

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Hyndburn Council has been awarded funding from MHCLG to deliver projects that build community relationships and work to prevent and counter harmful narratives. Funding comes from an overall £2.5m secured by MHCLG through the cross-government Integrated Security Fund (ISF), which seeks to address high priority security threats, both domestic and international.
- 1.2 In line with our funding requirements, we are inviting proposals from voluntary and community sector organisations, including faith organisations, to deliver projects that align with one or more of the following themes:
- Brings communities together to improve cohesion and reduces divisions in places facing the worst extremism challenges.
 - Improves the capability within Hyndburn to tackle the extremist narratives and ideologies that are driving communities apart in areas of the UK.
 - Improves local partnership approaches to supporting community resilience by funding projects to strengthen 'bridging' social capital.
 - Improves the capability of Hyndburn to respond to periods of community tensions through initiatives that strengthen community connections, promote unity and shared values.
- 1.3 MHCLG has provided some examples of what could constitute eligible projects and these are listed in [Appendix A](#).

2. Funding

- 2.1 The amount of funding will be between £2k and £15k per project, although we will consider projects outside this range if there is a compelling case.
- 2.2 The Council will pay the funding to the successful organisation, subject to a written agreement outlining the key terms and repayment terms if the project is not delivered or the funds are misspent.
- 2.3 The funding has been given to Hyndburn Council on condition that it is spent by the end of the financial year 24/25 and unfortunately the funder allows us no flexibility on this. Projects should therefore be able to complete activity by the end of 31 March 2025, with reports due by 30 April 2025.
- 2.4 The following costs are excluded as eligible expenditure:

- Expenditure already covered by any other projects (although an expansion of existing projects will be considered acceptable).
 - Any costs incurred before and after the project period.
- 2.5 To be eligible, an organisation must be constituted, with its own designated bank account.
- 2.6 The grants awarded under this scheme are not considered to meet the definition of subsidy within the Subsidy Control Act 2022, as the aim is not to subsidise commercial enterprises bringing goods and services to market. Instead, the funding will be directed to voluntary and not for profit organisations to support activity within the borough that meets the themes outlines in S1.2.
- 2.7 Payments will be made by BACS into the organisation's bank account.

3. Reporting

- 3.1 If awarded funding, you must be able to evidence the uptake and impact of the activity by the end of the project through a report completed at the end of the project term. In line with the requirements from MHCLG, this should include reporting data against at least one of outcome / output indicators in [Appendix B](#).
- 3.2 In addition, a short progress report, confirming that the project is on track, will be required by the end of February 2025.
- 3.3 This report will help demonstrate the type of work being done in the Borough to promote community cohesion and will be used to showcase the efforts of community groups to meet a need within the Borough.
- 3.4 Long-term impacts are unlikely to be realised within the project evaluation period, so participant records should be kept for future contact.
- 3.4 A record of all the reports provided by groups who have been successful in receiving funding will be kept by Hyndburn Borough Council to support future partnership working.
- 3.5 All organisations will be required to agree to the Council undertaking public relations activities in relation to the grant award and progress. This will be proportionate and only where appropriate to each award, taking into account the nature of the activity and the people being supported.

4. Application

- 4.1 Please ensure that your application considers the points below. This does not limit the application to only including the below but a consideration somewhere within the application is necessary to scoring. Each point will be scored out of 10 for a total of 50.

- Achievability – Is the proposed bid realistic in terms of its time frame and funding availability?
- Meeting a need – Does the particular project meet a need within the community at the time of application?
- Accessibility – is the proposed location or means of engaging with others accessible for the majority of people in the target group?
- Level of Impact – What is the potential impact of the work proposed? Is this measurable? How will you report on the outcomes of the service (see [Appendix B](#) – we require at least one of these indicators to be reported on)?
- Users of the service – with whom are you aiming to work? Will you involve other groups? How will the project contribute to gender equality and / or social inclusion?

