



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

Friends of Shahnameh

2. Organisation/Individual Address

3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Mr

Name: MAli Sadegholnejat

Role: Treasurer

Address:

Postcode:

Home Phone Number:

Mobile Phone Number:

Email Address:

Return to:
Democratic Services
Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE

4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

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

Please Tick

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A New Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A Registered Charity No. | <input 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"/> | | |

6. Please describe the main activities of your Organisation/ Group

We are an educational voluntary group, running regular and annual poetry events for the Persian speaking communities in Stockport. We mostly use Shahnameh (The Book of Kings) a book of poetry, written over 1000 years ago, with human values that are still relevant. We foster debate and discuss the relevance of the poetry in today's society. We run events in Persian and English language.

Since the lock down our rule slightly changed and we increasingly found ourselves approached as a support organization, too. Throughout the pandemic we kept the communication channels open and carried our sessions through Zoom. We were there to support our members through hard periods and in a couple of cases through bereavement process.

7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

!5th May 2011

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.

Yes

- A governance/management committee
- A Constitution/governing document/set of rules
- An Equal Opportunities Policy
- A Child Protection Policy (where necessary)
- A Health and Safety Public liability

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.

Friends of Shahnameh is a non-profit community group of diverse background. We run regular poetry nights and celebrate 'Commemoration Day of Ferdowsi' as an annual event. Ferdowsi is the author of Shanameh (book of King).

In 2022 we would like to arrange a half a day festival (15th May) as a face-to-face (conditions permitted) and on line-events. The Theme would be 'Celebrating Diversity' a timely topic to discuss in a diverse society. The session helps people to integrate in the society and come out of isolation, connecting with each other. We are proposing running half a day festival / celebration for over 200 people with talks, music and Q&A sessions, reading poetry in English and Persian, so language barrier in Persian speaking communities will be address. Persian speaking communities of migrant and refugee background, people of all ages and abilities, people with children and young adults are example of community members likely to benefit from our event.

We would publicise the event through friendsofshahnameh.com website and our social media channels on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and Telegram. We also put leaflets in Persian shops / restaurants and Persian section of Manchester University. For evaluation there will be questionnaire with questions such as "what worked for you and what didn't" "Score your experience of attending each session".

Our Festival will have some new components (e.g. children entertainments) and some tried and tested components (e.g. music and expert talk). Due to COVID we cancelled our last two face-to-face annual celebrations. Funding our project will make it possible for us to continue supporting members of communities. We are hiring a local community hall and technician for our event. By using local services we will support local business, and strengthening relationship across communities. Increasingly, we are witnessing our group also is used as a support structure. Some people joined us recently to avoid loneliness or talk about issues that concern them. With your support we could carry on with this recently developed niche. Our 'Celebrating Diversity' event will also be used to publicise our regular on-line events.. Our project can make stronger bound across communities and help more people to reach their potential.

Hiring a space (over 200 people), help with hiring a technician to run PowerPoint and sound system and the traveling expenses for our main speaker from London are what we are asking for support.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

Mainly the Persian speaking communities across Stockport, plus local shops and local catering business that provide refreshments. Residence will also benefit from us hiring a local community Hall.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Over 200.

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

No

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.

Hiring a hall	£180.00
Refreshment	£150.00
Help with Running Poerpoint and Sound system	£100.00
Travelling expenses	£98.70
Publicity	£100.00
Leaflet design and print	£200.00
Food for dpeakers	£50.00
Total	£878.70

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

£879

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

£229.00 is raised by donation and personal saving.

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

£650.00

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?

N/A

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

Start	1/4/22
Finish	30/5/22

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"/>	40	£100
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£100
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20	£70
Central Stockport Area Committee			
Brinnington & Central	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Area Committee			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	£100
Cheadle Hulme North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50	£100
Heald Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30	£90
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30	£90
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Werneth Area Committee			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Totals			£650

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:

Signature:

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

Date:
12/4/22

Return to:
Democratic Services
Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE