



# 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

Flourish Together CIC

### 2. Organisation/Individual Address

Flourish Hub  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Heaton Chapel Station  
2 Tatton Road North  
SK4 4RL

### 3. Main Contact Details (for correspondence)

Title: Ms

Name: [REDACTED]

Role: Director

Address: [REDACTED]

Postcode: [REDACTED]

Home Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mobile Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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#### 4. Please provide your bank account details

Account Name: [REDACTED]

Account Number: [REDACTED]

Sort Code: [REDACTED]

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

*Please Tick*

- |                                |                          |   |                                     |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| A New Group                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Voluntary Organisation                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| A Registered Charity No.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Company Limited by Guarantee No.                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Applying for Charitable Status | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unregistered Association                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Friendly Society               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Please specify)                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Housing Association            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Not for private profit Community Interest Company |                                     |

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

We are a social enterprise support agency and voluntary peer learning network of women social entrepreneurs, innovators and leaders who have developed a model to make support, learning and development for women changemakers and their wider families and community more inspiring, community led and accessible. We support women through peer learning, intensive support, connection brokering, crowdsourcing and investment.

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#### 7. When was your Organisation/Group established?

We piloted our activities from 2013, formed as a CIC in 2016 and opened our first community Hub (in Stockport) in June 2023

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

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**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 VCSE sector, together with lots of other sectors, groups & individuals is affected by the Cost of Living challenges, and rising costs are squeezing the viability of organisations and adding pressure on ever escalating costs.

Fortunately we have a couple of years peppercorn rent from Northern Rail, however opening a new community base, with meeting rooms, access to training and support for diverse VCSE start up and scale up organisations (over 80% of which are women led) brings additional costs. Moving into the space, with various electrical items, we realise we have to PAT test all electricals as a mandatory condition for health/safety/risk management and to comply with insurance.

It costs £0.80-£1.50 per item to PAT test items and many VCSE organisations in our network are having to incur these costs. We aim to train 2 local people – 1 person under 20 and one over 70 years of age, to offer accessible & affordable PAT testing for community groups, charities and social enterprises – running a not for private profit service to aid the Hub, those connected to it and the wider VCSE sector across Stockport.

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**10. Who will benefit from this grant?**

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

1 person under 20 and 1 person over 70 will be trained in PAT testing and we can use a PAT testing machine we have access to – this will be an intergenerational training activity and service developing skills with both young and old.

**10(a) How Many Stockport residents will benefit?**

There are 1,388 VCSE organisations in Stockport according to the State of the Sector and potentially all or at least 10-30% will be targeted as we have significant relationships and partnerships with Sector 3 the VCSE support agency for Stockport already.

Local community groups and local residents can also bring in items to be PAT tested for both personal, work & community use and items will be PAT tested below the current costs at £0.25-£0.50p per item to raise resources to sustain the service (marketing/training/stickers/equipment/overheads).

We expect 10-15 individuals/groups/organisations a month to benefit so more than 100 per year

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

It will be community groups/VCSE organisations as the priority and target group.

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**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?**

Training Costs for 2 people @£225 each = £450 (seeking from fund)

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Travel costs for the volunteers £15pp = £30 (resourced by Flourish)  
Marketing and promotion of service flyers/graphics/Media £150 (resourced by Flourish)  
PAT testing machines and starter kit materials cost £399.00 inc VAT (borrowed from another charity in the short term we will seek to buy our own as demand increases)  
TOTAL: £1029.00

**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**

Postcode lottery money will cover initial overheads and over time we will use resources raised to buy our own PAT testing machines – initially we can borrow a PAT testing machine from a charity in Trafford who already have one.

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**12. How much are you applying for from the Ward Flexibility Budget? £450.00**

**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?**

As stated, Postcode lottery money will cover initial overheads and over time we will use resources raised to buy our own PAT testing machines. Plus Flourish will cover travel costs and marketing/promotion of free/affordable PAT testing service to VCSE organisations)

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

Start            August 2023  
Finish          December 2023

**3. Which Wards are you Applying to?**

***We have applied to Heatons and Reddish as that is where we and the project will be based - however we will offer to support people across our wider network in the other wards where we have highlighted impact/beneficiaries.***

*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.**

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**We will target Heaton North/South/Reddish and central Stockport plus a centre in Romiley**

		Number of beneficiaries	How much funding you are seeking
<b>Bramhall &amp; Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee</b>			
Bramhall North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bramhall South & Woodford	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Central Stockport Area Committee</b>			
Brinnington & Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30	£
Davenport & Cale Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Edgeley & Cheadle Heath	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Manor	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Cheadle Area Committee</b>			
Cheadle & Gatley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Cheadle Hulme North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Heald Green	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Heatons &amp; Reddish Area Committee</b>			
Heatons North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30	£450.00
Heatons South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20	£
Reddish North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	£
Reddish South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Marple Area Committee</b>			
Marple North	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Marple South	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Stepping Hill Area Committee</b>			
Hazel Grove	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Offerton	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Stepping Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
<b>Werneth Area Committee</b>			
Bredbury & Woodley	<input type="checkbox"/>		£
Bredbury Green & Romiley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10	£
<b>Totals</b>			£

This total should add up to  
the figure you provided in  
**Question 12**



## 4. Application Checklist and Declaration

- I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the above organisation ☒
- I certify that the information contained in this application is correct ☒

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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:

[Redacted Name]  
[Redacted Signature]

Signature:

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



Date:

7.7.2023

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