

Grant summary

Organisation

Circus Starr

Funding request

Funding is requested towards the cost of an inclusive circus event.

Total cost

£32,432

Funding request

£2,000

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

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:	Grants & Trusts Manager
Organisation:	Starr in the Community
Address:	[REDACTED]
Contact number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail address:	[REDACTED]
Contact address (if different from above):	As above.
Telephone number:	As above
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:	[REDACTED]
Telephone number:	[REDACTED]
E-mail:	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation:	Trustee

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:	1215592
Voluntary organisation:	No
Community group:	Yes
Company Limited by Guarantee:	No
Not for profit organisation:	Yes
Social enterprise:	Registered Charity
Other:	
How long has your organisation been in existence?	39 years. Originally opened as a social enterprise in 1987, becoming a CIC in 2010 and now a registered charity.
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:	Starr in the Community is a UK charity that brings inclusive circus shows to children and families facing barriers to the arts. We provide free tickets through our Donated Ticket Scheme via schools, hospices and community partners. Relaxed performances include gentler lighting and sound, sensory packs, and accessible facilities.

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	10
Number of part time paid staff	26
Number of casual paid staff	0
Number of volunteers	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 - £1000 2023 - £1200 2024 - £1200 2025 - £2000
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:	5 th September 2026
Name of project (maximum 10 words):	Circus Without Limits - Macclesfield
Briefly describe what the grant you are requesting is required for and why it is needed (maximum 150 words):	We're a UK charity dedicated to making sure every child can experience the joy, wonder and belonging of live performance. Touring 74 towns each year, Starr creates fully inclusive shows where accessibility is built in from the ground up, helping children and families often excluded from cultural life feel welcome and supported. Our performances feature gentle lighting, adjusted sound, sensory packs and a

	<p>relaxed atmosphere where movement and noise are accepted. Through our Donated Ticket Scheme, we provide free tickets to disabled and disadvantaged children via schools, hospices, charities and community groups, ensuring cost is never a barrier. We're seeking support to bring our Starr show to Jackson Hall, King's School, Macclesfield, on 5 September. A grant of £2,000 would cover a mobile changing places toilet, a BSL signer and cover the cost of 41 children to come to the event in September.</p> <table data-bbox="821 651 1252 797"> <tr> <td>Accessaloo</td> <td>£480</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BSL Signer</td> <td>£495</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41 X Tickets</td> <td><u>£1025</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td>£2000</td> </tr> </table>	Accessaloo	£480	BSL Signer	£495	41 X Tickets	<u>£1025</u>	TOTAL	£2000
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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 project will strengthen community connections by bringing together children and families who often feel excluded because of disability, additional needs or financial hardship. By providing a free, safe and fully inclusive live event, we will create a shared community experience where everyone feels welcome, valued and able to take part. The project will reduce isolation, improve wellbeing and help families build a stronger sense of belonging within their local area.</p> <p>The project will also develop community activity by creating opportunities for families to meet, socialise and build supportive relationships with others from different backgrounds, cultures and abilities. Children will enjoy a positive shared experience that encourages understanding, confidence and inclusion, while parents and carers will have the chance to connect, share experiences and form lasting friendships. Through support from local businesses and community partners, the event will also encourage wider local involvement and demonstrate how accessible activities can bring communities together.</p>								

How will your project or service be sustained in the future? Maximum 50 words):	Our service is sustained through year-round fundraising, support from local businesses and charitable foundations, and a financially stable touring model. By delivering three annual tours and reinvesting any surplus into accessibility, we can continue providing inclusive performances and donated tickets to disabled and disadvantaged children in the future.
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

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
Fundraising Staff	£6550	It takes 4 months to fundraise for each town we visit.
Fundraising Costs	£1373	Sourcing funders, emails, letters, paper/printing costs etc.
Administration Staff	£5035	Accounts dept, communications & engagements, grants & trusts funding, ticket allocation through local charitable organisations pre-event, event management.
Administration Costs	£3428	Computer services, postage, paper, printing, communication costs etc., office rent, heat & lighting.
Artist's Fees	£1669	
Artist's Travel and Accommodation	£1227	Minivan for troupe & equipment transport van hire. fuel costs, hotel accommodation,
Show Costs	£5160	Props & costumes
Support Costs	£6015	
BSL Performance Signer	£495	2 performances
Accessaloo	£480	Specially adapted mobile toilet unit for wheelchair users
Site Hire	£1000	Cost of venue hire.
Total Cost	£32432	

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.)	£2000	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)	£28432	Fundraising within the local business community will begin in June.	Yes/No
Non-cash or in-kind contributions		Yes/No	Yes/No
Total projected income			
Amount requested from Macclesfield Town Council	£2000		
Balance outstanding			

Please state exactly what the town council funding will pay for:

Accessaloo	£480
BSL Signer	£495
41 X Tickets	<u>£1025</u>
TOTAL	£2000

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 also have funding from The Russell Trust (£1000), and we have also applied to Bollington Town Council - £500, and Prestbury Town Council - £500.

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	31/12/2025
Total income for the year:	£1,672,099
Total expenditure for the year:	£1,669,700
Surplus or deficit:	£2,399
Total savings or reserves in the bank at year end:	£277,777

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 (New Account Name)
Organisations bank account sort code and account number:	Acc No: [REDACTED] Sort: [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 including Bollington and Prestbury.

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	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 / No

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:	21/05/2026
Name:	
Position in group:	Grants & Trusts Manager

Signed:	[REDACTED]
Date:	21/05/2026
Name:	[REDACTED]
Position in group:	Trustee

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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