

Standing Together Partnership Grants

January 2025 – June 2026

Guidelines for Applicants

There are three Standing Together Partnership Grants available:

Theme of Partnership Grant	Amount Available
Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence	£40,000
Stalking and Harassment	£60,000
Serious Youth Violence – Youth Diversion	£60,000

Closing Date: Sunday 1st December 2024

Funding Period: 18 months (January 2025 – June 2026)

Introduction

Bolton CVS, on behalf of Bolton Council, is thrilled to announce the distribution of the Standing Together Partnership Grants to voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) groups!

These innovative partnership grants are designed to fund **three groundbreaking collaborative projects**, each aimed at tackling a critical issue in Bolton:

- **Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence:** £40,000 available
- **Stalking and Harassment:** £60,000 available
- **Serious Youth Violence – Youth Diversion:** £60,000 available

This grant program is a fantastic opportunity for VCSE groups to join forces and create a lasting, positive impact on the Bolton community. By working together, these partnerships can address some of the most pressing issues facing our society today.

Key Aspects of the Standing Together Partnership Grants:

- Funding Period: 18 months (January 2025 – June 2026).
- Application Deadline: Sunday 1st December 2024.
- Eligibility: Proposals must involve at least two VCSE organisations working in partnership.
- Lead Organisation: Each partnership will need to identify one lead organisation, who will be responsible for collating and submitting the monitoring and evaluation of this project.

This is an **exciting moment** for Bolton, as these grants will enable VCSE groups to collaborate in innovative ways, driving real change and making a significant difference in the lives of many. Let's stand together and make Bolton a safer, stronger community! ✨

Feel free to share this with your networks and encourage eligible groups to apply!

Standing Together - Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence Partnership Grant - £40,000 available

The Standing Together Domestic Abuse and Gender-Based Violence Partnership Grant Fund will support initiatives that address the complex issues of domestic abuse and gender-based violence in Greater Manchester.

One grant of £40,000 for the delivery of a Partnership project is available.

Domestic abuse is a pattern of behaviour that is used by someone to control or obtain power over their partner. It can happen at any point in a relationship, including after the relation has ended. Gender-based violence mainly affects women and girls, but not exclusively.

The Greater Manchester's [Gender Based Violence Plan](#) sets out the priorities for tackling the many forms of abuse, harm and violation.

The proposed partnership project must align with **at least one the following priorities**:

- Supporting victims of domestic abuse and gender-based violence in crisis and recovery.
- Challenge and change the behaviour of those who inflict abuse, hold them to account, and focus on their behaviour to help break the cycle and reduce the likelihood of further incidents.
- Responding effectively to cases of abuse in a victim-centred manner.
- Working with children and young people to promote healthy, positive and respectful relationships.

The proposed partnership project and organisations named in the partnership delivery must:

- Align with the priorities outlined in the Greater Manchester [Gender Based Violence Plan](#).
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues of domestic abuse and gender-based violence.
- Contribute to the prevention of domestic abuse and gender-based violence in Greater Manchester.

Additional Requirements

- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to marking key dates such as the [16 Days of Activism](#) and the [White Ribbon campaign](#).
- Successful grantees will be required to submit regular progress reports and financial statements.

Standing Together - Stalking and Harassment Partnership Grant Fund- £60,000 available

The Stalking and Harassment Partnership Grant Fund will support initiatives that address the complex issues of stalking and harassment in Bolton.

One grant of £60,000 for the delivery of a Partnership project is available.

[Bolton's Violence Prevention Strategy \(2024-27\)](#) recognises stalking and harassment as one of the priority work strands in this area, with 26% of all serious violent crime within Bolton classified as stalking and harassment.

- Stalking and harassment is when someone repeatedly behaves in a way that makes others feel scared, distressed or threatened.
- Stalking and harassment crimes are the major contributor to violent crime within Bolton (26% of the overall total).
- Of these 40% relate to malicious communication. 33% of all malicious communications are DV related and a further 33% relate to cyber bullying.
- Many of the stalking and harassment offences committed by juveniles are social media and digitally based.
- Of the juvenile victims of a violent offence, 11% were a victim of malicious communication.

The successfully funded Partnership will **demonstrate their ability to meet both key priorities:** 'Early Intervention/Prevention' and 'Stalking and Harassment (Non-Domestic Relationships)':

1. **Early Intervention/Prevention:**

Bolton Violence Prevention Strategy (2024-27) endorses a public health approach to prevent and reduce serious violence, emphasising early intervention.

The Partnership should consider:

- Developing support around stalking and harassment, especially for young people.
- Educating on recognising stalking and harassment behaviours, focusing on malicious communications/online harms.
- Offer both Universal (awareness raising) and Targeted (for those already showing signs of involvement) provisions around malicious communications.

2. Stalking and Harassment (Non-Domestic Relationships):

Support for non-domestic stalking and harassment is less developed across Bolton.

The Partnership should consider projects which focus on:

- Awareness raising.
- Recognising stalking and harassment behaviours.
- Accessing support.
- Staying safe.

The proposed partnership project and organisations named in the partnership delivery must:

- Align with the priorities outlined in the Bolton Violence Prevention Strategy.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues of youth violence, stalking, and harassment.
- Contribute to the prevention of serious youth violence, stalking, and harassment in Bolton.
- Take account of work that already exists in this area to build on Bolton's strengths and prevent a duplication. Support can be provided around this.

