



Ward Flexibility Funding Application Form

Thank you for your interest in Stockport Council's Ward Flexibility Fund. To give your group the best chance of success please read the guidance notes and the questions on the application form carefully.

Please ensure that all boxes on this form are completed. You must also include all additional information that is requested.

1. About Your Organisation

1. Name of Organisation/ Group

Chads Theatre Company

2. Organisation/Individual Address

Mellor Road,
Cheadle Hulme,
SK8 5AU

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: Steve Pratt

Role: Chairman

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:



4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

5. What is the status of your Organisation/ Group?

Please Tick

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| A New Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity
No. 507253 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee
No. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Applying for Charitable Status | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unregistered Association | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Friendly Society | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
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6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

Performing arts, Youth Group (drama education), Social activities (play readings, quiz, Theatre trips)

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

1920

8. Does your organisation have the following policies and procedures in place?

If you are awarded a grant you will be required to send copies of all relevant documents as part of the grant agreement.

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| A governance/management committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Constitution/governing document/set of rules | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An Equal Opportunities Policy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A Child Protection Policy (where necessary) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Health and Safety Public liability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

We do not have a written equal opportunities policy. All posts within the Theatre are open to all members. Everyone is a volunteer and has equal status. Executive committee members and other committee members are elected at the AGM by the members



2. About Your Application

9. Please give us a brief description of your proposed/planned project or activity

You may wish to include details of what activities will take place, where will it happen, how often and who will take part. If you are applying for equipment you can tell us what will it be used for and why is it needed.

The money will be used to refurbish our Foyer and Bar area funding new furniture, new foyer lighting, decorating materials and the construction of a new tea and coffee serving counter. One aspect of the conceptual design is to include more seating to enable better social distancing. All building and refurbishment work will be carried by suitably qualified Chads members.

Why we need funding?

We were preparing plans to refurbish our Foyer and Bar prior to the start of the season in September 2020 and had hoped to make our 2020/21 Centenary season a season of celebration. Due to Government lockdown in March 2020 we have lost valuable income, estimated at over £30,000 from cancelled performances, loss of wardrobe hire and 9 cancelled theatre outside lets. We are planning to open again in January 2021 subject to government guidance, although the latest guidance suggests we may have another 6 months before we will be able to open. We will make use of this extended downtime period to still carry out the intended refurbishment but in a socially distanced way by members. The scale of refurbishment will depend on the amount of money raised. We have set a target of £15000 in our crowd funding project. Any contribution from the Ward Flexible Funding would be very gratefully received and help us achieve the enhancement of our facilities for all of our users in the community whilst protecting the financial stability of our society. Chads was founded in 1920 and has been a centre of the community for 100 years. It has enhanced its current premises from the initial "Hut" built by members in 1959 to the modern building and excellent facilities it has today used by many different local groups. I appreciate we are requesting an amount not ordinarily given but we are in extraordinary times. We want to continue to improve the facilities, but we have no income at present through no fault of our own. We still have outgoings such as utility bills and repayment of a loan taken out in 2018 to do essential replacement of the original corrugated asbestos roof. This cost over £300,000 and used up all of our reserves gained over 25 years of fundraising and income from our shows.

Chads is run entirely by volunteers who usually pay a subscription to be a member. This season we have made the subscription a voluntary donation. This means a further potential reduction of income of £4000 but we felt it was important to ensure no one leaves Chads due to financial pressures due to loss of their job or reduced pay as a result of Covid-19. At its core Chads is about community and friendship. From giving young people confidence and social skills in our youth group to tackling social exclusion and isolation for older members Chads is a welcome home for all in the community who use our facilities. All are welcome to join us.



10. Who will benefit from this grant?

e.g. local residents, young people, older people and how?

The refurbished Bar and Foyer will benefit local residents, young and old, who come to Chads either as members of the theatre, part of our youth group, or as an audience member for our shows. Any local groups who hire Chads will also benefit. Before Covid-19 forced Chads to close we had started to build a reputation amongst local community groups. These outside lets bring in a diverse range of people. Our studio is used weekly by a local drama school. Local dance schools use our stage for their annual shows. Our auditorium is used by the Poynton Royal British Legion Concert Band to perform a fund raising concert for the British Legion each year. In 2019 we also hosted 2 rock band concerts and a Bangladesh cultural day of dance, food and music. During lockdown our members have continued to serve and benefit the community. Our gardening team have been working hard improving the paths running along Chads' boundaries and have receive many compliments from local residents as they passed by. I received this nice email from a local resident.

"Dear Chairman

As a local resident, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to your garden elves for their back breaking efforts in turning the overgrown paths around CHADS into such a stunning floral attraction. I know this is a view expressed by many others I meet in the local area and I would appreciate you passing on these thanks to all those involved.

With very best wishes and hopes for you returning to your drama activities soon."

