

Grant summary

Organisation

Circus Starr

Funding request

Funding is requested towards the inclusive circus event to be held on Saturday 7th September.

Total cost

£19,249

Funding request

£1,200

The difference between the total project cost and the funding request will be bridged by donations and matched funding.



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:	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation:	[REDACTED]
Organisation:	Starr in the Community CIC – T/A Circus Starr
Address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]
Contact address (if different from above):	As above.
Telephone number:	[REDACTED]
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:	[REDACTED]
Contact address:	As above.
Telephone number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail:	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation:	[REDACTED]

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?	37 years. Circus Starr originated as a social enterprise in 1987, became a Community Interest Company in 2010, and is now in the process of moving to charity status.
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:	Circus Starr provides relaxed and inclusive Big Top circus and theatre performances free of charge to children and families who have a barrier to accessing conventional arts events. Our event is designed to challenge the isolation that can be felt by those who live with physical, social, or financial constraints.

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	No
Lease the land/premises/facilities	No
Please give details of lease expiry date/length of lease	

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:	2019 - £680. 2022 - £1,000 2023 - £1,200
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:	Saturday 7 th September 2024 at Jackson Hall, Kings School, Macclesfield.
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Circus Starr Show - Macclesfield

<p>Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):</p>	<p>Circus Starr is unique! We are the only UK touring circus whose focus is to bring accessible performance to everybody no matter what obstacles they may face. According to Arts Council England “Involvement with arts and culture is crucial to imagination, self-expression and creativity in young people.” Nearly 1.5 million UK families find it difficult to afford a day out together. Families with disabled children often find that cost, limited wheelchair spaces, and venues difficult to access make it hard to be included in cultural events. Our inclusive circus shows help break down barriers within the community, bringing people with similar lived experiences together through a shared event.</p> <p>A grant from Macclesfield Town Council will allow sixty isolated children to come to our accessible and inclusive children’s variety show with their family.</p> <p>As you can see, we are hosting our event indoors this year rather than in the Big Top. This is because of the massive rise in logistical costs over the last four years. Since 2019 our logistical costs – that’s transport, fuel, build-up crews, and HGV drivers – have increased by 60%. The decision has therefore been taken to hold all three 2024 tours at indoor venues so that we can recoup some costs and explore other avenues for the larger touring costs associated with the big top tours. We are soon to become a registered charity which, hopefully, will open other funding streams currently unavailable to us now. Our fabulous audience will remain from the local area, receiving pre-allocated tickets through support organisations, special needs schools, and many other groups.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Our aim is to improve community spirit and community activities by uniting those who feel isolated, for them to come together and feel inspired. We know how much community matters, especially to children and families living with disability or financial</p>

<p>it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):</p>	<p>constraints. We know these families often feel more isolated and unable to connect with their community. Our shows strip away the barriers they normally face by offering a safe, welcoming, and free event, created for children and families with a wide variety of abilities, supported by local businesses.</p> <p>Our event gives children a unique opportunity to share time with other families from a similar background where strong relationships can be built. It allows them to socialise with other cultures and abilities, to widen their horizons and encourage tolerance and understanding and give parents the chance to connect with other parents, letting them swap experiences and encourage friendships.</p>
<p>How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):</p>	<p>We are soon to become a registered charity. This will open funding streams that have previously been unavailable to us. Gift Aid will generate income. Maintaining a positive and attractive brand to encourage donations from new businesses. Online donating is now available through our website.</p>
<p>If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:</p>	<p>Any profit gained from this event will be used to prop up existing projects such as BSL signers, sensory boxes, and our mobile changing places toilet.</p>

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
Venue/site Hire	£1,800	Kings School, Macclesfield
Administration	£13,482	Office, fundraising, expenses, wages, energy costs, recruitment & training.
Artists, Labour, Crew.	£2,304	
Fuel/travel.	£381	

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Sound/lighting/equipment	£45	
RevoLOOtion – Vehicles for change.	£745	Mobile changing places toilet.
BSL Performance Signer	£492	
Other		
Total Cost	£19,249	(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 June	No
Own existing funds/fundraising		Yes/No	Yes/No
Projected income from ticket sales etc.		Yes/No	Yes/No
Other Local Authority e.g. Borough/Town Parish		Yes/No	Yes/No
Sponsorship (Please specify)		Yes/No	Yes/No
Donations (please specify)	£16,849	Fundraising within the local business community will begin in June.	No
Non-cash or in-kind contributions		Yes/No	Yes/No
Total projected income		n/a	n/a
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	£1,200	n/a	n/a
Balance outstanding		n/a	n/a
Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for:			
A grant of £1,200 will cover the cost of 60 local children coming to the show with their family. Any staff costs for the event will come out of match funding and other donations.			
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:			
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.			

Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed

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 2023
Total income for the year:	£1,564,607
Total expenditure for the year:	£1,648,027
Surplus or deficit:	£87,597
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£247,615

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 900 spread over two performances.
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Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	Children with - disability/mobility issues, SEN, visually impaired, deaf, low income/disadvantaged, autism, mental health, abusive background, illness, bereavement.
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	Children and families from Macclesfield and surrounding areas.
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:	27 th March 2024
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	[REDACTED]

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Date:	27 th March 2024
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	[REDACTED]

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