



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:

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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"/> | | |

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

Performing arts, Youth Group (drama education), Social activities (play readings, quiz, Theatre trips). Chads is run entirely by volunteers who pay a subscription to be a member. At its core Chads is about community and friendship. From giving young people confidence and social skills 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.

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.

- 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

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 purchase a Defibrillator and an evacuation (stairs) chair. This has been prompted due to the death of an actor during a performance at another local theatre (Altrincham Club Theatre). That theatre management believes they may have been able to save the actor's life if they had a defibrillator on site. They have since purchased one.

We want to get an evacuation chair because we have recently had 2 instances where a member of our audience had become unwell and had to leave the auditorium. Both incidents needed the ill person to manage stairs to exit. Had the persons involved been unable to manage the stairs we would have had to cancel the performances.

Why we need funding?

Our reserves were depleted due to the Theatre being closed for 18 months due to Covid restrictions. Since re-opening in Oct 2021 we have seen a reduction in audience attendance of approx. 20%. Whilst this is slowly starting to improve, arts venues, professional and amateur, are not seeing the audience numbers returning to pre-pandemic levels. Consequently, we had a reduction of £8400 in our reserves in the 2021/22 financial year. Our annual electricity bill has gone up from approx. £10,000 to £20,000 and so we forecast a further reduction in reserves this financial year.

10. Who will benefit from this grant?

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

The provision of a defibrillator and evacuation chair will benefit local residents, young and old, who come to Chads either as members of the theatre or as an audience member from the reassurance that help would be on hand should emergency strike.

Any local groups who hire Chads will also benefit. We are starting to see a return of local community groups and dance schools wanting to hire Chads. In this financial year we have had 4 hires; two dance schools, an Indian classical music concert and Onatti Productions performing live theatre in foreign languages for students of Cheadle Hulme school.

Our studio theatre is used weekly by a local drama school.

10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?

Approximately 6000 residents this year and forecasting 7000 annually from 2024 as we gradually return to pre-pandemic audience levels and increase the number of outside lets.

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.

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

Total cost is **£1,766**

Comprising:

Evacuation chair £300

Mindray C1A Defibrillator £1352

Wall cabinet £102

Delivery charge £12

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

London Hearts is a charity who will provide the above defibrillator and cabinet. Being a charity they do not directly charge for the items but request a minimum donation. They donate the difference between the manufacturers price and the amount requested from Chads.

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

£1000

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?

Total cost is £1766

Ward funding £1000

London Hearts is providing a donation of £629

Chads will use reserves to make up the difference of £137

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

Start As soon as ward flexible funding is available

Finish May 2023

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.

The number of beneficiaries and funding amounts have been estimated based on the postcodes in our ticket sales software matched to the wards. This is a per annum figure.

Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
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Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee

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Bramhall North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	850	£ 150
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,000	£ 200
Cheadle Hulme South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1,900	£ 250

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	600	£ 100
Cheadle Hulme North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1000	£ 200
Heald Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	400	£ 100

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	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£

Totals

£ 1000

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: 11/04/2023

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