Our Wardrobe dept normally serves the local community with reasonable hire rates for from our extensive costume wardrobe. Due to the logistical difficulties of operating in a Covid secure our team way has turned its attention to supporting the local NHS services making scrubs.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Approximately 7000 residents annually.

Chads has a membership of 130 (senior and Youth Group) and typically welcomes over 6000 members of the public to its 6 main stage and 3 Studio productions every season. In addition we had 9 outside lets booked for 2020 which would have played to estimated 900 audience members. The Carmel Bird stage school uses the building for weekly acting classes which has approximately 60 children per week

10(b) Are there any restrictions on who will benefit from the funding?

No. Any visitor to Chads will benefit from the improved Foyer and bar area.

11. Your Project's Budget

Please provide a breakdown of cost for your project including VAT where applicable and submit any estimates for the purchase of equipment or work to be done.



Foyer & Bar refurbishment

Where it says Materials only, the labour element is being provided by suitably skilled Chads volunteers

Essential requirements

replacement of the existing bar and foyer furniture, plus additional furniture to improve the seating capacity <i>(this is the only contracted out item)</i>	3,000
replacement of the existing lighting wiring, plus replacement of any defective light fittings <i>(materials only)</i>	900
Redecoration - filler, lining paper, paint etc <i>(materials only)</i>	480
New tea/coffee counter, replacement bar counter and back shelf plus some general shelving <i>(materials only)</i>	1,500
New display boards	200
Minor improvements to the area behind the bar counter <i>(materials only)</i>	220
Sundry items (Nails, screws glue, etc.)	300
	Total 6,600

Further up-grades if funds are available

Replacement of bar lounge ceiling <i>(materials only)</i>	600
Upgrade of the lights and lighting system <i>(materials only)</i>	4,000
Redecoration of the toilet areas	350



(materials only)

Replacement of marked floor coverings 400

(materials only)

Integration of bar and tea/coffee servery 2,500

(materials only)

New vinyl flooring behind bar counter 550

(materials only)

Total 15,000

11(a) How much will the project/activity cost in total?

Our project has been split into essential elements £6,600 and upgraded elements if funds are available, an additional £8,400

11(b) Tell us about other any other sources of income you have already applied for or raised so far in relation to this project

We have a crowdfunder project underway as part of the Theatre's Trust #SaveOurTheatres campaign. This has raised £4295 so far and finishes on 6th October 2020

12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget?

£1,600. This amount is based on an estimated £5000 to be raised from our crowdfunder. This is the balance needed to do the essential elements of the refurbishment.

12(a) If the amount you are applying for covers only part of the project/activity, then please tell us how do you intend to fund any shortfall?

The Ward funding together with our crowdfunder project will allow us to do the essential refurbishment planned. Any additional funds raised by the Crowdfunder will be used to do the upgrade elements of the project as described in the budget section.

13. What is the planned timescale for spending this grant?

Start October 2020
Finish End of January 2021



3. Which Wards are you Applying to?

You may tick more than one box. Please note that no grant of more than £1,000 in totality will ordinarily be made.

Please tell us for each ward you wish to make an application to:-

- (a) how many people will benefit in that ward; and
(b) what proportion of funding from your overall application you are seeking from each ward.

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee			
Bramhall North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,750	£ 400
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,400	£ 320
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3,850	£ 880

The numbers of beneficiaries and the amount requested has been estimated based on an analysis of the postcodes in our ticket sales software, TicketSource, and the percentage of sales from postcodes in the above wards.

Central Stockport Area Committee

Brinnington & Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Cheadle Area Committee

Cheadle & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Heatons & Reddish Area Committee

Heatons North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heatons South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Marple Area Committee

Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Stepping Hill Area Committee

Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Werneth Area Committee



Bredbury & Woodley
Bredbury Green & Romiley

£
£

Totals

£ 1,600

This total should add up to
the figure you provided in



Question 12

4. Application Checklist and Declaration

1. I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct
3. If the information changes in any way I will inform Democratic Services accordingly.
4. I give permission for Democratic Services to contact my organisation and/or myself by phone, mail or e-mail with information about its activities and funding opportunities.
5. I/ we agree (if required) to attend an Area Committee meeting to explain how the proposal will improve the environmental, economic or social wellbeing of the area and to answer any questions.
6. Our details can be used for promotional purposes should this request be successful
7. I/We will use this grant for the proposed project/activities stated in our application.
8. I/we will not use the grant for any other purpose prior to contacting Democratic Services in order to seek authorisation.
9. I/we will provide appropriate proof of expenditure to Democratic Services, within 12 months from the Grant being made.
10. I/we will highlight the support of the Area Committee in recent publicity material.
11. I/we agree to providing information to assist in the future monitoring of the effectiveness of the funding including reporting back to the Area Committee on how the grant has been spent and what difference it has made.
12. I/we agree that the content of this completed application form and any supplementary information provided may be published on the Council's website and other publications as part of the application process.

Print your name: Steve Pratt



Signature:

or if submitted electronically tick this box to signify your agreement to the above terms

Date: 28/09/2020

