



Ministry of Housing,  
Communities &  
Local Government

# 2020/21 Faith, Race and Hate Crime Grant Scheme

Frequently Asked Questions

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# 1. About the Scheme

## **What is the Faith Race and Hate Crime Grant Scheme?**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)'s Faith, Race and Hate Crime Grant Scheme is focused on bringing communities together. Over decades, our society has been enriched by immigration and by those from many different faith and belief backgrounds.

This grant scheme will support organisations that are working to create safe and integrated communities. These are places where people, whatever their background, live, work, learn and socialise together; based on shared rights, responsibilities and opportunities. The scheme will seek to promote shared values and integration, whilst tackling harmful behaviours.

We are looking for organisations to bring funding proposals for consideration ahead of funding release in the 2020/21 financial year.

## **Is this scheme still going ahead during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak?**

This scheme is still going ahead. However, since it was first launched, the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has caused unprecedented disruption to all areas of British life, including the voluntary and community sector. Whilst it remains important that projects of this nature continue to bring our communities together around shared British values, we have been forced to make some changes:

- We are extending the application deadline to 15 May 2020
- The majority of payments will be made in October 2020
- A small number of strong applications which directly respond to specific issues caused directly or indirectly by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will be funded from July 2020. You will be able to register your eligibility for earlier funding in the application form.

## **Will preference be given to applications which include direct response to specific issues caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and therefore receive earlier funding?**

All applications will be scored against the original assessment criteria, and the final selection of successful projects will represent a balanced approach to tackling both original aims of the scheme as set out in the Guidance for Applicants. No preference will be given during assessment to bids that could receive earlier funding.

If an application that is judged to be directly responding to specific issues caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is unsuccessful in the early assessment, it will not be reconsidered for funding from October.

## **What type of projects will you fund?**

Projects will be funded that can demonstrate a clear ability to deliver against one or both of the aims set out in the Guidance for Applicants document. Further details on the outcomes expected and examples of success are also given in the Guidance for Applicants Document.

All applications including previously submitted bids should consider how they may adapt their delivery plans if social distancing measures are extended or reinstated during the period of delivery. This may include the use of virtual or online technology and any associated costs.

### **How long should delivery proposals extend for?**

All projects should propose delivery across 6 months between October 2020 and March 2021. Projects must include activities throughout the 6-month period. They should not be one-off events. Where possible, proposals should seek to demonstrate how the project's impacts will be sustained once funding comes to an end in March 2021.

A small number of strong applications targeting specific issues caused directly or indirectly by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will receive earlier funding from July 2020. Organisations which believe their proposal falls into this category should state this on their application form and extend their proposed delivery plans to last for 9 months from July 2020 – March 2021.

### **Can we apply for funding to cover the core running costs of our organisation?**

As this is a time-bound grant scheme, there is no guarantee that funding will be extended beyond the 20/21 financial year, which ends on 31 March 2021. As a result applications must demonstrate that the cessation of funding will not result in redundancies or organisational collapse. Therefore it is not appropriate for this funding to support salaries of permanent staff members, or other permanent costs of an organisation.

Costs for project-specific overheads can be included. This could include funding to host facilities or employ fixed-term practitioners. Existing permanent staff members should also work on delivering the project, but their salaries should not be dependent on this funding being successfully allocated to the organisation.

## **2. Eligibility**

### **Is my organisation eligible to receive this grant?**

Organisations are eligible if they are a registered charity or community interest company and have been established for at least two years, as evidenced by the public register of charities/companies or otherwise. Exempt charities are eligible to apply. Organisations which do not meet the eligibility requirements may not be the lead bidder in an application, but may be noted as a delivery partner.

As part of your application, please identify if and where you plan on sub-granting funding to other organisations. Sub-grants should be made on the same or similar terms as the main grant and only delivered to institutions established for charitable, benevolent or philanthropic purposes. This funding should not be used towards covering built-in profit margins. The purpose and use of all proposed expenditure should be explicitly indicated throughout the application form.

### **What is the maximum and minimum about my organisation can request?**

The minimum amount available to any organisation is £100,000 and the maximum is £450,000.

Consortium bids will be accepted. Organisations with proposals lower in value than £100,000 should find organisations to create a larger consortium bid as applications below £100,000 will not be accepted. Consortium bids must have a coherent set of objectives and meet at least one of the overarching aims in Table 1, which can be found in the Guidance for Applicants document.

Proposals may have a total project cost above £450,000. In this situation proposals will need to demonstrate additional sources of funding. Where applicable, evidence of this will be required on the application form. The Government's contribution will not exceed £450,000.

### **Is this funding only available for organisations and activities in England?**

Yes, this funding is only available for organisations and activities in England in line with the remit of the funding body, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Projects based outside England, including in the territories of the Devolved Administrations, will not be considered.

