



The Newcastle Fund Round 14 prospectus

2024 to 2025

The Council's discretionary grant fund for
voluntary and community sector organisations

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Councillor's foreword

As Cabinet member for a Resilient City, I am proud that Newcastle Council is able to continue to support the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector as we launch Round 14 of the Newcastle Fund. The role that VCSE organisations play in supporting our communities is crucial, and they do an amazing job of maximising the assets such as the people and skills of those communities, to develop and deliver projects that respond to their local need. As in previous Rounds, we welcome applications for projects that build community connections, improve individuals' connections, and improve health and wellbeing; the Council's three overarching priorities are also a key theme for the Newcastle Fund. We recognise the significant impact that the Cost of Living crisis continues to have on our residents and welcome applications for projects that will support people who may be at risk of or be isolated as a result of poverty.



I want to thank the key partners including VCSE organisations that we've been consulting with over about the Newcastle Fund - we've started to make some changes in response to this feedback. We want to ensure that we can support as many projects as possible, to simplify the application process, and to enable organisations to easily demonstrate the difference their project is making to and in the community. During Round 14 we will continue with our evaluation process and will be keen to hear of organisation's experience of Round 14, please actively participate and feedback on this process - your input and your efforts are very much appreciated.

In additional to Round 14 of the main Newcastle Fund, I am really pleased to announce we will also be launching the Small Grants fund, allowing smaller, grass roots organisations access to funding which is ideal for small projects or essential funding injections.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our VCSE partners for their continued commitment and support they show to the residents and communities across the city. I cannot wait to see and hear about all the brilliant work that you will all accomplish.

Cllr Paula Maines
Cabinet Member for a Resilient City

Building community assets

In the last year alone, Newcastle Fund grants have supported VCSE organisations to achieve great things.

17 grants were given in 2023/2024.

The average* award amount in 2023/2024 was £30,900.

55% of the awarded grants in 2023/24 deliver to beneficiaries in all wards of the city.

48% of the awarded grants in 2023/24 support more than 500 beneficiaries.

46% of organisations awarded in 2023/24 have fewer than 10 employees.

7 Projects were identified as actively responding to the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

*mean average

SECTION ONE

About the Newcastle Fund

What is the Newcastle Fund?

The Newcastle Fund is the Council's primary discretionary grant fund for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations. It provides grants for project specific and core running costs that enable residents to build sustainable community resources and improve the quality of people's lives.

You can find more information on previous awards and outcomes at www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund

About this prospectus

This Prospectus gives important information about Round 14 of The Newcastle Fund. We want to make sure that applying to the Fund is as simple as possible for VCSE organisations of all sizes, resources, and abilities. It is important to read this Prospectus carefully if you are considering applying to the Fund.

About our city

Newcastle is a great city, one that never stands still. A city that makes history and shapes the future. We are one of the fastest growing cities in the UK and we want our beautiful green spaces, thriving arts and cultural scene, dynamic businesses, and great education sector to have strong connections with our communities and our VCSE organisations.

We know however, that too many people are finding it hard to get by, facing inequality and disadvantage, and understanding more about the issues that affect people and the assets and strengths of our communities to respond to and support that need, is key to creating a better future.

The Newcastle Future Needs Assessment (NFNA) City Profile looks at information about Newcastle to explore the factors that affect people's wellbeing and health at different stages of their lives in the city. The latest version of the

NFNA City Profile has been published for 2021 and you can find it on the Council's Statistics and Intelligence web page at www.newcastle.gov.uk/our-city/statistics-and-intelligence

Tackling health inequalities and ensuring the wellbeing of people in our city continues to be a priority and the latest report, written in 2022 by the Interim Director of Public Health, sets out the biggest opportunities to improve the health of Newcastle residents as they grow up and get older, focusing on the wider determinants of health, and taking action through local empowerment and leadership. Read the report at www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/public-health-department

How does the Fund build the strengths of people and communities?

We know that everyone has a part to play in creating vibrant and resilient communities, and the Fund supports organisations to unite people's contributions through a common activity or goal. Where people work together to build skills, resources and networks, these growing community assets can make a big difference for people who experience disadvantage and inequality.

