



Steady State Manchester

Solidarity Grant

*A few hundred pounds for small local groups
to explore challenges to mainstream economic growth in Greater Manchester*

WHAT IS STEADY STATE MANCHESTER?

Since 2012 we've put forward policy proposals for Greater Manchester to help break away from the damaging model of economic growth that is heating up the planet and stoking social injustice. See our publications (<https://steadystatemanchester.net/about/>). We're an unincorporated association with around 30 members. 7 are also collective members elected at our AGMs to make the main decisions.

WHAT WE'LL CONSIDER

- Activities that further some aspect of what we advocate, or are in keeping with our views - summarised in our publications and website.
- Activities should challenge the economic status quo.
- They must be in Greater Manchester (GM) - from very local (a street or two, or neighbourhood) or covering all of GM.
- Inclusive ways of working, open to all unless targeted at minoritised people
- We have a strong preference for
 - small scale activities decided & led by communities
 - new approaches to issues
 - work that could help those most in need
- Examples of themes: new models of ownership, production, distribution etc.; influencing/participating in local decision making; meeting very basic needs (hunger etc.); tackling inequalities;
- Examples of spending: room hire, leaflets, zoom subscription, teabags, helping low income or mobility-impaired people with transport costs.

WHAT WE WON'T FUND

- promoting an existing policy platform (e.g. Green New Deal, Living Wage)
- National organisations, though you might be affiliated to national grouping/s
- environmental improvements (e.g. planting, for which many grants are available)

WHO CAN APPLY

Any group. If you have agreed written rules it's easier for us to make sure you are a community group. If you don't, but are a group of even 2 or 3 people, we'll ask to meet you and assure ourselves you are, or are becoming, a community group.

We may be able to help on drawing up rules.

We are keen to support new, informal groupings from marginalised communities.

If you have an organisational bank account, it's easier for us to make sure you are a community group. If you haven't, please apply anyway.

HOW DO WE APPLY?

Email us to describe your idea and your group. There is no application form.

EITHER: send us a summary in a few sentences,

OR set it out in more detail, covering:

- who we should contact and how,
- who is in your group and what it's done so far,
- what the issue you want to tackle is,
- what you propose to do:
 - how long it will take,
 - who will do the work.
 - things you need to spend money on,
 - anything you don't need us to pay for.
 - how we will know it's finished and what its results have been (receipts, photos, etc.),
- anything else we need to know,

We need some information in writing but, if you want, send us photos/video/audio etc.

HOW MUCH CAN WE ASK FOR?

Up to about £400. If we can't help, we may be able to suggest other sources.

It may be helpful to work out a sequence of what you currently want to do and ask for enough for the first step.

WHEN CAN WE APPLY?

Anytime. We usually meet every month.

You may have to wait for a while.

We may also run out of money at any time!

MORE INFORMATION:

steadystatemanchester@gmail.com

6/22