

CHANGING SPACES COMMUNITY SPACES

Stage 1 Application Form Small and Medium Grants

Before you apply, please make sure you can answer yes to the following questions-

1. Are you applying as a representative of a community group?
2. Is the site of your project in or within two miles of a residential area?
3. Does your project meet at least one of the programme outcomes (question 13)?
4. Will your project be freely accessible to the public for at least a substantial part of six days per week (see guidance)?

Before completing this application form, please make sure that you have checked you are eligible to apply and have read both the programme information and the stage 1 guidance notes. Please ensure that you answer all questions otherwise your application will be rejected. This document is also available upon request in other formats including large print.

Please complete in black ink or font size no larger than point 11.

Section 1 - About Your Group

1. What is the name of your group?

Bentley House Tenants and Residents Association

2. Who is the main contact for your group?

Title

Ms

First name

Catherine

Surname

Bann

Date of Birth

02/11/1973

Position held in group

Treasurer

Contact address including postcode

62 Humberstone Avenue,
Hulme,
Manchester,
M15 5FD

Landline telephone number (**essential**)

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Mobile telephone number

Fax number

E-mail

batcan@x21.org.uk

E-mail, will be used as a main method of contact as wherever possible we will e-mail rather than write to you for environmental reasons.

If e-mail is not possible as a main form of contact please state below your preferred method of contact.

If you have any particular communication needs please let us know.

3. If the main contact is not available, please provide details of an alternative person to contact. Please note the alternative contact must have different contact details to the main contact.

Title

Ms

First name

Katja

Surname

Stuerzenhofecker

Date of Birth

Position held in group

Ordinary member

Contact address including postcode

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Hulme,
Manchester,
M15 5FF

Landline telephone number (**essential**)

Mobile telephone number

Fax number

E-mail

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4. Are you a community group? Yes No

Section 2 - About Your Project

5. Do you have a name for your project? Yes No

If yes, please write it here

6. **Where is your project located?** Please provide full address and postcode. If there is no postcode for the site, please provide the postcode of the nearest building.

Hulme Street, Manchester, M15 5EF

7. How close is your project location to the nearest residential areas? Please note that your project must be in or within two miles of a residential area. Please see the guidance notes for a definition.

It is in a residential area

8. Is there a similar facility within two miles of your project location?

Yes No

If yes, why is this facility not used by your neighbourhood?

9. Please provide a short description of the project. We would like to know what Community Spaces funds will be used for. (Max 200 words)

The funding would create an EDIBLE CORRIDOR on City South Housing Trust owned land adjacent to Hulme Street between the Bentley House estate, Proctors Youth Centre, Hulme Park and the Mancunian Way. This will involve

1. Planting fruiting bushes and trees and other edible shrubs on artistic and unconventional espaliers
2. Creating biodiverse habitats - planting vegetation that encourages insects and other wildlife
3. Creating and installing public art objects, possibly including eco lighting
4. Designing and installing natural play and exercise objects for young children and adults

The local community will draw on the expertise of landscape architects, professional gardeners and community artists in order to plan and transform the site collectively. This will be delivered in a number of practical workshops and events that will be widely advertised in the local community, allowing wide involvement in the project.

These events and workshops will also bring the community together to build capacity so we can further transform the area beyond the life of this project.

The project aims to link existing community spaces; Leaf Street Community Garden and Hulme Park. These are both well used and loved spaces, however this area is a crime spot and desperately needs transforming.

10. Type of project. Please tick one box that best describes the type of project you are proposing.

- Community gardening and allotments
- Cycle tracks
- Disabled access
- Footpaths and bridleways
- Playground/area
- Recreational activities
- Safe routes
- Environment and heritage
- Land management
- Sustainable environment
- Wildlife and biodiversity
- Exercise
- Other Green Spaces (inc churchyards)

11. Tell us about the current condition of the project site. Why does it need improving?
(Max 100 words)

Hulme Street is a dead end adjacent to the Bentley House social housing estate. It ends at a busy pedestrian and bicycle crossing of the A57(M) Mancunian Way. Opposite the estate is Proctors Youth Centre. Hulme Street is an important route for the wider local community into the city centre. Many commuters use Hulme Street as a free car park.