4.2 Please limit the application to no more than 2 A4 pages.

4.3 Please include your proposed budget on your application.

4.4 Please detail if there is potential to expand the project further, should the Council receive additional funding.

4.5 The criteria will be scored as follows:

Example Scoring Methodology		
Assessment	Description	Score
Excellent	Exceeds the required standard. Response answers the question with precision and relevance. Includes improvement through innovation / added value.	10
Good	Meets the standard required. Comprehensive response in terms of detail and relevance to the question.	8
Acceptable	Meets the standard in most aspects but fails in some. Acceptable level of detail, accuracy and relevance.	6
Limited	Fails to meet the standard in most aspects but meets some. Limited information / inadequate / only partially addresses the question.	4
Inadequate	Significantly fails to meet the standard. Inadequate detail provided / question not answered / answers not directly relevant to the question.	2
Not Eligible for Consideration	Completely fails to meet the standard. Response significantly deficient / no response.	0

4.6 Please submit all applications to Stuart Sambrook at Hyndburn Borough Council via email: stuart.sambrook@hyndburnbc.gov.uk

4.7 Applications must be submitted by 8 January 2025.

5. Timescale summary:

Submit proposal	8 January 2025
Notification of whether awarded	15 January 2025
<i>Agreement signed</i>	
Funding paid	As soon as agreement signed
Brief interim progress reported	28 Feb 2025
Project work completed	31 March 2025
Final report submitted	End April 2025

Appendix A – Examples of likely eligible expenditure Bringing Communities Together

- Bring people together from different groups, including those of different faiths, around a shared goal/objective, such as volunteering, befriending or mentoring schemes.
- Connect school pupils from different backgrounds in safe spaces.
- Activities that bring different parts of the community together to listen, share and interact e.g. events/workshops where individuals can hear directly from people who are 'different' from them e.g. refugees directly sharing their experiences.
- Inter-community projects aimed at connecting people of different backgrounds and improving community connections, for example activities that support mental health through gardening, art, singing or sports projects.
- Projects which build communication pathways between communities that promote ongoing dialogue and a shared identity, for example sessions providing English Language provision or improving English language skills.
- Projects which help address broader public realm issues, such as graffiti, and bring different people together to improve their local communities and/or environments.
- Projects which increase personal confidence interacting with others or build trust in others.
- Capacity/capability training delivered that enables communities to build networks and deliver projects/ activities that foster greater cohesion.
- Products introduced that enable local communities to address key community cohesion issues.

Raising Community Awareness and Support

- Raise awareness of extremist narratives and promote moderate/healthy narratives across different groups.
- Bespoke workshops to youth to build resilience to extremist ideologies.
- Support to counter or strengthen resilience to mis/disinformation and prevent false and harmful narratives spreading.
- Social media focused 'critical thinking' lessons in schools to equip young people to navigate challenges around different points of view.
- Projects that facilitate dialogue on emotive subjects, for example support for schools around how to have challenging conversations and listening to different points of view.
- Events, workshops or campaign activities to educate on what constitutes a hate crime
- Support individuals to report hate crime, including those focused on particularly vulnerable groups, such as women.

Appendix B – Data Monitoring Sets

Outcome - Community Connections		Outcome - Awareness of Extremism and Hate Crime	
Outcome Indicator 2.1	Percentage of people supported have an improved sense of belonging to their local area (disaggregated by gender).	Outcome Indicator 3.1	Percentage of people supported have an increased awareness of extremist narratives and greater understanding of what to do when coming in contact with extremist perspectives (disaggregated by gender).
Outcome Indicator 2.2	Percentage of people supported have an improved perception that in the local area people from different backgrounds can get on well together (disaggregated by gender).	Outcome Indicator 3.2	Percentage of people supported have an increased awareness of hate crime and related support (disaggregated by gender).
Outcome Indicator 2.3	Percentage of people supported have an improved trust in their fellow local residents (disaggregated by gender).		
Output Indicator 2.1	Number of people engaged in community projects/ activities that help to foster greater cohesion (disaggregated by gender).	Output Indicator 2.1	Number of people undertaking training to improve awareness of a) countering extremism b) hate crime and related support (disaggregated by gender).
Output Indicator 2.2	Number of products commissioned to build community capacity & raise awareness of community cohesion.	Output Indicator 2.2	Excl training, number of people engaged to raise their awareness of a) extremist narratives and what to do when coming in contact with extremist perspectives b) hate crime & related support (disaggregated by gender).
Output Indicator 2.3	Number of people undertaking training to build community capacity & raise awareness of community cohesion (disaggregated by gender).	Output Indicator 2.3	Number of products commissioned to improve awareness of a) countering extremism b) hate crime

In addition to disaggregation by gender, where practical, projects should look to report the breakdown of those supported by their protected characteristics.