

Third Sector Fund 2024/25

Annual Report

Summary of Awards

April 2024 – March 2025



Talk About It Mate received a Health and Wellbeing Fund grant to support their 'Art for Wellbeing' project. The award has made a real difference to men living in the Langworthy and Walkden areas of Salford, utilising creativity to help them connect and improve their mental wellbeing.

Above: Talk About It Mate's 'Art for Wellbeing' project

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1) Introduction

Salford's Locality Plan remains at the heart of the Third Sector Fund, with grants designed to improve the health and wellbeing of Salford's residents by utilising the strength of the city's vibrant VCSE sector.

The Third Sector Fund firmly focuses on delivering positive health and wellbeing outcomes, as articulated in the Locality Plan. This has been reflected in the breakdown of the fund into individual grants pots, including the Impact Fund, which awarded grants for projects addressing wider determinants of health, including poverty.

This financial year saw a new fund, the Health and Wellbeing Fund, launched for the first time, bringing together several of our funds, including the Wellbeing Fund and Volunteers' Expenses Fund, into one simplified grants process. Early indications show that the fund has provided a vital lifeline to the VCSE sector's 'squeezed middle', supporting the development and enhancement of community-led health initiatives through addressing one or more of the four priorities in the Locality Plan.

As in previous years, the demand for community food support across the city remains high, with £72k being channelled to support refugees, asylum seekers and others with no recourse to public funds. Social prescribing infrastructure also received a welcome boost, with investments totalling just under £58k being made to allow high performing VCSE social prescribing destinations across the city to continue taking referrals.

The Third Sector Fund in 2024/25 saw Salford CVS award 114 grants to VCSE groups and organisations who are providing community-led responses to health challenges. Grant recipients benefitted from wrap-around support from Salford CVS's wider team of staff, providing specialisms across a wide-range of functions.

Salford CVS remains committed, as the city's local infrastructure organisation, to our vibrant VCSE eco-system - meeting the needs of local people whilst supporting the work of our statutory sector colleagues in health, care, and wider wellbeing.

2) Annual Review

Narrative reporting and feedback received

Salford's VCSE sector comprises 1,665* community groups, charities, and social enterprises working across the city for the benefit of local people. With over 1,000 members, Salford CVS has significant reach into those communities most in need.

Whether directly responding to Salford's health and wellbeing priorities, or addressing the wider determinants of health, the **114 awards** made possible by the Third Sector Fund in 2024/25 have helped enhance the lives of thousands of residents.



*Salford's [State of the Sector](#) report, 2021
'State of the Sector' research is undertaken on a 3-4 year cycle; due next in Dec 2025

The following pages provide a snapshot in words, quotes and pictures of the activity enabled by the Third Sector Fund.

Third Sector Fund, 2024/25

Twelve months of Grants and Investments



£1m+

of grants & investments



114

Awards made



6

New groups supported

Health and Wellbeing Fund: empowering communities

Awarded in 2024/25; evaluation due in 2025/26

Launched in early 2024, the Health and Wellbeing Fund has distributed small grants of up to £1.5k and medium grants of up to £5k for community-led and focused health and wellbeing initiatives across the city. 49 grants were awarded over three rounds from July 2024 to January 2025.

In addition to NHS GM monies, Salford CVS was pleased to secure a £15,000 contribution from [Eric Wright Charitable Trust](#) to the small grants pot, enabling a further 10 projects to receive support.

All projects were required to address one or more of the priorities in the Salford Locality Plan for Health and Care (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Just over half (52%) of grants were for new or expanded projects; 48% were to support existing health and wellbeing initiatives already benefitting people and communities.



Warm Hut – Golden Age project

Examples of funded projects



*(Top: The Beautiful Minds.
Bottom: Talk About It Mate)*

Start Well

- Rugby based sessions for young people at risk of becoming involved in crime in Ordsall and Langworthy
- Breastfeeding support for parents including information, advice and guidance and peer support

Live Well

- Creative health project with a trained arts facilitator for members of two men's peer support groups
- Mindfulness and yoga for women living in a residential recovery center for alcohol and substance misuse problems

Age Well

- 'Healthy Hearts' chair-based exercise and health checks for people with experience of heart problems
- Healthy eating and physical activity project for people from Francophone backgrounds aged 60+

Strong and Resilient Communities

- Community fun days to bring local people together and improve social cohesion in Broughton and surrounding areas

Project update: HerStory

HerStory received a grant of £1,500 in July 2024 to run a holistic wellbeing project for women with experience of the asylum system.

