

# Maureen Garvey Fund

**Grants of up to £500 to support the personal development and future ambitions of individuals aged 21 and over, living in Broughton & Kersal.**

## About the fund

The **Maureen Garvey Fund** aims to support people to progress toward their ambitions, long-term aspirations, and life goals. It is designed to help people develop their capabilities and realise their potential, which in turn could help improve their quality of life. This may include enhancing knowledge, acquiring new skills, engaging in creative activities, and improving overall health and wellbeing. For some people, achieving these goals can be more challenging due to financial, practical, or personal barriers. The Fund seeks to address and help remove these barriers, enabling people to grow and develop.

The fund is about supporting people to take meaningful steps toward their goals. As these will vary from person to person, the grant is intentionally flexible and may support a wide range of requests. Examples include:

1. Enable access to learning or education
2. Enable participation in hobbies, interests and creative pursuits
3. Improve personal health, wellbeing and resilience

If you are looking for support with something that does not fit the categories above, please get in touch with the Grants Team (see contact details on page 5).

Applications will be assessed regularly between August 2026 – January 2027.

**Please note, there is a maximum of one grant per individual.**

The Maureen Garvey Fund is administered by Salford CVS on behalf of Salford Credit Union. It has been established through a generous donation from Maureen Garvey, who was a member of the Credit Union.

## Who can apply?

The fund is open to people aged 21+ living in Broughton & Kersal.

If you interested in applying for a grant but you do not meet the eligibility criteria above, an alternative list of grants for individuals is available on page 5.

## How to apply

Please complete the online application form. Applications should ideally be submitted by the individual applicant, as the Fund is intended to support and empower people to pursue their own goals and aspirations. However, applications may be submitted by support workers or other professionals, provided that the individual is fully aware of and actively involved in the application process.

The purpose of the Fund is to support individuals in achieving outcomes that are meaningful to them. As such, applications should clearly reflect the individual's own voice, as well as their personal aims, motivations, and ambitions.

Applications must be submitted by the relevant deadlines in order to be considered by the assessment panel:

- August 2026
- November 2026
- January 2027

**Please note:** As part of the application process, applicants are required to provide the contact details of a **referee**. Salford CVS requests a reference to help validate both the need for, and the potential impact of, the grant application. Applicants should ensure that their chosen referee is someone who knows them well, is able to provide a brief personal reference, and can confirm that the proposed request represents a suitable and meaningful step in the applicant's personal development.

## How much can you apply for?

The maximum grant available through this Fund is £500. Applications requesting a higher amount may be considered; however, this would need to be discussed in advance by phone. Please note that we cannot guarantee that applications exceeding the standard maximum will be progressed.

## What will we fund?

All applications must demonstrate clear and lasting benefit for the individual. Examples of what a grant can be used to pay for include:

- Course/workshop fees
- Coaching qualifications
- Subscriptions e.g. Adobe Creative Cloud
- Instruments
- Learning materials including textbooks
- Exam fees
- Competition fees
- Website design for digital portfolio of creative work
- Renting space including gallery spaces, recording studios
- Personal coaching
- Adaptive equipment e.g. to take part in sports or hobbies

## What will we not fund?

- Retrospective costs (i.e. costs that have already been incurred or for activities that have already happened before a grant has been awarded)
- Cost for food or meals
- Alcohol
- Costs that statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) or employers have a duty to fund
- Costs to provide short-term support to people in a crisis\*

\*Please see a list of alternative grants for individuals on page 5.

## What support is available for applicants?

### Support with your application

If you have any questions or need any help completing the application form, or you would like to speak to a member of the Grants Team, please contact the Grants Team by completing [this online form](#) or contact us directly by email at [grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk) or phone 0161 787 7795.

### Accessibility

We want our grants programme to be accessible to everyone. If any part of our application process presents a barrier to applying, please contact the Grants Team at [grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk) or phone 0161 787 7795.

## How will applications be assessed?

Upon receipt of applications, Salford CVS will carry out an initial eligibility check and speak to the referee about the application. Applications that meet the eligibility and referee checks will then be reviewed by a panel comprising representatives from Salford Credit Union, Salford CVS, and an additional community representative.

Applicants whose submissions are unsuccessful will be provided with feedback outlining the reasons for the decision.

## What happens if I am awarded a grant?

Successful applicants will be notified of their grant by email. Please read the Offer letter attached to the email in full, which contains important information about the grant including the amount awarded, any conditions, and next steps.

Once the required documents have been received, Salford CVS will contact you to arrange the purchase of the item and arrange delivery/collection (if applicable) e.g. a course or musical instrument.

If we (Salford CVS) are unable to purchase the item or service directly, and there is no suitable alternative, we may transfer the grant funds to individuals. This is only done in exceptional circumstances and any decision to do so will be carefully considered and we cannot guarantee we can award the grant in this situation.

## Follow up after the grant

All successful applicants will be asked to provide simple feedback outlining the difference the grant has made. This can be completed either through a short feedback form or via a telephone discussion with a member of the Grants Team. This information enables Salford CVS to demonstrate the tangible difference that grants and funding can make, supporting reporting to funders and partners and helping to secure future investment in the sector.

Where applicable, applicants will also be asked to provide evidence of attendance or achievement, such as certificates. In instances where Salford CVS is unable to purchase an item directly and funds are issued to the individual full evidence of expenditure will be required. This should take the form of receipts or invoices and must be provided within eight weeks of receiving the grant. Please note that Salford CVS reserves the right to request repayment of funds where appropriate evidence is not supplied within this timeframe.

## Alternative funding opportunities

### Grants for individuals

[The Salford Trust](#) – grants for young people up to the age of 25 (with a particular focus on young people aged under 21)

[Salford Crisis](#)

[Family Action](#)

[Motability Foundation](#)

[The King's Trust](#)

[Arts Council](#)

[Hugo Burge Foundation](#)

You may wish to visit the [Turn2us Grants Search](#) to identify other funding opportunities which you may be eligible for. The [King's Trust website](#) also offers details of alternative organisations that offer grants to individuals. For information about support with cost-of-living, see the [Salford CVS website](#).

### Grants for groups of people

If you are, or are considering establishing, a small group of individuals who come together for a shared, non-profit purpose – such as a community group, sports



club, or voluntary organisation – and are seeking funding, you may wish to contact the Development Team at Salford CVS. The team provides practical support to VCSE organisations, including assistance with policy development, volunteer recruitment, safeguarding, and accessing wider funding opportunities.

For further information, visit our website at:

[www.salfordcvs.co.uk/development-support](http://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/development-support)

You can also contact our Development Team by phone 0161 787 7795 or email at:

[office@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:office@salfordcvs.co.uk)

## **Any further questions?**

Get in touch with the Grants Team by completing this [online form](#) or contact us directly by emailing [grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk) or call 0161 787 7795