



The Global Majority Fund

Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) as Intermediary Partner for Comic Relief and NET

Grant Funding Application Criteria and Guidelines

The Global Majority Fund was launched in early 2021 by Comic Relief and National Emergencies Trust (NET) as Primary Funders, co-financed by The Clothworkers' Foundation and Esmee Fairbairn Foundation. Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) were selected and are acting as an Intermediary Partner in distributing funds.

Grant Application Open: 30th March 2021 9.00 am

Closing Date for Applications: 30th April 2021 5.00pm

Criteria and themes:

The Global Majority Fund is aimed at organisations who are working with communities experiencing racial inequality.

This fund is for:

Organisations that are led by individuals from and/or focused on communities experiencing racial inequality and the emergency needs within these communities.

And

Organisations working with one or more of the following groups of people or in one or more of the following themes:

- Vulnerable people in the areas of health and wellbeing
- Vulnerable people self-isolating (elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions)
- Foodbanks or other organisations working to combat hardship including child hunger
- People who have experienced or are at risk of domestic abuse
- People suffering from poor or worsening mental health
- People suffering homelessness
- Organisations working with refugee or asylum seeker communities with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- Children and young people receiving low education or without access to education
- Organisations working with people in poverty or at risk of poverty.

We expect this fund to be over-subscribed. Therefore, we will prioritise organisations who can demonstrate that they meet the following priorities:

- Equality and Diversity.
 - Strong connections within their local networks.
 - Organisations who can demonstrate a commitment to innovation and sustainable solutions for positive change.
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Who can apply?

Organisations who meet the above criteria will also need to meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Small to medium sized organisations. By this we mean organisations with an income under £500,000 in the last reported accounting year.
 - Registered Charity (Charity Commission) or Community Interest Company (CIC) (Companies House)
 - Up to date registered accounts.
 - 3 named Trustees who are not related.
 - UK-based and operating within the UK. International organisations will need to demonstrate with data, that they currently operate and deliver aid within the UK.
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Who cannot apply?

- Unregistered organisations
 - Organisations without a UK registered address
 - Organisations without a named UK bank account
 - Organisations above £500,00 annual income
 - Organisations who have applied or already been awarded funds from The Global Majority Fund with another Comic Relief Intermediary Partner.
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How much money can we apply for?

The fund is open for applications up to £10,000.

For national (UK-wide) organisations we may be able to fund more than this (up to an additional £5000) to cover the costs of wider needs however this is subject to discretion and funds allowing.

What can we spend the money on?

The fund is intended to relieve the emergency needs of communities facing racial inequality and impacted by the effects of Covid19. Applicants to the fund must be the delivery partner.

You can choose to either apply for project or core costs.

The money should be spent on either:

Project work that fits the essential criteria. Your project should focus on emergency response to one of the group criteria identified above. Up to 10% of your funding application can include costs for your own organisation for programme delivery and organisational development. We may award solely for projects costs as funds allow.

Or:

Core costs. Your organisation should fit with the essential criteria and be able to demonstrate this through your core work. Core costs are essential costs for the day-to-day running and development of your organisation.

In both cases, the duration of the costs is for 6 - 9 months.

Please note: organisations can only submit one application and can not apply for both project and core costs.

What can the money NOT be spent on?

The funds cannot be spent on:

- Work that is intended for the purpose of promoting religion
 - Work that is intended to lobby or support or influence Parliament, Government or political party
 - Input VAT reclaimable by HMRC
 - Reimbursement for other public sector/private grants or funding
 - Interest payments
 - Gifts or award to individuals
 - Entertainment
 - Statutory fines or penalties
 - Retrospective costs
 - Used to purchase buildings or land
 - Funds cannot be transferred to third-party organisations
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How long do we have to spend the money?

The funds awarded to you can be spent over a period of 6- 9 months with expected start date from early June 2021.

When is the closing date for applications?

The closing date for applications is 5.00pm on 30th April 2021.

When will we hear the result?

We aim to inform applicants of the outcome of the decision by the end of May 2021. Successful organisations will be awarded the money in early June, subject to completion of due diligence checks and relevant documentation.

How do we apply?

Interested applicants should apply using the designated Application form. We cannot accept applications via any other method.

Completed applications should be submitted by the closing date, along with the following documents:

- Governing document (i.e., constitution)
 - Last set of Annual Accounts (verified independently where necessary)
 - Project budget plan. A template is available on our website.
 - Financial forecast. A template is available on our website.
 - Safeguarding policy
 - Equality and Diversity policy
 - Financial Control Policy/Procedures
 - Scan of UK Bank Account registered to your organisation's name.
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Other conditions and criteria:

All applications will be considered in 3 stages:

- Initial sift for eligible applications



- Shortlisting of eligible applications against funding criteria
- Board review and award against the funding criteria

We will conduct Due Diligence checks according to MCF and Comic Relief and NET criteria. These include checking of:

- Registered status
- Financial status
- Safeguarding processes
- Investigatory background check
- Other criteria as detailed above (See: Who cannot apply?)

What other support is available?

MCF aims to be more than a distributor of funding. We will be hosting online events to support you in the application process. We will also provide support to available awardees. Details will be made available on our website and social media. To be informed of these events, please email projects@muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk or check our website for more information.

We aim to offer feedback to all unsuccessful applicants.

Have a question not answered here?

Please direct questions to projects@muslimcharitiesforum.org.uk and a member of our team will endeavour to answer as soon as possible.