

Grant summary

Organisation

Macclesfield Male Voice Choir

Funding request

Funding is requested towards the costs of putting together a brand-new men's choir, aimed at reducing social isolation and improving mental health. The choir will then put on a concert to raise money for East Cheshire Hospice.

Total cost

£5,100

Funding request

£1,700

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

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:	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation:	Project Lead
Organisation:	MaccMVC
Address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]
Contact address (if different from above):	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Website:	www.maccmvc.co.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

[REDACTED] contact name:	[REDACTED]
Contact address:	
Telephone number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail:	[REDACTED]m
Position in organisation:	Chairman

Organisation profile

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

Table 3 Organisation profile

Registered charity:	Yes / No
Registration number:	1051597
Voluntary organisation:	Yes / No
Community group:	Yes / No
Company Limited by Guarantee:	Yes / No
Not for profit organisation:	Yes / No
Social enterprise:	Yes / No
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	70 years
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:	Choir

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 / No
Hire private land/premises/facilities	Yes / No
Hire local authority land/premises/facilities	Yes / No
Lease the land/premises/facilities	Yes / 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/volunteers

Number of full time paid staff	0
Number of part time paid staff	
Number of casual paid staff	2

Number of volunteers	Members, friends and family
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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/No
If yes, please tell us when and how much was awarded:	2019 , £2000
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	Previous users

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:	25 th February 2026
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	All Men Can Sing
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	To find 20-40 men to sing in a concert to raise funds for singing lessons within the East Cheshire Hospice Dementia Singing For The Soul programme. To provide music staff and facilities to develop this impromptu choir and to promote the final concert. The Conductor, Accompanist are professionals, rehearsal facilities are required as are folders of sheet music (some of which will be subject to copyright and need to be rented. Depending on numbers it is expected that the rehearsals will take place at either Broken Cross Methodist Church or the Sunflower Centre (Hospice)The concert venue and associated items (tickets, advertising, etc) will need to be paid for. Programme covers 10 weeks (rehearsals and final concert). The first rehearsal is scheduled for 25 th February, the concert for 18 th April at the United Reformed Church (Park Green). Marketing will be via 12000 leaflets (door-to-door drop), 160 posters (shops, clubs etc) social media (facebook and website)
If you are successful with your application, please describe what your	The principal achievements are funding for Singing Together sessions

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):	to be provided within the East Cheshire Hospice Dementia programme, provided for people living with dementia and their carers. We are aiming for a donation of c£5000. In addition we are providing a programme that provides men of Macclesfield an informal introduction to choir singing and access to the documented potential physical social and mental health benefits.
How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	If the project is successful (enough volunteers come forward to stage a concert and that concert generates a significant donation to the cause) then we would look to repeat the project next year which would start with a search for suitable sponsors to cover the project costs. Having run the project for one year we will have a much tighter idea of costs and therefore better able to approach sponsors with detailed amounts and actual benefits.
If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	All proceeds will go to fund the Hospice project detailed above.

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
New build/refurbishment		
Furniture/fixtures/fittings		
Equipment purchase	1000	Music and folders, tee shirts for performers.
Equipment hire		
Premises/facility hire	900	Sign up location/Rehearsal/event location
Materials	600	Possible sheet music
Advertising/marketing/publicity	200	
Workshops/seminars/training	1800	Conductor/Accompanist

Other	600	Final event
Total Cost	5100	

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.)	£2900	Yes/	Yes/
Own existing funds/fundraising		Yes/No	Yes/No
Projected income from ticket sales etc.	All income from ticket sales/raffles etc will go to the cause (East Cheshire Hospice)	Yes/No	Yes/No
Other Local Authority e.g. Borough/Town Parish		Yes/No	Yes/No
Sponsorship (Please specify)	Sponsorship from Chrome Motors will be delivered by way of in-kind contributions as will those from Macclesfield Male Voice Choir	Yes/No	Yes/No
Donations (please specify)		Yes/No	Yes/No
Non-cash or in-kind contributions	£500 estimated value of donations of services eg. Chrome Motors doing some of the marketing	Yes/	Yes/No
Total projected income	£3400		
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town	£1700		

Council			
Balance outstanding	0		
Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for:			
Rehearsal facilities inc Conductor and Accompanist and initial marketing material			
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:			
All our budgetting to date is based on estimates because many items are dependent upon the number of volunteers who commit. For the project to commence we require a “pop up choir” of more than 20 committed volunteers, then rehearsals can commence and we will start to incur costs and will have a sight of actual costs (how much music we need to purchase, cost of rehearsal facility etc). Our estimates are based on up to 50 committed volunteers. If we have too few committed volunteers the project will be cancelled and any grant monies returned. If we continue and our costs are projected to exceed our income we will proceed by seeking additional sponsorship and sponsors and calling on putative personal donations. If we are unable to cover the costs on a revised basis then the project will be cancelled.			

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/No **NB Financial year is 1/1 to 31/12, 2025 account is currently being “closed” so have used 2024 account.**

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number: N/A

Table 10 Accounts summary

Account year ending	31 st Dec 2024
Total income for the year:	£19376
Total expenditure for the year:	£20038
Surplus or deficit:	-£662
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	6276

Bank details

Complete Table 11 with the organisation's bank details.

Table 11 Bank details

Organisation's bank account name (payee name):	Macclesfield Male Voice Choir
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:	250
Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	Those with Dementia and their carers, male mental and physical health and male social interaction.
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	The scope of East Cheshire Hospice; Buxton, Macclesfield, Poynton, Knutsford, wilmslow, Congleton
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of age?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of disability?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of gender reassignment?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of marriage and civil partnership?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of pregnancy and maternity?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of race?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of religion and belief?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sex?	Yes/No- NB Choir is a Male Voice choir
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of sexual orientation?	Yes/No
Does your organisation restrict access	Yes/No

on the grounds of political activity?	
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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/No
Governing Document	Yes/No
Safeguarding policies	Yes/No
Relevant insurances	Yes/No
Quotes/estimates for equipment	Yes/No
Affiliation to a Governing Body	Yes/No NB We are members of National Association of Choirs, we have no Governing Body
Equalities and Inclusion Policy	Yes/No
Planning permission	Yes/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 / No NB Provisional yes but my preference would be to not use my personal email (above) but the project email (which can be supplied). OK with use of my name.

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 /No

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 / No
Email address Yes / No
Phone Yes / No


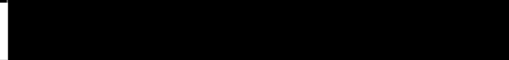
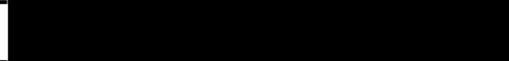
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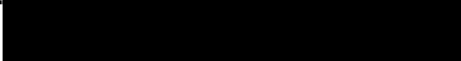

Please complete table 13 – two signatories are required.

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:	
Date:	
Name:	
Position in group:	Project Leader

Signed:	
Date:	
Name:	
Position in group:	Chairman

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

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