

**Grant summary**

**Organisation**

Circus Starr

**Funding request**

Funding is requested towards an inclusive circus event to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

**Total cost**

£20,686

**Funding request**

£2,000

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

**END OF REPORT**

## 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:	Grants & Trusts Manager
Organisation:	Starr in the Community CIC – T/A Circus Starr
Address:	
Contact number:	
E-mail address:	
Contact address (if different from above):	As above.
Telephone number:	
Website:	<a href="http://www.circus-starr.org.uk">www.circus-starr.org.uk</a>

### 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:	<b>As above.</b>
Telephone number:	
E-mail:	
Position in organisation:	<b>Director</b>

## 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?	38 years. Opened originally as a social enterprise in 1987, became a CIC in 2010, and now waiting for our charity status application to go through.
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 accessible and inclusive circus and theatre performance 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	
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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/volunteers**

Number of full time paid staff	<b>10</b>
Number of part time paid staff	<b>26</b>
Number of casual paid staff	<b>0</b>
Number of volunteers	<b>0</b>

## 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:	<b>2019 - £680</b> <b>2022 - £1000</b> <b>2023 - £1200</b> <b>2024 - £1200</b>
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	<b>Through living in Macclesfield.</b>

## Your project/activity/event

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

**Table 7 Project/activity/event description**

Date of activity/event or anticipated start date of project:	6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
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):	Our purpose is to unite those who feel isolated by inviting them to come together and feel inspired at our magical circus event. Our two performances in Macclesfield will be held at Jackson Hall, Kings School, Macclesfield on the 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025. To make our shows as accessible as possible we are looking for funding to provide a mobile changing places toilet for the event (RevoLOOtation – Vehicles for Change), and a British Sign

	<p>Language performance signer for both performances. We would also be grateful for funds to cover the cost of 35 children coming to the event with their family.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Changing Places Toilet</td><td>£645.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>BSL Signer</td><td>£492.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>35 X Tickets</td><td>£863.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td><td>£2,000.00</td></tr> </table> <p>RevoLOO and the BSL signer are crucial to our shows being accessible to those with hearing loss and wheelchair users who find standard disabled toilets difficult to use. Last autumn tour 342 wheelchair users were able to access our performances because the changing places toilet was available.</p>	Changing Places Toilet	£645.00	BSL Signer	£492.00	35 X Tickets	£863.00	TOTAL	£2,000.00
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<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 it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):</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 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>To improve the sustainability of our events we have packed away the Big Top for now and are concentrating on developing our theatre shows. As a result, we have reversed a two year deficit in our accounts and have made a small profit which will support new &amp; current projects.</p>								

If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	Any profit from this event will be used to support new and existing projects to improve the accessibility of our events.
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## 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.

Please ensure that table 8 and table 9 add up to the same amount.

**Table 8 Projected expenditure**

Item	Estimated cost	Details
Venue/site Hire	£1,200	King School, Macclesfield
Administration	£13,811	Office, fundraising, expenses, wages, energy costs, recruitment & training.
Fundraising Costs	£954	
Artists, Labour, Crew	£2,304	
Fuel/travel.	£1,011	
Sound/lighting/equipment	£151	
RevoLOOtion – Vehicles for change.	£645	Mobile changing places toilet.
BSL Performance Signer	£492	
Marketing costs	£118	
Other		
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£20,686</b>	

## 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.)	£2,500	Yes – By June	No
Own existing funds/fundraising		Yes/No	Yes/No



Item	Amount	Applied for and expected to hear date	Confirmed
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)	£16,186	Fundraising within the local business community will begin in June.	No
Non-cash or in-kind contributions		Yes/No	Yes/No
<b>Total projected income</b>			
<b>Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council</b>	£2,000		
<b>Balance outstanding</b>			
<p><b>Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for:</b></p> <p>Changing Places Toilet      £645.00  BSL Signer                      £492.00  35 X Tickets                      £863.00</p> <p>TOTAL                              £2,000.00</p>			
<p><b>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:</b></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 our event over 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? No

Are the figures from the organisation's latest accounts? Yes

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number: GB 104235854

**Table 10 Accounts summary**

Account year ending	31/12/24
Total income for the year:	£1,591,739.00
Total expenditure for the year:	£1,549,537.00
Surplus or deficit:	£42,202.00
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£261,916.00

**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:	Acc No: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

**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:	Up to 700 spread over two performances.
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?	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:	12/05/2025
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	Grants & Trusts Manager

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Date:	12/05/2025
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	Director

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