hate Crime Plan 2024 – 2028 – find out more [here](#).

Important - Monitoring Requirements:

Successful applicants will need to provide the following information about their project:

- A brief explanation of the activity or activities and why they were needed.
- The location/area of Bolton the activities took place.
- When the activity took place.
- Project expenditure details.
- The number of participants/beneficiaries.
- The age of the participants/beneficiaries.
- The ethnicity of the participants/beneficiaries.
- Any feedback or learnings – what went well? What could have gone better?

About Bolton's Fund

Bolton's Fund exists to support the VCSE sector in Bolton to grow and thrive. Bolton's Fund grants will fund projects and activities that benefit people and communities across the Borough of Bolton.

Resources on the Bolton CVS Website

The following guidance documents are available on the Bolton CVS Bolton's Fund webpage [here](#).

We recommend that you read the guidance documents before submitting an application.

- Bolton's Fund Minimum Requirements for Applicants
- Bolton's Fund – What we can fund.
- Bolton's Fund – Decision Making Process
- Bolton's Fund – Evolution 23/24
- Bolton's Fund – Rolling Grants Programme – Open and Trusting Grant Funding
- Expenditure Form
- Bolton's Fund – Social Enterprises
- Bolton's Fund – Social Value
- Bolton's Fund Terms and Conditions
- How to apply for a grant through the Bolton CVS website – July 23

Support and Further Information from Bolton CVS

If you would like to chat about a potential application or you need help with the application form, please contact us on:

01204 546 010 or email funding@boltoncvs.org.uk.

You can also refer to the funding information pages on the Bolton CVS website: <https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/funding>

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