

Inspiring Change Manchester



Innovation Partnership Fund

Guidance Notes

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1 Inspiring Change Manchester – Who we are

Inspiring Change Manchester is a Shelter-led project, funded by the Big Lottery Fund's initiative Fulfilling Lives: supporting people with multiple needs. This innovative programme has a mission to ensure people with multiple needs are supported by coordinated, elective services and that they overcome barriers to them reaching their full potential.

Inspiring Change Manchester aims to transform the lives of people experiencing several problems at the same time, its eligibility criteria being 3 or more needs relating to problem drug or alcohol use, mental health or emotional well-being, housing and offending. Most will have struggled to access or benefit from the mix of support services they require in the past and many will be living chaotic lives.



Our four programme outcomes are:

- Manchester residents with three or more complex needs have improved health, wellbeing, housing, employability and reduced re-offending and these outcomes are sustainable,
- Manchester residents with multiple and complex needs have more opportunities for involvement in the services they need, and influence on decisions that affect them,
- Services share more information and better coordinate interventions for people with multiple and complex needs, and

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- Commissioning of mainstream services respond to project learning, funding cost-effective evidence based interventions for people with multiple and complex needs. In order to achieve our objectives, we work as closely as possible with individuals, groups and communities from across Manchester, and the Partnership Fund will be a key part of this work.

2 Information about the Innovation Partnership Fund

This Fund is about building links with communities across Manchester. Over the next two years we want to build a network of organisations who are as diverse as Manchester's residents.



As a way of reaching out to individuals, community and 'grass roots' groups we want to work in partnership with your organisation on projects up to a value of £500 that:

- ▶ Engage diverse groups, promoting and facilitating learning,
- ▶ Increase access for the most disenfranchised, and
- ▶ Address any identified issue causing people with Multiple and Complex Needs to disengage from services or support.

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3 How you can help

We encourage proposals to the Partnership Fund from local voluntary and community groups and 'grass roots' organisations and want this process to be as accessible and flexible as possible. Some examples of a proposal might be:

- ▶ so you can run a focus group / consultation event for people you feel do not have appropriate services meeting their needs,
- ▶ making an event more accessible for people with multiple and complex needs (such as getting a more central venue or providing travel expenses),
- ▶ having a service user group visit another project to learn from how they are delivering innovative services for people with Multiple Needs, or
- ▶ being able to fund people with lived experience to attend a conference in a subject area that would benefit your project and ours.

4 Making a proposal

We want to make the proposal process as straightforward as possible but ask for information about the following:

- ▶ a background of who you are,
- ▶ the activity that you want to do with the Partnership Fund,
- ▶ the aims of your activity.

The proposal form (including details of where to send it once completed) can be downloaded from our [blog page](#) on the website (<http://icmblog.shelter.org.uk/the-innovation-partnership-fund/>) and is also at the end of these guidance notes.

We know that Multiple and Complex Needs can disproportionately affect people from of different demographics (such as gender, ethnic origin, sexuality) and/or from specific places. Therefore we particularly welcome proposals to work with people who are underrepresented in services for people with Multiple and Complex Needs. This could be with people from a specific area of Manchester, or with different communities and all you need to do is make it clear on your proposal that you feel this is the case for your target group.

5 What next?

We will contact you to let you know that we have received your proposal form and to let you know when you can expect to hear the outcome. People with lived experience of multiple needs will be involved in decision making.

Successful Proposals

Inspiring Change Manchester will support you to make sure that the activity you are running is a success. A few of the ways that we may offer support are:

- ▶ People with lived experience of multiple needs may offer support to plan, run or evaluate your event,
- ▶ We may be able to give you access to the ICM Hub – a community space very close to Manchester City Centre,
- ▶ Inspiring Change Manchester could work alongside you to publicise your event, including posting blogs on our website, or using our social media.

Unsuccessful Proposals

In the event that you are unsuccessful, we will discuss the reasons why with you. You will not be prevented from making further proposals and we will encourage you to engage with Inspiring Change Manchester and be part of our work.

6 Evaluation

Any activity that you undertake through the Innovation Partnership Fund, including learning and any evaluation findings from it, will be really valuable to everyone involved with people experiencing Multiple and Complex Needs. Therefore we also want to support you in the evaluation and sharing of your learning.

The evaluation form can be found at the end of these guidance notes but we welcome innovative ways of evaluations as well – such as video feedback.

7 Proposal / Evaluation

You can fill in a proposal [here](#). Evaluation forms can be found [here](#).

They are also available on our website (<http://icmblog.shelter.org.uk/the-innovation-partnership-fund/>)

Please fill in proposals electronically or in print and ensure that completed forms are signed.