**Call-Out for Funding Hosts**

***This is Us* Northeast: Small and Medium Grants Programme**

Dear Community Leaders,

We’re reaching out to invite organisations to act as a funding host for local, non-constituted community groups applying for funding through our new Grants Programme.

Lots of brilliant grassroots groups are doing vital work in their communities, but many don’t have a bank account or formal structure in place. That’s where you come in. By acting as a funding host, you’d help open doors to funding that these groups wouldn’t otherwise be able to access.

**What would this involve?**

As a funding host, you’d:

* Hold the grant funds on behalf of a group
* Help with basic financial bits like keeping receipts and supporting reporting
* Release the money to the group in agreed stages so they can deliver their project

We’ll give you a simple Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) template you can use with the group, and we’re here if you need any support or advice along the way.

This is a great chance to help local, informal groups grow and lead especially those led by people who don’t usually get access to funding.

If you’re interested, you can complete the expression of interest form on the next page and send back to the email at the bottom of this page, or if you want to find out more before deciding, please get in touch.

Thanks so much for considering this. Together, we can help make sure this opportunity is open to everyone.

Kind Regards,

Hanna Al-Murisi

On behalf of the *This is Us* Northeast Sheffield Grant Programme

**Expression of Interest: Funding Host Form**

Thanks for your interest in supporting local community groups by acting as a funding host. This form helps us understand your capacity and interest so we can match you with the right group(s).  
  
Please fill in the details below. If you’d prefer to talk this through instead, just let us know.

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| 1. **Organisation Details** | |
| Organisation Name: |  |
| Main Contact Name: |  |
| Role: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Organisation Address: |  |

1. **About Your Organisation**

Are you a registered charity, CIC, or other VCSE group?

☐ Charity ☐ CIC  CIO  Company Limited by Guarantee

☐ Other (please specify):

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**Do you currently have systems in place to manage funds for other groups (e.g., bookkeeping, payment processes)?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Somewhat (please explain):

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**Have you acted as a funding host before?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not formally, but we’ve done similar support

1. **Capacity & Interest**

**How many groups would you be willing/able to support at one time?**

☐ 1 ☐ 2–3 ☐ 4+ ☐ Depends on the size of the grant/project

**Do you charge an administrative fee for this role?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, how much?**

☐ Flat fee £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Percentage: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

**Are there particular types of groups, communities or themes you’d especially like to support?**

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**Are you able to offer mentoring and coaching to the groups to help them grow and build their capability and capacity?**

☐ Yes [please share what you can offer] ☐ No

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1. **Anything else you’d like to share?**

Let us know anything that would help us work well with you. E.g., needs, preferences, or questions you might have:

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**Thank you!**

We’ll be in touch soon to match you with groups who may need your support. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at [Communities@soarcommunity.org.uk](mailto:Communities@soarcommunity.org.uk) or call 0114 213 2591