

Grant summary

Organisation

Circus Starr

Funding request

Circus Starr are requesting funding towards delivery of an inclusive big top circus for local vulnerable children and families.

Total cost

£22,200

Grant requested

£1,200

The difference between the total cost and the grant requested will be bridged by matched funding and donations.



Macclesfield Town Council Large Community Grant application form

Grants from £250 up to £2,000

Community for Voluntary Services Cheshire East (CVSCE) is a registered charity and independent organisation that provides support and services to groups. CVSCE provides support to Macclesfield Town Council's grant programme by reviewing completed grant application forms to ensure they meet the criteria set out in the Council's Grants and Funding Policy. For more information, please refer to the policy.

CVSCE can also offer guidance on completing the application form.

Your Contact details

Please complete table 1.

Table 1 Contact details

Applicant name:	██████████
Position in organisation:	Trusts & Grants Manager
Organisation:	Starr in the Community CIC
Address:	1 st Floor, Dane Mill, Broadhurst Lane, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1LA
Contact number:	██████████
E-mail address:	██
Contact address (if different from above):	As above.
Telephone number:	██████████
Website:	www.circus-starr.org.uk

Contact details for senior member of the organisation

This must be the chair, secretary, treasurer or a senior member of your committee and different from above.

Please complete table 2.

Table 2 Contact details for senior member of the organisation

Senior contact name:	
Contact address:	As above.
Telephone number:	
E-mail:	
Position in organisation:	Director

Organisation profile

Please complete table 3 to describe your organisation profile, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 3 Organisation profile

Registered charity:	No
Registration number:	Company Reg: 07477542
Voluntary organisation:	No
Community group:	Yes
Company Limited by Guarantee:	Yes
Not for profit organisation:	Yes
Social enterprise:	Yes
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	36 years. Circus Starr was started in 1987 as a social enterprise and became a CIC in 2010.
What does your organisation do? (A summary of this information will be used on our website if your application is successful). Maximum of 50 words:	We are Circus Starr, a community interest company passionate about sharing the magical art of circus with those who are disabled, vulnerable, and disadvantaged. We are proud to be inclusive and offer both physical and sensory accessibility. Put simply – we bring fun to those who need it most.

Please complete table 4 on your organisation's land, premises and facilities, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 4 Land, premises and facilities

Own its own land/premises/facilities	Yes
Hire private land/premises/facilities	No
Hire local authority land/premises/facilities	Yes
Lease the land/premises/facilities	No

Please give details of lease expiry date/length of lease	
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Please complete table 5 to indicate how many staff, paid or otherwise, are involved with your organisation.

Table 5 Number of staff

Number of full time paid staff	19
Number of part time paid staff	19
Number of casual paid staff	0
Number of full time unpaid staff	0
Number of part time unpaid staff	0
Number of casual unpaid staff	0

Previous funding

Has your organisation received a grant from Macclesfield Town Council before?

Please complete table 6, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 6 Previous funding

Previous funding from Macclesfield Town Council	Yes
If yes, please tell us when and how much was awarded:	Macclesfield Town Council supported our relaxed and inclusive Big Top show last year with a grant of £1,000 and then in 2019 with a grant of £680.
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	Through being a Macclesfield resident.

Your project/activity/event

Complete table 7 to describe you project, activity or event.

Table 7 Project/activity/event description

Date of activity/event or anticipated start date of project:	Wednesday 14 th June 2023.
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Circus Starr Show - Macclesfield
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	We are excited to announce the return of our unique Big Top circus show and will be coming to Macclesfield Rugby Club on the 14 th June 2023 for two performances, offering up to 1000 local children and families the chance to experience the magical world of big top circus free of charge. A grant from Macclesfield Town

	Council will be used towards the cost of providing the relaxed and inclusive performances for children and families in Macclesfield who have a barrier to accessing live performance due to disability, isolation, or financial constraints.
If you are successful with your application, please describe what your project/event/activity will achieve and what difference it will make to your organisation/area, how it will extend/develop community activity and how it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):	Our event is designed to challenge the social isolation that can often be felt by those who suffer from physical, social, or financial constraints by creating a unique, fun and inviting environment where communities come together. Our Big Top show offers a unique way of breaking down barriers and bringing communities and local businesses together in a shared event. To our knowledge we are the only Big Top circus to offer this type of event free of charge throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. We not only bring communities together but also local support groups, schools, and hospices. We encourage children and families to try new things and to meet new people, to grow in confidence and make new friends.
How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	Our sustainability comes from listening to our audience and continually adapting our shows to their needs. Keeping our donor/supporters informed about the performance and passing on feedback from the audience after the shows, helps our investors feel involved with the event and to repeat their support.
If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	Any profit from the event is invested in our ongoing projects such as touch tours, BSL signed performances or providing free sensory stories and packs for children with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

Projected expenditure

Complete Table 8 with estimates of your total project costs and provide brief details. Use a separate sheet if necessary and provide quotes.

