

FAQs

Who should I contact for support and advice?

Applicants are strongly encouraged to make contact with any of the people listed above at the initial stages of their application. Please make contact in advance of the funding deadline to ensure that we have sufficient time to respond.

What should my budget include?

Please provide detail so that the grant committee can clearly understand how the budget will be spent. Include all costs required to deliver your activity, e.g. transport, venue hire, materials, equipment etc. Applicants can include within their budget costs to cover a professional's time, (e.g. the daily rate of an artist or freelancer).

What sources of match funding can be used for Established Engagement grants?

Match funding could be sourced from Faculty funding, such as each Faculty's *Engaging Our Communities* funds, external public engagement grants or from external partners. Staff time (either internal or external to the University of Manchester) can't be considered as part of the match funding. You may apply for ISSF funding prior to securing match funding. However, release of ISSF funding will be conditional to securing match funding. Please contact the Public Programmes Team if you have queries about eligibility of match funding.

What can or can't be considered match funding?

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How do I explain my budget with matched funding for Established Engagement grants?

You need to show the total costs for the activity i.e. including the ISSF funding and matched funding. Therefore, if you are requesting £1500 from this scheme for a project that costs £3000, your budget needs to show the full amount.

Do I have too much public engagement experience to apply for the Emerging Engagement scheme?

The Emerging Engagement scheme is to help individuals and groups to develop their experience in public engagement. So you can apply if this is your first experience in public engagement or if you have some experience but this is your first time leading an activity. You can also apply if you have experience but need funding to pilot an activity with a community group or target audience to develop an idea for a larger project.

Can I get funding for consulting with patients about designing my research study?

This scheme does not provide funding for involving the public in designing research studies and/or patient involvement in research. The [Research Design Service North West](#) can provide advice on public involvement and has a [funding scheme](#).