Working collaboratively with VCSE organisations

VCSE organisations know their neighborhoods and their communities. They know people, context, and the powerful impact that their support can make to people's lives. We know that working together with VCSE organisations is essential to meet the many challenges faced by the city. The Fund is one part of a rich network of connection between the Council and the sector, and grants can bring together a wider range of VCSE partners to drive community power.

The Newcastle Compact

The Newcastle Compact is an agreement between the public sector and the VCSE sector in the city. It identifies a set of shared principles for working together and commits member organisations to constructive, cooperative relationships with each other. You can find more information at www.newcastle.gov.uk/our-city/newcastle-compact

What's new in Round 14?

Newcastle Fund review

In the last year, Newcastle City Council continued to engage with both internal and external stakeholders and have carried out consultation and engagement events to understand what works well for the Newcastle Fund and what organisations and residents would like to see from the Fund going forward. The fund has supported many activities in previous years, and we would like to continue to support this in the most effective way possible. As part of this review, we have audited our own internal processes to ensure that the Fund is as accessible and effective as possible going forward. One outcome of this has been changes to the grants systems used across the Council to bring them in line with Newcastle's Digital Strategy.

The new system, known as Citizen Hub, will give you greater control and visibility of any of your applications – and will greatly improve communications between applicant and the Council Officer.

There is also the added benefit of the solution being in house which means implementation and support are all handled by a single service.

During Round 14 we continue to consult on some other proposed changes, and would welcome all views, please look out for dates and further information on the Newcastle Fund webpage.

White Ribbon accreditation

Newcastle City Council is proud to be a White Ribbon accredited organisation. Accreditation highlights our commitment to work for an end to gender-based violence. We want people, particularly men and boys, to make the White Ribbon Promise to never commit, excuse or stay silent about violence against women and girls.

We also want to use our finances, like the Newcastle Fund, to encourage the successful applicants of Round 14 to support White Ribbon principles.

Organisations with fewer than 250 members of staff can become a White Ribbon Support Organisation. Recognising resources are limited for small community-based organisations, the City Council will support successful applicants of Round 14 Newcastle Fund to apply for White Ribbon Support Organisation status paying for the cost of an application (£150). In addition to supporting serious, preventable harm, we believe there are benefits for your organisation of:

- Demonstrating you are making a difference in your communities to end violence against women.
- Improving your organisational culture, safety, and morale
- Increasing the knowledge and skills of your staff to address violence against women.
- Improving your reputation
- Improving the experience of your customers and stakeholders
- Becoming an employer of choice

Following a successful application, the Newcastle Fund team will write to you with steps on how to claim the cost of an application.

Newcastle Fund small grants

Building on the success of previous rounds, in Round 14 we will be maintaining the Small Grants programme and also increasing the proportion of allocated funding to support smaller grassroots organisations from £50,000 to £75,000.

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The Fund's aims and priorities

“The Newcastle Fund exists to support the Voluntary and Community Sector to harness the energy and assets that exist in our communities and unlock (often untapped) potential to improve wellbeing and reduce inequalities.”

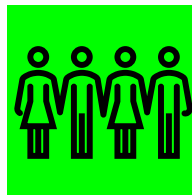
Statement of core purpose

Fund aims



Building community connection

- Helping to create a stronger sense of communities, a richer environment and a more robust economy by inspiring residents to develop the place they live
- Delivering socially inclusive projects



Improve individuals' connections

- Reducing loneliness and isolation or exclusion
- Helping individuals to regain confidence
- Helping individuals connect to their communities



Improve health and wellbeing

- Preventing loss of independence and minimising the need for higher cost or crisis interventions
- Helping people take control over and improve their own health and wellbeing
- Ensuring people have the skills and support to the foundations for a stable LIFE (somewhere to Live; Income; Freedom from excessive debt; Employment opportunities)
- Enabling young people to have a good start in life
- Supporting wellbeing of people with long term conditions or who belong to vulnerable groups
- Recognising and building on people's untapped skills, strengths, aspirations and networks to improve their own and others wellbeing and health

Fund priorities and reducing inequalities

We want the Fund to build on Community Connection and we also want it to improve Individuals' Connections and their Health and Wellbeing. For our most vulnerable residents, we want the Fund to support activity that tackles poverty, particularly those effected by the cost-of-living crisis, access to services, physical and mental health problems, and community connections. We also know that certain communities experience disproportionate inequality and discrimination, and we want the Fund to proactively support activity that uses skills, local knowledge, and expertise to challenge and reduce the barriers they face. These communities of interest may include Black, Asian and minority ethnic people, people with physical or learning disability, women, LGBTQIA+ people, or people who regularly experience inequalities.