### **Can an organisation submit multiple applications?**

An organisation should not lead on submitting multiple applications. However, being named as a delivery partner on multiple applications in addition to your own lead bid is acceptable, on the proviso that the organisation is confident and competent in delivering if all the bids they are included in are successful. This will be assessed as part of the evaluation process.

One application may cover multiple geographic areas and indeed this is encouraged as a means of increasing the expected impact of the proposal. However, an organisation should not lead on submitting multiple applications including applications covering different areas.

### **What is the basic eligibility criteria?**

Each proposal must:

1. Seek no less than £100,000 and no more than £450,000 and provide details of other funding secured, including match funding proposals;
2. Be based in England and be delivering the proposed activity in England; and

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3. Meet at least one of the aims set out in Table 1.
4. All applications including previously submitted bids should consider how they may adapt their delivery plans if social distancing measures are extended or reinstated during the period of delivery. This may include the use of virtual or online technology and any associated costs.

Proposals must also:

1. Indicate whether they are responding to specific issues caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. If so, demonstrate that work will take place between July 2020 and March 2021. All activities must have concluded by 31 March 2021.

OR

2. Demonstrate that work will take place between October 2020 and March 2021. All activities must have concluded by 31 March 2021.

All applications will be scored against the original assessment criteria, and the final selection of successful projects will represent a balanced approach to tackling both original aims of the scheme as set out in the Guidance for Applicants. No preference will be given during assessment to bids that could receive earlier funding.

### 3. Assessment

#### How will bids be assessed?

MHCLG will fund projects in line with the aims and outcomes set out in the Application Guidance

Funding will be awarded to established organisations or projects who are able to meet at least one of the following aims:

- To promote shared values among people of all backgrounds through sustainable social integration and meaningful civic participation.
- To effectively tackle and prevent religiously and racially discriminatory behaviour and those acting against others because of their faith or race.

Organisations should read the Application Guidance and Scoring Criteria documents to get a detailed understanding of what will be required to be successful at assessment stage.

#### What are the assessment criteria?

There are four categories against which project bids will be assessed. The percentage assigned to each category indicates the importance that category will be given during the assessment stage:

1. The organisation's standing, aims and ability to deliver the proposed project – 20%
2. Viability and expected impact of proposal – 30%
3. Evaluating and measuring impact – 25%
4. Value for Money – 25%

Detailed breakdowns of these criteria can be found in the Guidance for Applicants.

**Will different assessment criteria be used for applications which indicate that they are responding to specific issues caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak?**

No. All applications will be assessed by the same criteria. Applications which receive funding from July 2020 will not receive preferential treatment.

## 4. Application and Timelines

**How do I apply?**

1. Download an application form from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/>
2. Complete and return to: [faithandracegrants@communities.gov.uk](mailto:faithandracegrants@communities.gov.uk)
3. Include 'Faith Race and Hate Crime Grant' in the subject line.

**When is the deadline for applications and when will I find out if my bid has been successful?**

We opened the application process for proposals on 6 March 2020 and bids should be submitted by **11:50pm on 15 May 2020**. We will inform applicants of the success of their bids in either July or September 2020.

**When will funding be released?**

The majority of applications will receive funding in October 2020. A small number of strong applications targeting specific issues caused directly or indirectly by the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will be funded from July 2020.

**Can I apply for funding towards activities taking place in 2022?**

Funding in this round will only be considered for projects proposing activities that will be completed by 31 March 2021. We anticipate that a new application period will be opened for projects taking place in 2022 – likely in the autumn of 2021.

## 5. Monitoring and Evaluation

**After being awarded funding, how will you monitor our activities?**

In order to be successful, proposals must include plans all requirements set out in section 5 of the Application Guidance, and section 3 of the Scoring Criteria.

Outputs and outcomes should be consistent with MHCLG's indicators, which can be found here: ['Measuring Outcomes for Integrated Communities: Technical Note'](#).

MHCLG will issue a full evaluation form to be completed by all projects based on this information. This is to be completed after all activities have concluded.

Further information will be provided on how MHCLG will collect regular monitoring information on the project through 20/21, and the final evaluation once the bids have been assessed and the outcome communicated with organisations.

### **How much should we factor into the budget for the cost of evaluation?**

There is no fixed percentage that should be considered for the cost of evaluation. You should look at the scale of your proposal, the outcomes you are looking to achieve and consider what it will take to truly evaluate those outcomes.

## **6. How can I find out more?**

We encourage organisations thinking of developing proposals to contact us at [faithandracegrants@communities.gov.uk](mailto:faithandracegrants@communities.gov.uk) if you have any specific enquiries. Unfortunately, due to current resource pressures we are not able to discuss individual applications.