The area feels like an inhospitable no-man's land dominated by the motorway. This encourages people to drop litter and use the grass as dog toilets. There is a lot of broken glass from car crime and feels unsafe.

12. Explain how you know that people in your community want this project. What evidence have you collected? (Max 200 words)

The residents of the estate have undertaken several community consultations recently to find out the priorities of local people. The current state of Hulme Street has been top of the list.

This project proposal is the direct outcome of consultations where residents advanced ideas and comments and express their approval / disapproval of other ideas.

June 2010 saw a 'community mapping event' where residents mapped their ideas for a better estate. A huge map of the estate was used and residents filled this map with current community projects and ideas for new ones.

In September there was an event to create a long term vision for the estate. Ideas from the June event were represented in a visual format so that residents could vote on the ones they felt most strongly about. Large numbers of comments were gathered including new ideas and additions to existing ones.

In November a group of residents came together to bring the most popular ideas together into a coherent project with a vision of play and edible horticulture. We brainstormed how our ideas would fit into the Community Spaces bid and the longer term vision for the estate.

13. Which of these outcomes best fits your project. Please tick all those that apply. Your project must meet one or more of these.

- Better local environment
- Increase in access to quality local spaces
- Increase in people actively involved in a practical environmental project
- Improvement in partnership between support organisations, communities and authorities

14. What changes will happen in the community as a result of this project? (Max 100 words)

The project will create

- * an attractive link between Hulme Park and the city centre where residents will be able to enjoy this new green space
- * a legacy of increased horticultural and community development skills amongst local residents
- * a greater sense of pride in the area
- * greater collaboration between local organisations and residents including CSM, Proctors, Hulme Park etc

The play and exercise function of the artworks will encourage the wider local community to use the space not only to pass through it but to stay and enjoy it. This will create a safer area for all.

15. Who will this project help? Tell us who will use the completed project. (Max 100 words)

The project will benefit the estate's 254 households, the users of Proctors Youth Centre, the wider Hulme community and local people passing through on their way into the city.

This is a deprived, inner city, social housing estate. A recent survey by the landlord, showed that the Bentley House estate has significant numbers of disabled residents (19%), and workless or low skilled (12%).

All residents will benefit from a new safer community space especially younger and vulnerable residents such as those with mental health issues. The community workshops will build a legacy of skills and confidence in the local community.

16. Will your project be open to the public most of the time? By this we mean the facility is available for all or a substantial part of at least 6 days per week and not fee paying.

Yes No

17. How long do you expect the project to take to complete?

8 months

18a. Who owns the land where you project is located?

City South Manchester Housing Trust

18b. Have you been given permission by the landowner to use the land for the project?

In order to make improvements to the land where your project is located, you must know to whom the land belongs and have the permission from the owner of the land **before** work begins.

Yes No

19a. Is planning permission needed for you to use the land for this project? Contact your local planning officer for further information on planning permission.

Yes No Unsure

19b. If Planning Permission is needed, has an application been submitted?

Yes Date submitted __/__/__ Date granted __/__/__ No

20. Do you need help in developing your project?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate where you think assistance is required.

We would need help developing the idea further to make it fully cohesive and to plan project management. We would also require help developing the working relationship with our landlord City South Manchester Housing Trust who have agreed to help project management and procurement, and to support the financial management where required.
We would benefit from more skills to help us take on as much of the finances, management and procurement as possible.

Section 3 - Further details about your group

21. How long has your group been in existence? Years Months

22. Is your group formally constituted?

It is not essential for all groups to be formally constituted at this stage. For advice on constitution please refer to the Stage 1 application form guidance notes and the website.

Yes No

23. What type is your group? Please tick as appropriate.

- Partnership
- Charitable incorporated organisation
- Charitable trust
- Community co-operatives
- Friendly society
- Mutual aid/self-help group
- Religious organisation
- Voluntary/charity
- Type not known
- Other voluntary or community organisation

Please state – Tenants and Residents Association

If your group is a registered charity please give your charity number.

24. Is your group working with any other organisations to deliver this project?*

Yes No

If yes, please list them.

