

VCFSE Funding Newsletter June 2026

In this issue, we are pleased to share that our VCFSE Funding Training Videos are now live, developed with Sector 3 Stockport CVS to support organisations across the full funding journey. We also share early news of our 4th free funding workshop taking place on 14th July, alongside details of our Pre Refugee Week webinars on Monday 8th June and Wednesday 10th June. As always, we highlight the latest funding opportunities locally, regionally and nationally 😊

📺 VCFSE Funding Training Videos – Now Live on Our Website



We are pleased to share that our VCFSE Funding Training Videos are now live.

Developed in partnership with Sector 3 Stockport CVS, these videos are designed to help VCFSE organisations feel more confident when applying for funding. They cover the full funding journey, including where to find funding, how to describe your organisation and project, how to reach service users and top tips for developing strong applications.

While some examples focus on English language support, the content is relevant to all types of VCFSE funding.

📄 Each video is supported by clear, downloadable step by step resources.

👉 Please click the link below to access all videos:

[Introduction to funding mini course - Trailer - Northwestsmp](#)

📌 4th Funding Workshop Confirmed – Save the Date



Following the great feedback and strong engagement from the first three funding workshops delivered by **Sector 3 Stockport CVS** and commissioned by **RSMP**, we're pleased to confirm that **a 4th Funding Workshop will be taking place on Tuesday 14th July 11am – 2pm.**

📅 **Expression of interest forms (EOIs) will be shared on Monday 15th June**, so please keep an eye out and spread the word to colleagues who may benefit.

This **FREE** interactive workshop is designed to support VCFSEs working with **refugees, asylum seekers and forced migrant communities across the North West.**

The session will help organisations build confidence and improve their chances of success when applying for funding. Priority will be given to **smaller or newly established organisations**, particularly those new to funding or the application process.

🌐 Pre Refugee Week Webinar Series

We are delighted to invite you back to the RSMP's Pre-Refugee Week webinar series of lunch & learns where we shine a spotlight on some of the amazing organisations we are proud to work with supporting refugees and forced migrants. **Please be sure to put these invites into your calendars yourselves, as invites will not be sent out. Please cascade to your stakeholders.**

Monday 8th June at 11am

VCFSE Showcase: Integration Support in the North West. Join us to hear about the work being done by VCFSE organisations in the region to support refugees and forced migrants.

Please join here:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/325809087323199?p=yYzgNmoOCk3uCi29ay>

Wednesday 10th June at 11 am

Brunch and Learn - An ESOL/Employment Takeover. Join us to hear from business, employment support providers and directly from people with lived experience about their employment journey

Please join here:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/374160759227257?p=QAvJUk8umrNOYsKm19>

We hope to see you there!

Funding Opportunities in the North West and Nationally

In the following section, we will share new **external** funding opportunities available across different regions in the Northwest and nationally that may be useful and worth considering. Please note that some of the funding opportunities from the newsletter I sent previously are still open. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Please Note – the funding below is external to the RSMP and is shared with you after researching funding across the region and nationally. The RSMP has no role in the drafting, commissioning or awarding of funding. Please ensure you read all eligibility criteria associated with each funding opportunity.

EQUANS Community Funding (North Manchester)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support community projects in North Manchester either through small grants or by providing volunteer support (e.g. skilled staff or office support) that benefit the local community
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Community groups with projects based in Manchester postcodes M8, M9, or M40 that can demonstrate a positive impact on the local community
Grant amount	Small grants of up to £10,000 (or equivalent volunteer support)
Location	North Manchester (M8, M9, M40)
Deadline	Quarterly deadlines include 28 th August 2026, 14 th November 2026
Contact	lauren.kelly@equans.com
Website	EQUANS Community Funding - Manchester City Council Housing

Live Well Communities Fund – Empowering Leaders (Phase Two) (North Manchester)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Empower emerging community leaders in North Manchester by supporting grassroots social action projects and strengthening leadership, community power and long-term resilience
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Individuals aged 18–35 living in North Manchester, who are leading, piloting or planning grassroots social action activities that benefit their local area
Grant amount	£1,500 (15 grants available) plus leadership development support
Location	North Manchester
Deadline	29 th June 2026 at 12pm
Contact	info@mcrcommunitycentral.org
Website	Live Well Communities Fund: Empowering Leaders Social Action Grants Manchester Community Central