Overarching priorities

We also want Newcastle Fund applicants to consider how projects that align with the Council's three overarching priorities can be delivered:

A thriving, inclusive economy

- Creating a stronger sense of community i.e., wellbeing hubs.
- Improving people's understanding and control over their own health and wellbeing i.e., practical, and emotional support networks to support mental health impacted by the Cost of Living.
- Helping vulnerable people to live independently i.e., community befriending schemes, recycling furniture.
- Enabling young people to have a good start in life i.e., wrap around community homework clubs providing meals.
- Developing untapped strengths and skills in local people i.e., sharing knowledge on finance, meal preparation, DIY.

Anti-poverty

- Improving access to the foundations for a stable life i.e., accessing physical and mental health support, knowledge of where to find information and support on financial advice, job opportunities budgeting.

- Improving employability for local people i.e., job application support, interview coaching, work placements.
- Improving skills for local people i.e., opportunities to gain experience and develop new skills, confidence building.

Net zero

- Supporting the cultural vibrancy of Newcastle i.e., supporting diversity to strengthen community environments.
- Connecting people to their communities i.e., vegetable boxes, community allotments.
- Developing a better place to live i.e., community groups to support swapping of unwanted items, repair clinic and workshops.

The Newcastle Fund also supports connection and collaboration by:

- Creating conditions for partnership connections between activities and organisations
- Considering skills-sharing and collaboration during the evaluation process
- Prioritising asset-based ways of working
- Responding to the capacity and development needs of VCSE organisations in relation to Newcastle Fund processes

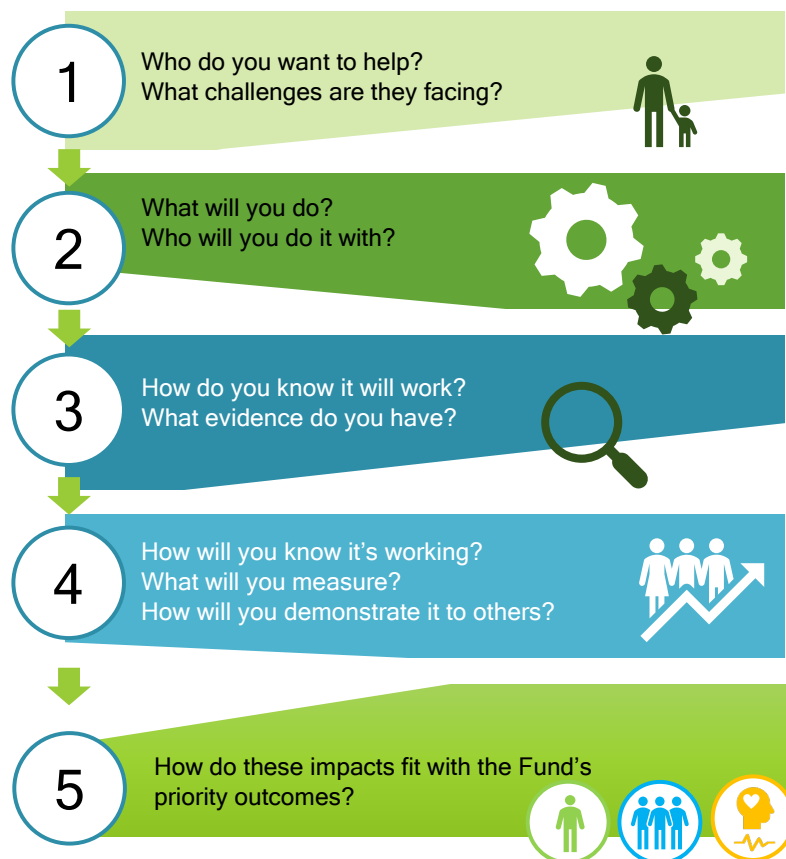
Understanding impact

Why we measure the impact of Fund investment

We know that the rich and diverse activity supported by The Newcastle Fund affects people's lives in many ways. It's important to understand how this impact makes a difference to people's lives so that we can learn from and improve what we do.