City South Manchester Housing Trust - they have agreed to support the delivery of the project, help with administration and financial management.
We would also like to work with Hulme Community Garden Centre to help us deliver workshops and events.

25. What is the purpose of your group?

We are a Tenants and Residents Association which works with residents to try to help them achieve their social and environmental aims by undertaking partnership projects.

26. Are any members of your group also a member of other groups with a similar purpose?*

Yes No

If yes, please provide details

Within the estate there are various other residents groups such as the 'Greening the Redbricks' group - a sustainability subgroup of the Tenants and Residents Association concerned with sustainability; and the Leaf Street Gardening group who garden on the community green spaces.

27. Does your group have experience of receiving grants within the last two years?*

Yes No

If yes, please tell us when, how much you received and what the grant was for.

The 'Greening the Redbricks' group was linked with receiving the Great Estates grant last year of £40,000 with City South Manchester. While City South received the funds, the majority of the Steering group for this project is made up of Bentley House residents.

28. Does your group have a bank account in the name of your group?

Yes No

* If you need more space to list the information please use page 12 and clearly mark with the question number.

32. What will you spend all of the project money on?

Amount (£)	Item/Description
£10,000.00	Art workshops leading to the production of community art pieces
£10,000.00	Creative play / green gym equipment and installation
£7,500.00	15 x large sustainably built planters with incorporated seating
£600.00	22.5 tonnes topsoil and 10 tonnes peat free compost for filling planters
£5,000.00	Plants and planting from Hulme Community Garden centre
£1,500.00	Consultation and celebration events involving whole community and partners
£2,000.00	Horticulture workshops and consultancy
£3,400.00	Contingency amount
£40,000.00	

33. How did you estimate these costs?

<p>Art workshops and pieces - asked advice from regeneration department at City South Manchester and also advice from Groundwork staff</p> <p>Play/green gym equipment - prices in catalogues based on scale and number of pieces.</p> <p>Planters - quotes from suppliers in local area</p> <p>Soil and compost - prices from quotes per tonne from local suppliers</p> <p>Plants and planting - advice and prices from Hulme Community Garden Centre</p> <p>Event prices - based on previous costs for community events inc food and venue hire etc.</p> <p>Horticulture workshops and consultancy prices - based on advice from Hulme Community Garden Centre</p>
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Space for additional information

Hulme Street Edible Corridor

CURRENT CONDITION AND USE - The areas we want to transform are currently unwelcoming scrappy grass or concrete areas that feel disconnected from the estate, and the area is a crime black-spot. We know that a wide variety of people do pass through this area including commuters and residents of surrounding housing areas. The space is a gateway into the city centre because of the new pedestrian crossing. We want to make it a well loved part of peoples' journey and their community.

CRIME AND FEAR OF CRIME - The area has unfortunately seen many muggings in recent years, and as local people we feel unsafe in the area. By 'reclaiming' and transforming this area we would hopefully not just reduce crime but also reduce peoples fear.

THE ESTATE – DEPRIVATION AND NEED - Our estate is a social housing estate in a deprived inner city neighbourhood. The main body of the estate scores falls in the bottom 1% (most deprived) of the UK deprivation indices (0.89%). Many artists, musicians and community activists were housed in this area of Hulme in the 90s as other parts of Hulme were demolished. While there is a high level of deprivation and dependence related issues, the estate has been experienced as a supportive community by a great many of its residents.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING - As a community of Bentley House residents we have been calling for improvements to this area for some time – it is a topic that comes up repeatedly in consultations. We look forward to working with each other and partners to improve this space. We are also keen to use this opportunity to build our capacity for moving forward with other longer-term ideas, such as in the future asking the local council to declassify the road and incorporate that into the space. This project would also create a legacy of social, environmental and physical benefits.

Many of these residents are keen to be involved in projects which continue the community spirit. A recent survey and skill sharing project in Bentley House has identified many people who are keen to share their skills and keen to learn new ones that they can use in their community. One of the aims of this project is to work with professionals who can help set up learning and community garden sessions to involve members of the wider community who are not currently active in existing networks and events. Other skills will also be gained and shared that impact on employability and self-confidence.