Table 8 Projected expenditure

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Artists	£2,800	
Big Top Rental	£1,100	

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Venue & Site Rental	£1,500	
Sound/Lighting/Equipment	£1,200	
Marketing	£200	
Build-up Crews/Drivers	£1,400	
Fundraising Costs	£6,000	
Administration Costs	£8,000	
Other		
Total Cost	£22,200	(leave blank)

Projected income

Complete Table 9 to specify match funding from other sources (external grants, own contribution etc), selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Macclesfield Town Council will take into account your ability to obtain funding from other sources and from your own existing funds when recommending an award.

Table 9 Projected income

Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
Matched funding amount (Grants etc.)	£1,200	Yes By May	No
Own existing funds/fundraising		Yes/No	Yes/No
Projected income from ticket sales etc.		No	No
Other Local Authority e.g. Borough/Town Parish		No	No
Sponsorship (Please specify)		Yes/No	Yes/No
Donations (please specify)	£21,000	Fundraising for the event will start end of March.	No
Non-cash or in-kind contributions		No	No
Total projected income		n/a	n/a
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	£1,200	n/a	n/a
Balance outstanding	£0	n/a	n/a
Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for: The funding will cover the cost of £60 local children coming to the show with their families. Any staff costs for the event will come out of match funding and other donations.			

Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
<p>If there is a balance outstanding or you are not awarded the full amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council, state below how the shortfall will be covered or whether the project will be delayed:</p> <p>Our event in Macclesfield will be predominantly funded by the local business community. We have also applied to The Russell Trust for funding for the event. They have supported the show for several years.</p>			

Accounts summary

Answer the questions below and complete Table 10 to summarise the organisation's most recent accounts.

Are the figures a projection because the organisation has been running less than 15 months? Yes/No

Are the figures from the organisation's latest accounts? Yes/No

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number:


Table 10 Accounts summary

Account year ending	31 st December
Total income for the year:	£1,112, 620
Total expenditure for the year:	£1,073,750
Surplus or deficit:	£38,870
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£198,000

Bank details

Complete Table 11 with the organisation's bank details.

Table 11 Bank details

Organisation's bank account name (payee name):	Starr in the Community CIC
Organisations bank account sort code and account number:	

Project beneficiaries and equality

Complete Table 12, selecting Yes or No where applicable.

Table 12 Project beneficiaries and equality

Total number of people you expect to access your event, activity or facility:	We will be inviting an audience of up to 1000 spread over the two performances.
Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	Our audience is made up of children and families with many complex issues, from children with profound and multiple differences and children on the autistic spectrum to children from underprivileged or vulnerable backgrounds and families under financial constraints.
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	Children and families from Macclesfield and surrounding area.
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of age?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of disability?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of gender reassignment?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of marriage and civil partnership?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of pregnancy and maternity?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of race?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of religion and belief?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sex?	No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sexual orientation?	No

Supporting documentation

Please complete Table 13, selecting Yes or No to indicate if you have the documents. You do not need to send these documents in with your application (apart from your Governing Document, which must be signed, and Safeguarding Policies, to be supplied by e-mail or post within 7 days of submitting this application) but we may request copies at a later date.

Up to date Annual accounts/income and expenditure	Yes
Governing Document	Yes

Safeguarding policies	Yes
Relevant insurances	Yes
Quotes/estimates for equipment	No
Affiliation to a Governing Body	Yes
Equalities and Inclusion Policy	Yes
Planning permission	No

Data Protection

Please ensure that you read this section before submitting your application.

Grant application administration

Part or all of the information you supply to us will be held on our IT system. This information will be used for the administration of grant applications and for statistical analysis.

Copies of your application, but with personal details redacted, will be provided at the relevant council meeting for consideration of awarding the grant.

For transparency purposes, information about successful grant applications is added to our website and made available to the local press. The press may request contact details of someone able to provide additional information.

Please indicate below if you consent to us passing on your name and email address to the local press for this purpose.

Yes

Grant application support

Please indicate below if you agree for this form to be shared with CVSCE for the purposes of evaluating the application against Macclesfield Town Council's criteria for grants:

Yes

Please indicate below if you agree if you agree to CVSCE contacting me by the following methods to provide feedback or offer additional support on completing this application:

Postal address	Yes
Email address	Yes
Phone	Yes

Declaration

Please complete table 13 – two signatories are required.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all the information contained within this application is correct.

I confirm that I understand, agree and accept the terms and conditions of this grant as set out in the Grants and Funding Policy.

Table 13 Declaration

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Date:	2 nd March 2023
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	Grants & Trusts Manager

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Date:	2 nd March 2023
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	Director

Return to Macclesfield Town Council, Macclesfield Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

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