******Small Community Cohesion & Hate Crime Grant 2025/27 Criteria**

**Grants of up to £1,500 to enhance Community Cohesion and reduce Hate-Crime in Nottingham City**

**Purpose of the CC&HC Grant funding**

Funding to rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities has been allocated to Nottingham City by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). See [Community Recovery Fund: Guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-recovery-fund-guidance/community-recovery-fund-guidance) The purpose of this funding is to:

* Reduce the risk of further public disorder in the future
* Rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities

This funding is in response to the significant and widespread disorder which led to negative behaviours such as racism and islamophobia within local communities across England in July and August 2024. This grant is designed to help Nottingham City address and reduce hate crime/incidents, and improve community relations, understanding and cohesion between local people.

Cohesive communities, are places that:

* offer a common vision and a sense of belonging for all
* positively value diversity
* provide equal opportunities to people from different backgrounds and
* provide an environment where strong and positive relationships can be developed between people from different backgrounds.

For more information please see, [Community cohesion, inclusion and equality | Local Government Association](https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/equalities-hub/community-cohesion-inclusion-and-equality)

In addition to separate larger grants streams, Nottingham City Council is offering small grants, up to £1,500, to deliver activities that promote cohesion and challenge hate across the Nottingham city. These are designed to support short term one off events, activities and training, which help meet the overall aims of the programme.

Please thoroughly read this guidance before you complete your application form and be ready to describe your activities.

**The impact that this grant aims to have:**

Your application for this grant must outline how you will have the following impact:

* improve community cohesion and understanding between individuals, communities and groups from different backgrounds, beliefs and cultures in Nottingham City
* reduce the risk of hate crime, macro/micro-aggressions and radicalisation

**Funding, Payments and Dates**

* **Small Grant Amount**: Up to £1,500 per applicant or partnership of applicants

We expect to release further grants for applications in Spring 2026

**Activities funded by the Community Cohesion and Hate Crime Fund should** **benefit**

**Nottingham residents and seek to meet one or more of these aims:**

* Rebuild social trust and promote cohesion between communities
* Increase equity and inclusion
* Increase community engagement, participation, and a sense of belonging
* Increase and promote positive relationships between people from different backgrounds
* Increase safety and respect for individuals and communities
* Challenge and reduce prejudice, discrimination, stereotypes and myths
* Build partnerships with the aim to work collectively on projects

**Your application must demonstrate how it meets at least one of the aims listed above.**

**Examples of activities we will fund with up to £1,500**

* A local sports club wanting to run a community tournament or activity that will bring together people from different cultures, faiths or areas of Nottingham
* A luncheon club wishing to welcome new people into their community
* Two or more organisations coming together to run a multicultural celebration
* An organisation wanting to run Hate-Crime awareness sessions
* A community organisation wishing to deliver online safety training for parents, children and young people which highlights the repercussions of viewing, sharing and engaging in dialogue online of extreme nature

To demonstrate the difference this fund makes we require you to evaluate your project, assessing the difference it makes to those involved. We will send you a monitoring form which you can support with further evidence such as questionnaires, photo or video diaries or any other method you feel is appropriate to showcase your project. This monitoring must be submitted within 2 months of project completion or 12 months of receiving your funding whichever is sooner.

**Costs that the funds will support**

In all cases the costs must relate directly to the activity you are providing such as:

* **Rent**: the cost of using premises to deliver your project or to hire a venue for workshops, events.
* **Equipment**: purchase of materials, refreshments and / or hire of equipment to deliver your project / events.
* **Publicity**: production of a leaflet, newsletter, social media content to advertise the activities you are undertaking.
* **Expenses**: travel by public transport / parking for staff and volunteers delivering activities (specified pence per mile)
* **Training and resources**: necessary trainings and courses that you intend to offer volunteers and / or staff
* **Administration costs**: general stationery for running the activities
* **Salaries:** staffing costs for additional hours / new posts / sessional workers to deliver the activities
* **Language support:** additional specific support that may be needed e.g. translation and interpreting costs
* **Volunteer expenses:** providing training, travel, and other related volunteer expenses.

**Costs that cannot be funded**

The funds cannot be used to support:

* Individuals
* Activities where making profit is a primary aim
* Statutory organisations or private businesses
* Activities where the primary purpose is to promote religious beliefs or where people are excluded on religious grounds. However, **we can fund** religious organisations to work with others and to develop community cohesion
* Political groups or groups promoting political activities
* Fund-raising activities
* Groups / organisations where most of the membership live outside the Nottingham City Council boundary NB, you may be required to produce a statistical breakdown of your membership by area
* Activities that take place outside the Nottingham City Council boundary other than in exceptional cases, where the proposed activity cannot take place within City boundaries and where there is a clear benefit to city communities.
* Costs you owed or promised to pay before your application was approved i.e. retrospective costs
* Projects and activities that will take more than 24 months to complete
* Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to individuals or groups
* Costs associated with foreign travel.