During the application process, we will ask you to tell us in your own words about the impact that your activity has on the people it serves, and how you will measure it. We want impact measurements to be flexible and achievable for all activity, so we encourage you to be realistic about what you can deliver in your application for funding. It's important that you reflect the journeys of the people you support, not just the number of people you will reach.

Identifying impact



Newcastle Fund outcome categories

We also want to understand the collective impact of the Fund's investment, so we also ask organisations to link the impact they have described to a wider outcome category.

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Social value




Community activity delivers a huge amount of Social Value, both in the nature of the outcomes it seeks, and in the ways that community organisations deliver it. Following sector consultation in Round 11, we introduced Social Value measures throughout application and impact measurement processes in accordance with the [Council's Social Value Commitment](#). These measures are aligned with the Council's [Social Value Outcomes and Measure's Framework](#) will not only recognise and champion the wealth of Social Value generated through the activity the Fund supports, but they will also enable us to better understand areas of Social Value strength and innovation led by the VCSE sector in Newcastle.

Social value measures


Measures included as eligibility criteria for The Newcastle Fund




Social value theme	Ref.	Measure
 Green and Sustainable (including Climate Change Mitigation)	GS1	Environmental policy* that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines applicable areas of legal requirement and strategy for ensuring compliance. • identifies areas where efficiency of operation (including supply chain) can be increased and strategies for doing so. • identifies waste reduction and recycling strategies. • identifies environmental training and awareness-raising plans for employees. • Defines how policy applies to Newcastle-based activity. • Identifies strategy for monitoring and reviewing policy activity. *(must be in place within the first six months of your grant term)
 Ethical Leadership	EL2	Equality and Diversity Policy

Measures used in Social Value application checklist (applicants indicate measures in place/measures they are committed to working towards)

Social value theme	Ref.	Measure
	GS11	Waste reduction policy
	GS13	Single use plastics policy
	GS14	Low emission staff vehicles used (miles driven)
 Think, Buy, Support Newcastle	TBS8	Procedures for considering Newcastle organisations in your supply chain
	EL14	Workforce representation
	EL17	Gender pay gap
	EL18	Staff training/professional development matrix
	EL19	Flexible working policy

Measures to be monitored in all grants funded activity (these measures are intended to supplement, rather than replace the outcomes that you define in your application)

Social value theme	Ref.	Measure
	GS5	% Employees in this activity who have completed environmental training

	TBS9	Spend on VCSE community assets in Newcastle (buildings and resources)
 Community Focused	CF1	Initiatives supported to help older, disabled and vulnerable Newcastle residents to build stronger community networks
	CF2	No. of Newcastle residents supported to connect with their communities in this activity
	CF3	No. of community activities in Newcastle supported through awareness raising activities
	CF4	No. of Newcastle residents who have contributed to the design and development of this activity
	CF14	Initiatives supported that promote wellness in the community, including physical activities for adults and children
	EL3	% of employees in this activity who have completed equality and diversity training
	EL15	% if employees in this activity paid higher than the national living wage
	EL16	% of employees in this activity on more than 0 hours contracts

How we monitor performance

We will ask you for information about your activity that shows how your grant has been used, the number of beneficiaries you have supported and the communities in which they live. We will also ask you for information that shows the Social Value generated by your activity. For each outcome you have defined in your application, we will ask you to describe how much has been delivered, how well it has been achieved and what difference it has made to beneficiaries. We know that testimonials and case studies can also be a great way to show impact for individuals in their own words, and so we welcome these too.