Standing Together - Serious Youth Violence – Youth Diversion Partnership Grant Fund- £60,000 available.

The Serious Youth Violence – Youth Diversion Partnership Grant Fund aims to support initiatives that divert children and young people away from formal criminal justice processes and outcomes and contribute to a reduction in serious youth violence and related antisocial behaviour in Bolton.

One grant of £60,000 for the delivery of a Partnership project is available.

Youth violence is understood as violence either against or committed by a child or adolescent. Preventing youth violence through an early intervention approach is a priority for the Bolton Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

Additional Requirements

- Projects must take place throughout the year, with a focus on school holidays and key campaign dates such as the ASB Week of Action.
- Projects should be in crime hotspots within specific localities of Bolton.

To be eligible for funding, partnership projects must:

- Align with the priorities outlined in the Greater Manchester [Serious Violence Action Plan](#).
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of the issues of serious youth violence and related antisocial behaviour.
- Contribute to the prevention of serious youth violence and related antisocial behaviour in Bolton.

Application Process for a Standing Together Partnership Grant

Lead Partner

One organisation must act as the lead partner on the project. The lead partner is responsible for submitting the application on behalf of the partnership and for submitting the required end of fund impact monitoring information.

- All partners are responsible for submitting financial monitoring information directly to Bolton CVS.
- Organisations of all sizes can be included in a Standing Together Partnership project, but the named lead organisation must be able to show that they have experience of delivering similar sized grant funded projects.

Eligibility for the Partnership Grants

All named partners on the application must be a not for profit voluntary or community organisation or a social enterprise such as:

- Registered charities
- Voluntary organisations
- Constituted community groups
- Community Interest Companies
- Other Not for Profit Organisations

All groups applying to be part of a partnership application must be based in and/or provide benefit to the people living in the Metropolitan Borough of Bolton.

Eligibility is not linked to the income of the organisation, but all lead organisations must demonstrate that they have the skills, resources and experience to lead a partnership project of this size.

Eligible organisations can be named as delivery partners on more than one partnership application but cannot be the Lead organisation on more than one submission to this funding stream.

How To Apply

The Lead Partner must submit a Project Delivery Plan, Budget and Project Proposal to Bolton CVS.

The proposal can be submitted in any format (written, video, voice recording etc.) to make the process as accessible as possible but should demonstrate how the proposed Partnership plan meets the aims and outcomes of the Standing Together theme, they are applying to.

All applications should:

- Include a well-defined project plan, including objectives, activities, and outcomes.
- Demonstrate their ability to deliver the project effectively and efficiently.

- Submit a completed Excel budget and activity template spreadsheet for the whole project delivery and including costing and activities for each partner named in the application (using the Bolton's Fund Partnership – Delivery & Budget Plan template available in the Bolton's Fund Guidance Documents for Partnership Grants section of the Bolton CVS website [here](#)). Please note: the Standing Together grants are not part of Bolton's Fund.

Due Diligence Checks

The Bolton CVS team will carry out due diligence checks on all named partners before passing the applications through to assessment by a panel of in-person assessors.

Shortlisting

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an in-person interview with the assessment panel to discuss their plans in detail on Thursday 12th December 2024 at The Bolton Hub (BL1 1LS).

The panel will consist of members of the Bolton Community Safety Partnership and will make the decision about which partnership proposal will be awarded the funds.

What a Standing Together Partnership Grant can and cannot fund

The Standing Together grant can be used to fund the costs of involved in delivering a project or a new activity including:

- The costs involved in delivering a project or a new activity.
- The Lead Organisation can include costs for the project management, administration, and impact reporting of the partnership project.
- The grant can be used to cover the running costs related to your Standing Together project (it cannot be used to cover the running costs of your organisation)
- The grants can be used to contribute reasonable and proportionate administration costs associated with each partner organisation costs in delivering your proposed project to beneficiaries.
- Activities for beneficiaries.
- Essential equipment needed to deliver your funded project.
- volunteer and travel expenses to help people engage with and support your project.

Standing Together will not fund:

- One-off activity that does not demonstrate significant community benefit.
- Activities of a specific political or religious nature.
- Core or capital costs.
- Work that statutory bodies (such as schools and local authorities) have a duty to fund.
- Local government or NHS bodies.

If successful, all partners must sign a Memorandum of Understanding related to the delivery of the funded project.

Monitoring Requirements

Successful grantees will be required to submit quarterly progress reports and financial statements and a final project impact report. Details will be provided to the successful partnerships. The monitoring requirements will include the supply of the following information:

- Current spend to date (and if there is a predicted underspend).
- Update on project delivery timelines, towards outputs and outcomes and any milestones reached.
- Participant and workforce demographics (including beneficiary numbers, gender, disability, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, religion/belief, and post code).

The final detailed project report will be required to release the final 10% of the funding.

Payment Schedule

The grant will be paid out in stages.

- 50% of the grant will be paid out to partners at the start of the project delivery.
- 40% will be issued at the half-way point (after 9 months)
- 10% will be paid once the final project report has been submitted.

Payments will be made to each named partner.

If successful, all partners must sign a Memorandum of Understanding related to the delivery of the funded project before the first payment is released.

Support and Further Information from Bolton CVS

If you would like to chat about a potential application or 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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