Trusted Voices Fund (Round 2) (Salford)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Gather community-led insight into women’s health in Salford by strengthening VCSE organisations’ ability to capture lived experiences. Projects must generate insight on women’s access to and experiences of menstrual health and menopause support, mental health and wellbeing and fertility, pregnancy and perinatal support
Specific Eligibility Criteria	VCSE organisations that are constituted; based in Salford or have a strong track record there; full member of Salford CVS; have an organisational bank account with two unrelated signatories (or a holding account with Salford CVS); up to date with any Salford

	CVS grant reporting; and have experience supporting women in Salford
Grant amount	Up to £5,000
Location	Salford
Deadline	12pm (midday), Friday 26 th June 2026
Contact	joe.kendal@salfordcvs.co.uk (eligibility and application request); grants@salfordcvs.co.uk (submission)
Website	Trusted Voices Fund - Round 2 Salford CVS

Healthy Schools Partnership Fund (Salford)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support partnership projects that improve children's health and wellbeing and strengthen links between schools, families and the wider community in Salford
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Partnerships must be led by a VCSE organisation with a minimum turnover of £10,000. The lead and all VCSE partners must be full members of Salford CVS, based in Salford or with a proven track record of working in Salford, and have experience supporting children and/or families. Projects must involve at least one Salford primary school. Primary schools must be based in Salford and mainly serve Salford residents
Grant amount	Up to £5,000 (partnership with 1 primary school) or up to £10,000 (partnership with 2–3 primary schools)
Location	Salford
Deadline	26 June 2026, 12pm (midday)
Contact	grants@salfordcvs.co.uk
Website	Healthy Schools Partnership Fund Salford CVS

Cost of Living Crisis Greater Manchester 2026 Funding Programme (Greater Manchester)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Sustain medium-sized VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester that are supporting people most affected by social inequalities and the cost-of-living crisis, by contributing to their existing running costs
Specific Eligibility Criteria	VCSE organisations with an annual turnover between £50,000 and £250,000, based and operating in one of the ten Greater Manchester localities, already delivering support to people most affected by social inequality and the cost-of-living crisis. Funding must be used within a single locality. New projects are not required
Grant amount	£5,000 (36 grants available)
Location	Greater Manchester
Deadline	22 June 2026, 12pm (midday)
Contact	grants@macc.org.uk
Website	Cost of Living Crisis Greater Manchester Funding Programme 2026 Manchester Community Central

Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund (Round 6) (Greater Manchester)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support projects that make Greater Manchester greener, tackle inequalities in access to green and blue spaces, improve biodiversity and empower communities to engage with nature
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Formally constituted groups with a bank account, including community groups, charities, social enterprises, CICs, tenant/resident associations and schools/academy trusts. Groups

	funded in Rounds 3–5 are not eligible to apply for Round 6. Applicants must provide required policies (safeguarding, health & safety, insurance, etc.)
Grant amount	Small grants: £2,000–£15,000; Large grants: £15,001–£40,000 (total fund value £2.6 million).
Location	Greater Manchester
Deadline	14 th August 2026
Contact	GSFAdvisors@groundwork.org.uk
Website	Green Spaces Fund Greater Manchester Environment Trust

Merseyside Community Investment Fund (Liverpool City Region)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support projects that address urgent social issues and improve local communities, particularly those that struggle to access funding from other sources
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Community groups with an annual income under £400,000, based in the Liverpool City Region. Organisations must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors/management committee members and demonstrate local governance and delivery
Grant amount	Up to £3,000
Location	Liverpool City Region (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral)
Deadline	16 th June 2026 <i>closing soon!</i>
Contact	applications@cflm.org.uk
Website	Merseyside Community Investment Fund - CFM

Alice's Wonder Dance Foundation Grants (Liverpool City Region)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Remove barriers to accessing dance for children and young people, enabling them to explore creativity, confidence and wellbeing through inclusive and empowering dance opportunities
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Community organisations and schools based in the Liverpool City Region (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral). Organisations must not be CICs limited by shares, must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors and must demonstrate local delivery and impact. Individuals can also apply separately. Applications are encouraged to include Real Living Wage (£13.45/hour) staff costs
Grant amount	Up to £2,000 for community organisations and schools; up to £250 for individuals
Location	Liverpool City Region
Deadline	19 th June 2026
Contact	applications@cflm.org.uk
Website	Alice's WonderDance Foundation - CFM