We will monitor this performance information throughout delivery of your grant and where things don't go to plan, or where your activity may naturally change in response to external factors, we will always work with you to understand any difficulties or challenges you may have in reporting performance.

The frequency for returning performance information depends on the amount of overall grant provided: annual performance reports are required for grants of less than £10,000 and 6-monthly reports for grants between £10,000 and £25,000. These thresholds balance risk and consider the reporting burden on grant recipients, understanding that for smaller organisations, resource for compiling and returning information may be limited.

You will be asked to submit your performance information through the Citizen Hub system, and you'll also receive regular contact from a nominated Council Officer so you can report on progress and receive any necessary support around your project.

Policies and procedures

All organisations are required to demonstrate that they have satisfactory safeguarding and health and safety policies in place to be eligible for funding.

During the course of your grant, we will ask you to self-assess the way that your organisation and service users understand and implement these

As part of the application process, you will be required to provide the following policies prior to submitting the application; this forms part of our eligibility criteria:

- Equalities and diversity policy
- Safeguarding adults (and children if relevant) policy
- Health and safety policy

In addition, a copy of your organisation's governance documents including 2 years of annual accounts must be uploaded at the point of application.

A copy of a valid Public Liability Insurance Policy and Employer Liability Policy must be provided by successful applicants prior to release of funds.

If an organisation does not hold an Environmental policy, they must provide a commitment that one will be developed within the first six-months of the activity commencing; as part of our Social Value measures this should include waste reduction, and single use plastics. We ask for this information so that we can better benchmark overall Social Value activity.

You can access support to develop, write and review policies and procedures by contacting our commissioned VCSE Infrastructure support providers, Connected Voice. Their contact details are in section 4 of this Prospectus.

SECTION THREE

How to apply to the Newcastle Fund

Where do I apply?

Applications are made online via the Citizen Hub system, hosted by Newcastle City Council (this new system provides a portal for all grant funds). For more information on how to complete your online application, refer to the guidance.

Who can apply?

You must be a VCSE organisation with a formal governing document (i.e., a constitution or articles of association). Your activity must be legally charitable, as defined in the Charities Act 2011 and must be delivered within Newcastle. Full eligibility criteria can be found at www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund

How much funding is available in Round 14?

The total funding available for new grants in 2024/25 is £500,000.

How much can I apply for?

In Round 14, the maximum amount that will be awarded is £25,000. Unlike in previous rounds, Round 14 applicants will not have to include details of how their project could be scaled down. These thresholds are designed to enable appropriate levels of support for new, expanding or established activities, and to flexibly respond to match funding requirements from other funders.

Can I apply as part of a partnership?

Yes. We actively encourage collaborative applications from eligible organisations that collectively support their beneficiaries' journey and create maximum impact for individuals and communities.

How are grants paid?

Future grants will continue to be paid in line with the Newcastle Compact, grants up to £4,999 will be paid in one instalment, grants between £5,000 and £9,999 will be paid in two instalments and grants of £10,000 and over will be paid in four instalments.

Payments are made in advance, demonstrating the Council's continued support for the VCSE and its SMEs. By paying in advance, we can:

- Improve recipient organisations cashflow.
- Create opportunities for growth that contribute to economic growth in the city.
- Reduce the interest costs of recipient organisations.

Please note that you will also be asked to provide your organisation's bank account details as part of the application process.

I'm not confident about my bid-writing skills - how can I get help to make my application?

We recognise that different organisations have different strengths and skills, and that applying for funding can be daunting. If you are having difficulty applying to the Fund, contact our team using the details in section 4 of this Prospectus and we will do our best to help. We want the application process to be easy to understand and use, and we will take language and writing barriers into account when we assess your application.

We will publicise any events or support sessions on making applications on www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund. We also signpost applicants to Connected Voice, who offer specialist support on funding applications.

The evaluation process

How is my application assessed?

Newcastle Fund awards are public money, so it is our duty to ensure that awards are as effective and efficient as possible. We will assess your activity against existing provision within the city to understand where it may be duplicating something that is already receiving funds from the Council, or to spot opportunities for collaboration.