Many artistic, alternative and other people have been drawn to the estate but not all of these people are engaged in community activities. We feel that the public art element of the project is another important way of engaging a different section of the community.

OUR VISION - We want to help reconnect this area with the streets that feed onto it, especially Leaf Street the community garden and the park. We want to transform this area and make it green and welcoming. Whilst in Q10 we have listed this as a community gardening and allotment project, it actually incorporates many of the other topics too – it has play, exercise and recreational areas, it is a safe route through the estate into the city, it is creating a green and sustainable local environment and encouraging biodiversity.

Please ensure you sign the declaration on page 14.

BENEFICIARY MONITORING

The following information is being gathered for monitoring purposes only and will not be used to assess your application: (Please tick boxes as appropriate)

1. Ethnic background of direct beneficiaries

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, people from a specific ethnic background?

- Yes - please provide details below No - please go to question 2

White	Black / Black British	Other ethnic	Asian / Asian British
<input type="checkbox"/> British	<input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> African	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Bangladesh
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other

2. Gender

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, people of a specific gender?

- Yes - please provide details below No - please go to question 3

If 'Yes', please indicate which gender below

- Female Male

3. Age

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, people of particular age group?

- Yes - please provide details below No - please go to question 4

If 'Yes', please indicate which age groups below

- 0-24 yrs 25-64 yrs 65 and overs

4. Disability

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, people with disabilities?

- Yes No

5. Faith

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, people of a specific faith?

- Yes - please provide details below No - please go to question 6

If 'Yes', please indicate the faith of the people who will benefit from your project (you may select more than one box):

- Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim
 Sikh Buddhist Other

6. Sexual orientation

Is your project directed at, or of particular relevance to, lesbian, gay or bisexual people?

- Yes No

Please ensure you have answered each of the above questions, if you are unsure please tick the relevant No box.

Section 5 – Declaration

Data Protection Act

Groundwork UK and its agents as scheme administrator and data processor on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund will store information you provide on a database. We will use the information you give us on the application form and supporting documents during assessment and for the life of any grant we award you to administer and analyse grants and for our own research. We may give copies of this information to individuals and organisations we consult when assessing applications, when monitoring grants and evaluating the way our funding programmes work and the effect they have.

These organisations may include accountants, external evaluators and other organisations or groups involved in delivering the project. We may also share information with other Lottery distributors, government departments, organisations providing matched funding and other organisations and individuals with a legitimate interest in Lottery applications and grants, or for the prevention and detection of fraud.

We might use the data you provide for our own research. We recognise the need to maintain the confidentiality of vulnerable groups and their details will not be made public in any way, except as required by law.

Freedom of Information Act

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives members of the public the right to request any information that we hold. This includes information received from third parties, such as, although not limited to grant applicants, grant holders, contractors and people making a complaint.

If information is requested under the Freedom of Information Act we will release it, subject to exemptions; although we may choose to consult with you first. If you think that information you are providing may be exempt from release if requested, you should let us know when you apply.

Your signatures on this form will be taken as confirmation of your understanding of our obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that you accept that we will not be liable for any loss or damage to you pursuant to our fulfillment of our obligations under the relevant law.

Facilitator Agreement

Under the terms and conditions of the Community Spaces programme all projects must agree to have a facilitator to assist in the development of all projects. Your signature on this form will be taken as confirmation of your understanding of this obligation.

Group Name

By signing I accept all of the above statements and I certify that all of the information I have put in this application is true and to the best of my knowledge.

Signed **Print name**

Position in group

Contact number / E-mail

Date **Project name**

When complete please e-mail your application to applications@community-spaces.org.uk. If submitting by email please print out the declaration pages, complete the signatory details, sign, and post to the address:

**Community Spaces, Groundwork UK,
Lockside, 5, Scotland Street,
Birmingham B1 2RR**

If we do not receive your declaration page with original signature within 5 working days your application will not be considered. If you are unable to email your completed application form please post it (with

original signature) to the above address.

Please do not send any supporting documents, plans or photographs at this stage. If you do they will not be taken into account in our assessment of your application.