

Grant summary

Organisation

CORE pantry

Funding request

Funding is requested towards Pantry 2 Plate – a project to support people learning to cook with ingredients and demonstrations.

Total cost

£12,000

Funding request

£2,000

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

END OF REPORT



Macclesfield Town Council Large Community Grant application form

Grants from £250 up to £2,000

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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:	Trustee
Organisation:	The Upton Youth and Community Project
Address:	THE CORE COMMUNITY HUB, CHURCHWAY MACCLESFIELD SK10 3HT
Contact number:	██████████
E-mail address:	████████████████████
Contact address (if different from above):	██
Telephone number:	n/a
Website:	https://www.thecorepantry.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

Senior contact name:	
Contact address:	THE CORE COMMUNITY HUB, CHURCHWAY MACCLESFIELD SK10 3HT
Telephone number:	n/a
E-mail:	
Position in organisation:	Chair of trustees

Organisation profile

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

Table 3 Organisation profile

Registered charity:	Yes
Registration number:	1181691
Voluntary organisation:	Yes
Community group:	Yes
Company Limited by Guarantee:	No
Not for profit organisation:	Yes
Social enterprise:	Yes
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	Since 2019
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:	The CORE Pantry is a community led food project based in Upton Priory. We provide local residents in the SK10 3 postcode with access to affordable food in a welcoming and supportive environment.

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	No
Hire private land/premises/facilities	Yes
Hire local authority land/premises/facilities	No
Lease the land/premises/facilities	No
Please give details of lease expiry date/length of lease	n/a

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	2
Number of casual paid staff	0
Number of volunteers	45

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:	£2,000 in May 2024
How did you hear about the Community Grant Scheme?	From MTC contact

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:	Monthly during 2026/7.
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Pantry 2 Plate (see annex for more details)
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	Once per month, pantry members are able to take home free of charge the ingredients, and a recipe sheet, for a large family meal. These ingredient bags are pre-prepared by volunteers, and are free of charge to members. During Pantry hours, a chef demonstrates to those participating in the project how to cook the meal. It proved very popular in 2025, with over 200 active participants, and we are expanding it in 2026.
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	Our work The Pantry is more than just a place providing food. We build a community around the food. Each week before the pantry opens we run a free café to encourage members to socialise, and access community care services such as

how it meets the criteria listed in the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants (maximum 150 words):	Social Prescribers, Citizens Advice Energy Team, Peaks and Plains housing, and others on occasion. We are a subsidised food pantry, distributing healthy food as economically as possible to the most needy and disabled individuals and families in the community. The Pantry 2 Plate project educates our members directly, giving them new skills and abilities.
How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	The Pantry faces an annual structural shortfall of ~£35,000. Despite this it is well-funded, and has 5-6 months of reserves. The Pantry 2 Plate project is a further extension of our work, to directly educate members how to use more economical, fresh and healthy ingredients to prepare family meals.
If your application is for an event and you make a profit, please state how this will be used:	n/a

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	n/a	
Furniture/fixtures/fittings	n/a	
Equipment purchase	n/a	
Equipment hire	n/a	
Premises/facility hire	n/a	
Materials	£2000	Extra food purchases
Advertising/marketing/publicity	n/a	
Workshops/seminars/training	£10,000	Members cookery training
Other		
Total Cost	£12,000	

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
Confirmed 2026 donations	£7,000		Yes
2026 donations applied for	£3,000	Aug	No
Total projected income	£10,000		
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	£2,000		
Balance outstanding	£0		
Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for: Members cookery workshops			
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: The Pantry will do our best to continue, either funded by reserves, or by alternative fund raising or donors.			

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? No

If your organisation is VAT registered, please supply your VAT number: n/a

Table 10 Accounts summary

Account year ending	31/12/2025
Total income for the year:	£81,483
Total expenditure for the year:	£69,657
Surplus or deficit:	£11,826
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£60,028

Bank details

Complete Table 11 with the organisation's bank details.

Table 11 Bank details

Organisation's bank account name (payee name):	The Upton Youth and Community Project
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:	~225
Which groups will benefit from your project (i.e. age, disability, ethnicity, disadvantaged etc.)?	The most disadvantaged groups in Macclesfield. Elderly, vulnerable, single parents, refugees, and kids
Which geographical area (whole parish or ward(s)) will benefit most from your project, event or activity?	Upton Priory
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
Does your organisation restrict access on the grounds of political activity?	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	n/a
Affiliation to a Governing Body	Yes
Equalities and Inclusion Policy	Yes
Planning permission	n/a

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:	
Date:	27/7/26
Name:	
Position in group:	Trustee

Signed:	
Date:	27/7/26
Name:	
Position in group:	Chair of trustees

Return to Assistant Town Clerk Helena Gowler by emailing a copy of your grant application to admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

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Annex 1**Outcomes of 2025 Pantry 2 Plate Project**

The Pantry to Plate project supported over 200 members of The Core Pantry to cook affordable meals from pantry ingredients, offering weekly recipes and store-cupboard bags. Over the 12-week programme, there was a positive shift in confidence and cooking habits among participants. A huge thank you to Cheshire East Council for funding the project.

The recipes were developed by local chef Jinny Chivers, who demonstrated them in the pantry over the 12 weeks and made the recipes available. Here are a few of them:

PASTA CARBONARA	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/pasta-carbonara
FETA POCKET	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/fetapocket
RISOTTO	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/risotto
POTATO AND CHORIZO	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/potatoandchorizo
RAMEN	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/ramen
MINESTRONE SOUP	https://www.thecorepantry.co.uk/minestroneoup

Volunteers packed 225 bags of the herbs and spices, and these were handed out free to all members expressing an interest to attend the cookery demos. The contents were sufficient to make all the meals, and with sufficient left to make a store of them at home. A total of 215 members opted to join the live demos, and to accept the bags.

Then for each week the course was running, ~200 bags of the necessary ingredients were packed and given to attendees free of charge in addition to their normal shop, so that they could make the meal for their family at home. Sufficient ingredients to make a meal for 4 people were provided. The courses were very popular, and we are expanding the program this year, with a vision of eventually running it each week.