The review will continue to consider how you will make activity sustainable, asking how you involve community skills and resources, and how this can reduce your reliance on financial support. We also look for activities that support other VCSE organisations in their area and look at the wider funding landscape to see where we can collaborate with funders for greater outcomes or where our funding can fill an important gap.

In your application form, we will ask you about...

Your organisation and activity

- The people, skills and experience in your team
- How you use and develop community assets
- How you work together with other community organisations
- What you will do, for whom and why
- How your activity meets Newcastle Fund priority outcomes
- How you will measure your achievements
- The main risks facing your activity
- How you will continue the activity after the grant

Your budget and resources

- How much money you need and what you'll spend it on
- How much funding you have already secured (£ and in kind)
- How you could scale your activity up or down

Who assesses my application?

Initial assessment of your application is made by Council Officers from service areas relevant to the nature of your activity. They use the following matrix to score your application. A panel of cross-council Officers then evaluate applications ranked according to scores and make final recommendations for applications to receive funding.

Scoring matrix

The following questions are used to evaluate your application and the scores are weighted as set out in the table below:

Criteria	Weighting %
Link to Newcastle Fund aims (Q7.1, Q7.2, Q7.3)	30
Building on community assets (Q5)	7
Addressing needs (Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4)	10
Project Benefits (Q8)	10
Capacity to deliver(Q6)	10
Measuring outcomes (Q7.1.6, Q7.2.6, Q7.3.6)	12
Value for money	7
Strategic fit with theme answers	7
Overview of the project priority linked to service area	7

The applications recommended for award are finally considered and approved by a cross-sector panel. As part of this process, the panel may also suggest other funding opportunities that may be relevant to applicants.

Awards process – What to expect

We notify all applicants via email whether they have been successful or unsuccessful in their application.

Successful applications

As part of the application process, you will have already provided:

- Bank details and annual accounts
- Health and Safety Policies
- Safeguarding Policies
- Equality and Diversity Policy

If you are successful, we will inform you of the amount of entire grant you have been awarded and ask for you to sign and return the grant aid terms and conditions. You must also provide a copy of a valid Public Liability Insurance Policy and Employer Liability Policy. If you do not have an Environmental Policy you must produce this policy within the first six months of your grant funded activity. Your award letter will give a deadline for the submission of the above information.

Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR)

Some awarded organisations are entitled to Discretionary Rate Relief (DRR), which helps them save on business rates. If you are eligible for this relief, we will notify you by email, stating the amount you are entitled to and proposing a further deduction should you wish to take the remaining business rates amount off your grant at source. If you would like more information on eligibility, contact the Council's Business Rates Team using the details in section four of this Prospectus.

UK Subsidy Control

When awarding grant funding, the Council is obliged to comply with the UK's new Subsidy Control regulations. Before a grant is made through the Newcastle Fund, assessment will be conducted according to government guidance to determine whether it should be considered subsidy.

Where subsidy applies, The Council will consider how it meets the terms of principles set out in the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). It is expected that in most cases, subsidy awarded through The Newcastle Fund

would be exempt from TCA scope if the awarded organisation's total amount of subsidy received from any public body in the previous three year period does not exceed the TCA threshold (at time of writing this Prospectus, c.£315,000).

If your Newcastle Fund grant is given as subsidy, we will inform you in writing and ask you to complete a formal declaration of the total subsidy you have previously been awarded in the last three fiscal years. We may need to adjust the amount of award we can give you to ensure that it does not exceed the threshold. Further information about UK Subsidy Control can be found on the Government website at www.gov.uk/government/publications/complying-with-the-uks-international-obligations-on-subsidy-control-guidance-for-public-authorities

Unsuccessful applications







Competition for The Newcastle Fund is strong, and unfortunately, we don't have the funds to support every great application that we assess. If we do not fund your activity, it does not mean that we think it is not good enough – it just means that other applications scored higher or were a better fit for our criteria this time. We publish information on who has been successful, so you can look at the activities that were funded to help you to develop your activity idea and apply again. We hold Newcastle Fund events each year to explain Fund priorities and processes and share information on the types of activity we award. Details of forthcoming events will be published on www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund and through other networks including our commissioned VCSE infrastructure support provider, Connected Voice.