The group meets every week to take part in exercise, yoga, meditation, walks and creative activities. Sessions are run by trained facilitators and supported by volunteers.

This week we danced and got fantastic tips on moving better. Our mindfulness session gave us thoughtful insight too.

Tandrima, Committee Member, HerStory



Project update: MileShy Club

MileShy Club received a grant of £1,440 to train 9 new volunteers to look after clubs in Swinton, Ordsall/the Quays and Worsley. The course will enable the new trainees to deliver beginner running sessions and help them feel confident working with people from all backgrounds and abilities.

We are incredibly grateful to receive this funding to support the development of our Salford Couch to 5k run clubs. It's really helped us solidify our presence in the city and support the locals who want to volunteer their time to coach with us.

Jane, Committee Member, MileShy Club



Project update: Talk About It Mate

Talk About It Mate received a grant of £4,980 in October 2024 to run an Art for Wellbeing project for men who attend two peer support groups, in Langworthy and Walkden.

At the two-hour sessions the men explore different mediums and techniques, including bilateral drawing, self-portraits, soft pastels, watercolours and charcoal. They also receive peer and 1:1 support from the group lead.

The project has been a powerful reminder of how creativity can support mental wellbeing. Through accessible, hands-on art sessions, the men have built trust, expressed themselves in new ways, and formed lasting connections.

Jessica, Facilitator, Talk About It Mate



Examples of promotional materials

(Left to right: Langworthy Men's Group, Recreate-U, The Beautiful Minds)



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Langworthy Men's Games Group

Aged 50 and above?

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Salford CVS

Celebrating grant-funded projects

In early 2025 Salford CVS launched a new campaign, [#FundingFriday](#), to celebrate and promote grant funded projects.

Posts are shared weekly on X, Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn.

See [this example](#) from Langworthy Men's Group on LinkedIn.



Langworthy Men's Club

has been funded via Salford CVS

Health and Wellbeing Fund

£1,492

Langworthy

Supported by Salford Integrated Care Partnership and ERIC WRIGHT

Take a look at our funding opportunities page: bit.ly/scvs-funding

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(Below: Recreate-U's Walk and Talk project)



A boost for social prescribing infrastructure in Salford

In February 2025, 13 top up investments totalling £58k were made to groups and organisations offering high quality social prescribing destinations in Salford, allowing them to continue accepting referrals from Community Connectors on the **Wellbeing Matters** programme.

Projects were required to focus on priorities which addressed identified gaps in provision for Wellbeing Matters' services, which included face-to-face befriending, activity buddying (confidence building), nutrition advice and support, or physical activities with a social focus.

Project update: Social adVentures

Social adVentures were awarded a top up investment of £6,000 to continue their successful 121 Weight Loss and Nutrition Support project.



In 2023/24 Social adVentures delivered 215 one hour 1-2-1 sessions of nutrition and weight loss interventions such as goal setting, BMI measurement, private weigh ins, and coaching.

Participants reported outcomes of weight loss, increased exercise, and increased confidence.

By accessing the sessions, people were also able to see the other services available including cooking classes and diabetes information.

Several participants noted that the changes were also having a positive effect on their families, as they could use the skills they had learnt to educate their loved ones.

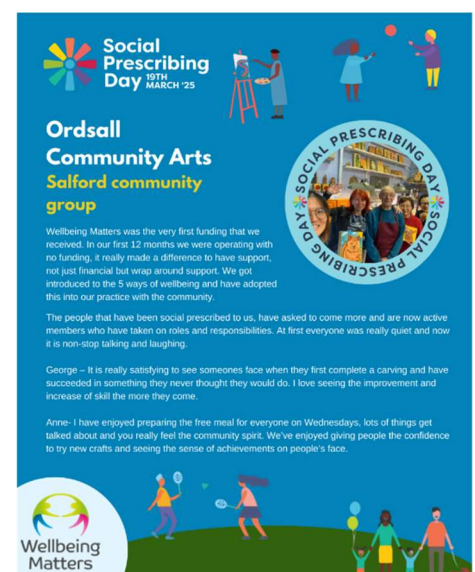
Social Prescribing Day

On 19th March 2025 Salford CVS celebrated Social Prescribing Day, the annual celebration of the people, organisations and communities who make social prescribing happen.