Alice's Wonder Dance Foundation Grants (Lancashire - all local authority areas)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Supports access to dance for children and young people by removing financial and practical barriers. Focus on promoting creativity, wellbeing, inclusion and personal development through dance in safe and supportive environments

Specific Eligibility Criteria	Open to community organisations, schools and individuals in Lancashire. Projects must support access to dance. Organisations must have at least three unrelated trustees/directors and deliver local impact. Encourages paying staff at Real Living Wage (£13.45 per hour). Excludes CICs limited by shares, national organisations without local delivery, profit-making projects, political or exclusively religious activities, and costs already incurred
Grant amount	Up to £2,000 for community organisations and schools; up to £250 for individuals
Location	Lancashire - all local authority areas
Deadline	19 th June 2026
Contact	applications@cflm.org.uk
Website	Alice's WonderDance Foundation - CFL

Cheshire Community Foundation Open Grants Programme 2026 – Round 3 (Cheshire and Warrington)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Supports community projects tackling poverty and disadvantage, improving mental health and wellbeing, strengthening communities, developing education, skills and employment and raising awareness of climate change. Emphasis on community-led projects that involve local people in planning and delivery
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Open to organisations meeting the Foundation's grant making principles and working in eligible areas (Cheshire and Warrington). Micro Grants prioritise smaller organisations (typically under £50,000 turnover) and those not previously funded. Projects must address local community needs and involve beneficiaries
Grant amount	£100 to £15,000 depending on tier: Micro Grants up to £1,000; Small Grants up to £2,500; Main Grants up to £10,000 (or £15,000 if funding salary costs).
Location	Cheshire and Warrington
Deadline	Monday, 20 th July 2026 (Round 3). Programme runs on a rolling basis with multiple deadlines throughout 2026.
Contact	office@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk
Website	Open Grants Programmes - Cheshire Community Foundation

Young Women in Mind 2026–2028 (the UK)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Supports charities providing gender-specific therapeutic mental health services for girls and young women aged 14–25. Focus on growing, strengthening or adapting existing services to improve mental health outcomes
Specific Eligibility Criteria	UK-registered charities (minimum three years) already delivering therapeutic mental health services. Must either have an annual income of £750,000+ (mental health charities) or £350,000+ (specialist charities led by and for women and girls with experience supporting under 18s). Must operate in Northern Ireland, Scotland, or eligible regions in England (including the North West)
Grant amount	£200,000 to £500,000 over three years
Location	UK (Northern Ireland, Scotland, North East, North West, Yorkshire and the Humber, and the Midlands; UK-wide organisations also eligible)
Deadline	Stage 1: 22 nd June 2026; Stage 2: 24 th August 2026
Contact	info@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk
Website	Young women's mental health grants 2026-2028 - Pilgrim Trust

Paul Hamlyn Migration Fund (the UK)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support organisations working towards migrant justice by building power, tackling root causes of inequality, fostering solidarity and influencing systems affecting migrant and diaspora communities
Specific Eligibility Criteria	Not-for-profit organisations across the UK (including unincorporated groups). Must align with principles such as anti-racist practice, shifting power to migrant communities and addressing root causes of injustice (not just service delivery). Priority given to organisations led by migrants and diaspora communities, working with underfunded groups, or with income under £500,000
Grant amount	Up to £60,000 per year (3–4 years) or up to £50,000 per year (5 years)
Location	The UK
Deadline	Rolling
Contact	information@phf.org.uk
Website	Migration Fund Paul Hamlyn Foundation

A B Charitable Trust - Migrants and Refugees Funding (the UK)	
Focus/Aims of Fund	Support organisations working to create a fair and supportive environment for migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum, including work on services, advocacy, campaigning and systemic change
Specific Eligibility Criteria	UK-registered charities delivering work in the UK, with an annual income between £150,000 and £1.5 million, operating for at least one year with audited or examined accounts. Work must align closely with the Trust's migrant and refugee priority and focus on addressing systemic issues and supporting marginalised communities.
Grant amount	Typically £10,000 to £40,000 (core funding available)
Location	The UK
Deadline	31 st July 2026
Contact	mail@abcharitabletrust.org.uk
Website	The A B Charitable Trust, an independent grant-making organisation