Key dates for Round 14

The following are indicative dates for The Newcastle Fund

Fund opens to applications	Mid-January 2024
Evaluate applications	Mid-February 2024
Approval of recommendations	March 2024
Notification of Successful awards	March 2024
Provision of eligibility documentation	March 2024
Delivery and funding commence	April 2024

The Newcastle Fund Round 14 Small Grants Fund

<p>Small amounts for vital community activity</p> 	<p>For grants of up to £5k</p> 	<p>Shorter application timescales</p> 
<p>Same priority outcomes</p> 	<p>Shorter application</p> 	<p>Short impact report</p> 

For the third year running, we will also be opening the Small Grants Fund to provide a more accessible funding option for smaller or newer grassroots VCSE organisations in the city who are seeking small amounts of money to support their vital community activity. The overall budget for this element of The Newcastle Fund is £75,000 with a maximum grant award of £5,000.

The eligibility criteria are the same as the wider Newcastle Fund, but the application form and evaluation criteria are shorter, and we will only require a short impact report during the life of your grant to understand the difference your activity has made. We will publish more information about The Newcastle Fund Small Grants application dates on www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund in January 2024.

Other sources of support

In your application to The Newcastle Fund, you can give your consent for us to share your application information with other funders who may be able to support your activity, should we not be able to fund you. This can be a useful way for funders to understand where important activities are under-supported and can help us to coordinate support for a wider range of VCSE activity in the city.

Ward Funding

Each ward in Newcastle has Council funding available for activity that benefits neighbourhoods and communities. To find out more about what we fund, visit our [Ward Funding web pages](#).

Newcastle Youth Fund

The Newcastle Youth Fund is the Council's funding programme supporting activities and provision for young people aged between 13 – 19 or up to 25 years for young people with special education needs and disabilities. You can find out more about the Youth Fund including criteria and launch dates on their web page, [here](#).

Infrastructure Support Services in Newcastle

The Council is proud to commission support services for VCSE organisations in the city to help them establish, grow and diversify. Delivered by Connected Voice, these services can support you to understand funder requirements, develop your funding approach, and apply for funding. For more information on the full range of support available, visit [Connected Voice website](#).

Glossary of terms

Discretionary Grant

The Newcastle Fund supports activity that supports the needs of Newcastle residents but is not included in the Council's larger scale commissioned services. Awards are made at the Council's discretion, to support communities despite significant cuts to public spending and changes to the welfare system. We are proud to provide this Fund to enable communities to develop and deliver change.

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Organisations

In the context of this Prospectus, VCSE organisations include constituted third sector organisations with a community base, such as registered charities, social enterprises and community interest companies.

Communities of Interest

Groups of people who share one or more characteristics that influence the way they live. These characteristics are often protected under the Equality Act 2010 and include age, race, gender, sexual orientation and disability.

Resilience

The ability of individuals or communities to manage or cope with challenges or changes that affect the way they live. Resilient communities often use local skills and resources and networks to help themselves.

Asset based ways of working

Rather than focusing on the problems people have, or the gaps in skills and services in an area, asset-based approaches value the knowledge, capacity and potential in an area that can be connected to strengthen it. These assets can be defined as any factor or resource which enhances the ability of individuals or communities to maintain and sustain health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities. ([Morgan and Ziglio, 2007](#))

Social Value

Social value is the things that Newcastle residents say are important to them, like a decent place to live, good quality work and equal access to good quality local services. The Council has consulted with city stakeholders to develop its [Social Value Commitment](#) and create a [Social Value Outcomes Framework](#) for Newcastle, which shows the many and varied ways that the actions we take can contribute to these priorities.

SECTION FOUR

Contact us

Get in touch

There are many ways you can talk to us, whether you want to find out more about the Fund or tell us about the issues affecting your organisation and the people you support. You can take part in our engagement events, contribute to online consultations, or just drop us a line – we would love to hear from you.

Visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/newcastlefund to find out when the next event is happening. In line with the Newcastle Compact, we will work to resolve disputes using the Council's complaints procedure. Visit www.newcastle.gov.uk for more information.

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