**Monitoring, Reporting & Evaluation**

If your application is successful, you will be required to submit the following:

* **Project report**:
	+ Breakdown of activities, and key issues addressed.
	+ Case studies demonstrating the impact of the grant.
	+ Identification of challenges and responses to improve the offer.
* **Collaborative learning**: organisations may be invited to share insights, contribute to policy discussions, and participate in sector-wide learning events.
* **Assessing sustainable impact**: monitoring short and long-term outcomes in respect of community cohesion and reducing hate crime.

**Who is eligible to apply for funding?**

This funding is open to all voluntary and community organisations that operate within the Nottingham City boundary with a strong history of successfully delivering community-based initiatives. You can deliver in partnership with other organisations, but one organisation must have overall responsibility for management and delivery of the grant.

**Core Values**

The organisation must ensure that both they, and their partners:

1. Work in partnership and/or in co-operation with appropriate agencies

2. Demonstrate best value / value for money

3. Demonstrate the impact of the grant

4. Ensure the safeguarding of all children, young people, employees and vulnerable adults and undertake relevant DBS checks with paid and voluntary employees

5. Deliver their activities in accordance with Nottingham City Council’s Equality and Diversity Policy.

**Documents required to be eligible to apply**

The documents outlined below should be of a scale and detail relevant to the size of your organisation/s and activity (in the case of partnership applications) and should be supplied if your grant is successful. All partners must also fulfil the below conditions.

1. **Governing document such** a constitution or set of written rules which set out your aims and objectives **which should state:**
* Organisation is not for profit or has a clear clause ensuring all income is applied to the organisation’s purposes and not distributed to members, shareholders, or owners.
* Charitable aims that are suitable for work with communities in Nottingham
* Dissolution clause/asset lock in place requiring assets are distributed to an organisation with similar charitable aims in the instance of closure
* An Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion policy or statement.
1. **Financial transparency**
* A bank or building society account in the group’s name with at least two unrelated signatories
* Most recent audited annual accounts
* Have a sufficient level of detail to show restricted/unrestricted funding
* If you are a locally managed branch of a national organisation, you can apply if you have your own local constitution, management committee and accounts.
1. **Policies/guidance notes or statements to show how you work safely and supportively which are:**
* Vulnerable adults - Guidance from the Nottingham City Safeguarding Adults Board can be found here about safeguarding procedures, [Adult Safeguarding - Nottingham City Council](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/safeguardingadults) www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/safeguardingadults
* Children and young people – Guidance from the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership can be found here, [Safeguarding Children Partnership - Nottingham City Council](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ncscp) www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ncscp
* People from diverse backgrounds – Information about the statutory requirements that Nottingham City Council adheres to can be found here, [www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/community/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/equality-and-diversity-policy-and-resources/](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-residents/community/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/equality-and-diversity-policy-and-resources/)
* Workplace Health and Safety [Health and Safety - Nottingham City Council](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/information-for-business/business-information-and-support/health-and-safety/)
* Modern Slavery Statement [Modern Slavery Statement - Nottingham City Council](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/your-council/about-the-council/modern-slavery-statement/)
* Privacy statement [Privacy Statement - Nottingham City Council](https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/privacy-statement/)
* Youth Charter, if working with children and young people must pledge to our Charter and attend the compulsory training, see [Our Youth Work Strategy | Violence Reduction Unit](https://www.nottsvrp.co.uk/our-youth-work-strategy) for more details.

If you are a locally managed branch of a national organisation, you can apply if you have your own local constitution, management committee and accounts.

**What happens next**

 **This grant is open on a rolling basis**

Please complete and send your application along with all requested supported documents by email to **community.cohesion@nottinghamcity.gov.uk**. If you have any queries or questions and require more information regarding this funding, please contact Hester Kapur – Community Cohesion and Hate Crime Officer using the same email address.

Once we have received your application:

* we will first check to ensure its eligibility,
* A panel will consider your application, and you will be notified of the outcome once the panel meeting has been completed.
* if successful, you will receive the funds up front to start work
* you will have up to 12 months to complete your activities and will be required to provide monitoring during and at the end of your project – according to the monitoring criteria outlined in the Impact Monitoring document which will be provided once the grant has been awarded

We cannot award funding to any activity where spend has already occurred before the offer of grant has been made.

**And finally, things to consider!**

Please ensure you have read this information before you complete an application form. Ensure you have though your activity through and have considered how you will monitor your success. Read through all the guidance notes and application form thoroughly, making a note of any questions or concerns you may have.

**Please only send us completed applications**

* There are no trick questions, no key words such as social exclusion, community capacity building or any others which must be included in a successful application, just a simple straightforward explanation of what is needed and why.
* When completing the application form all sections must be completed and responses contained within the space provided on the form.
* Please ensure answers are typed or neatly handwritten to ensure all responses are clearly understood.
* No answers should exceed the provided word count for each question on the Application Form.
* Please answer each question on the form. We are unable to consider applications with **‘see attached documents’** as answers to questions and will return such applications.

**Common reasons for saying ‘No’ and causes of delays**

* Dissolution clause or asset lock is not acceptable
* Quotes are not included
* The budget is not clear
* We can’t understand what you want to do!
* We can’t read your writing!