



## **SEND Local Offer Youth Led Grants**

### **What is the Local Offer Youth Led Fund?**

Young Manchester, Manchester City Council's SEND Local Offer Team and Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN) have been supporting a group of SEND young people called 'The Changemakers' to create a fund designed by and for young disabled people.

In the literature for this fund we refer to 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) young people', and 'young disabled people'. We acknowledge that young people have diverse preferences, some of which might not be reflected in this terminology.

This is a pilot project, our shared ambition is to embed youth voice and youth led grantmaking across the SEND Local Offer, so that young disabled people can make decisions about how money is spent across the city.

For this fund, The Changemakers and other groups of young disabled people:

- Have explored the issues that are important to them and told us what to prioritise.
- Have told us how to make the application and decision making process accessible.
- Will take part in training on how to be part of a decision making panel.
- Will have full decision making responsibility for which projects are awarded funding.
- Will share feedback on how they have found the process to help us learn and share best practices.

## **What funding is available?**

We have grants of up to £4,000 available to fund projects for young disabled people. We expect most applications will be around £2,000.

There is a total of £20,000 available.

## **What kind of projects will we fund?**

Projects should be delivered between 1st April and 21st June 2023.

Projects must:

- Provide activity for young disabled people
- Be for young people who are Manchester residents (see map on p4)
- Must not be delivered as part of formal education, or during school hours

We want to fund a diverse range of projects. We hope the final funded projects will include:

- Projects that cater to a range of children and young people of all ages, up to 25.
- Projects with activities exclusively for young people, and projects with activities for young people and their families.
- Projects that are based in existing community settings, with opportunities for young people to familiarise themselves with universal provision.
- Short term projects providing Easter holiday activity, and projects where activities are delivered over a period of weeks.

## **How will we decide which projects are funded?**

A panel of young disabled people will look at the proposals and decide which projects to fund.

They are interested in funding projects that:

- Show how young disabled people have had or will have a say in the activities you'll deliver
- Have considered how activities address social isolation
- Have considered how activities support mental health and well being
- Have considered how young people can build confidence travelling to and from provision

### **How to apply**

Complete an application form and send it to [applications@youngmanchester.org](mailto:applications@youngmanchester.org)

You can contact us with any questions before you apply:

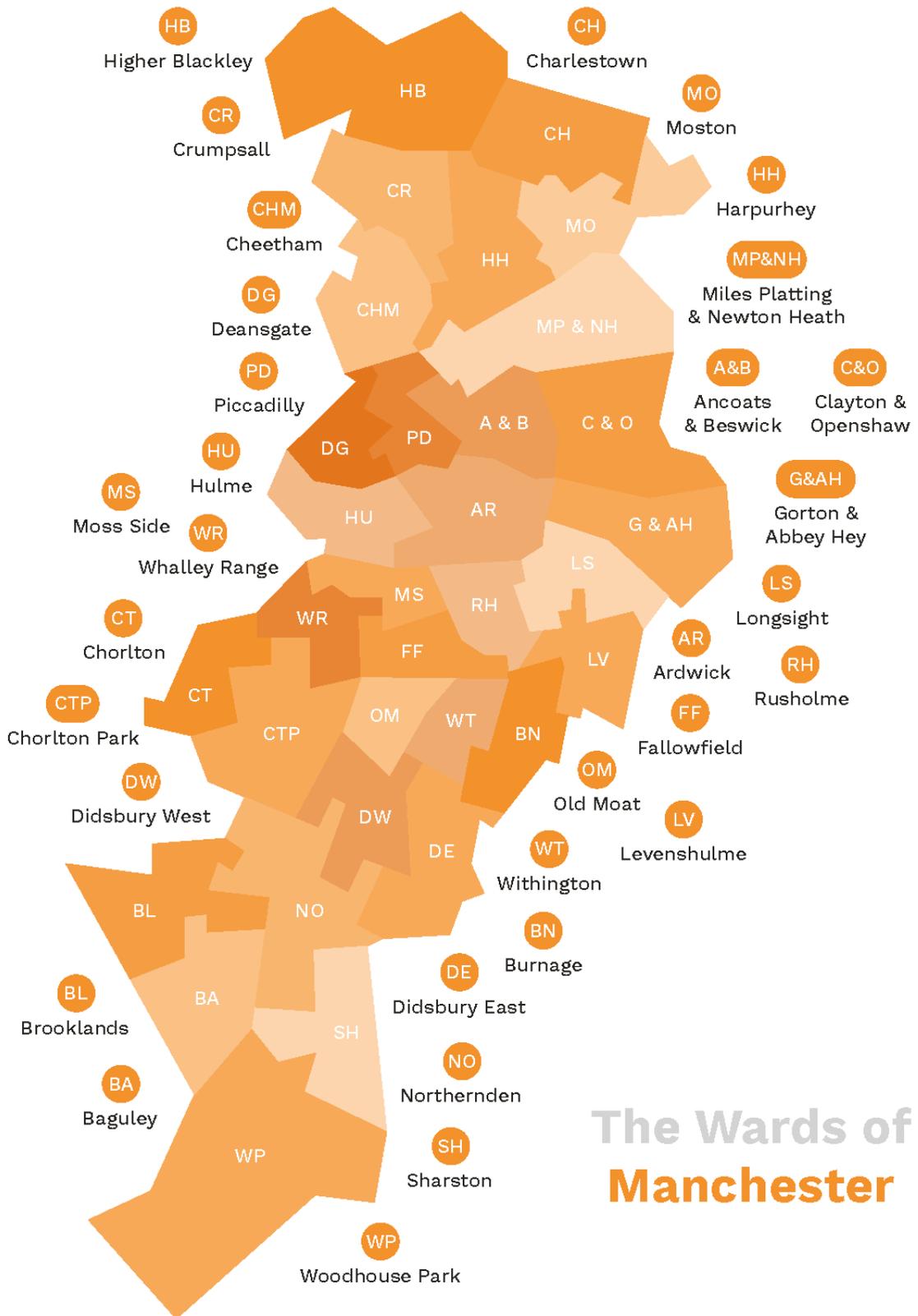
- By email at [r.garbutt@youngmanchester.org](mailto:r.garbutt@youngmanchester.org)
- By phone on 0161 631 2879 or 07593 558198
- By text on 07593 558198

### **Timeline**

Deadline for applications is Monday 27th February

The decision making panel will take place in early March

You'll be informed of the outcome of your application by Friday 17th March.



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