Funding provided through the Third Sector Fund has been crucial in supporting featured community groups to accept Wellbeing Matters referrals.

Read some social prescribing stories at:

<https://www.salfordcvs.co.uk/social-prescribing-stories>



Impact Fund: Addressing the wider determinants of health

Awarded in 2024/25; evaluation due in 2025/26

In October 2024, the **Impact Fund** awarded grants of up to £30,000 to well-established VCSE organisations to deliver evidence-driven projects of up to 12 months in duration, aimed at tackling health inequalities in Salford by addressing the wider determinants of health.

Proposals have been funded that are aligned with the [Fairer Health for All Framework](#), developed by Greater Manchester ICB in response to the [Build Back Fairer report](#) (2021), as well as the 'The Great Eight' priorities developed by Salford Council for a healthier, fairer, greener city.

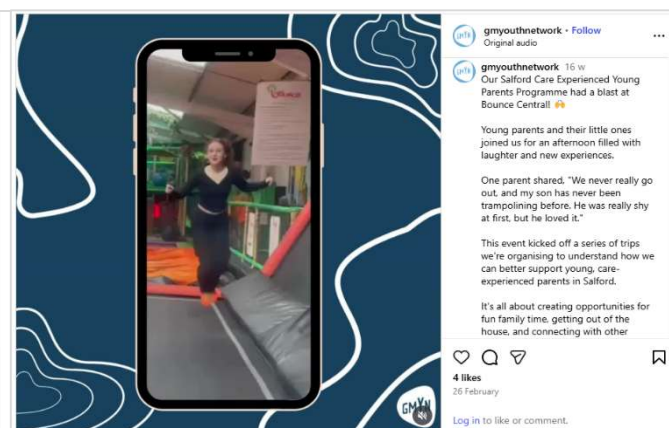
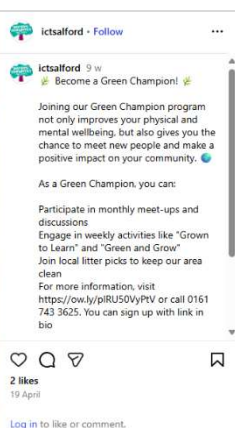
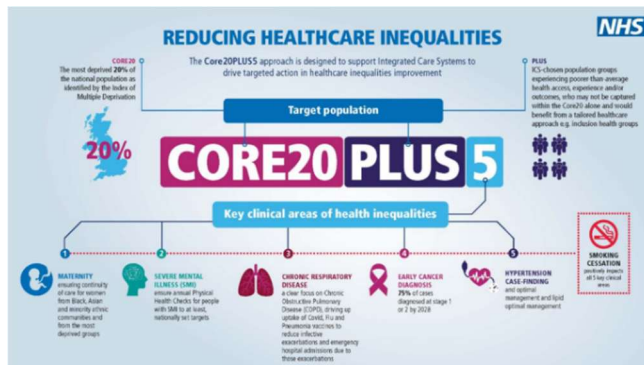
Twelve awards were made to the value of £312,193.01 and projects, with projects delivering between November 2024 – November 2025.

With support from CVS' Grants Development Workers, projects are using evaluation frameworks and tools to ensure health and wellbeing impacts are being measured, and to capture learning about their chosen approaches.

Examples of promotional activity

(Left – Right Top: Social adVentures, Sporting Memories Foundation, Mind in Salford)

Left – Right Bottom: [Inspiring Communities Together](#), [Greater Manchester Youth Network](#))



Case study from Recreate-U's Walk and Talk Project

Funded through the Health and Wellbeing Fund 2024/25

From isolation to connection through walking

In July 2024, Recreate-U received a grant of £5,000 through the **Health and Wellbeing Fund** to support their Walk and Talk project.



Walk and Talk is co-created with feedback from clients with lived experience of poor mental health and other issues.

Participants included people who were socially isolated, older people with mobility difficulties who had concerns about falling when going out alone, women who were worried about personal safety if they tried to exercise outdoors alone, people who were trying to become more active as part of weight management programmes, and people managing long-term physical and mental health conditions. Many participants were referred through the Wellbeing Matters programme.

The weekly nature walks at Duke's Drive Park in Eccles combined nature therapy, physical activity, access to outdoor spaces, peer support and chances to socialise.

The walks ran for 8 weeks through the autumn of 2024, keeping people active and outdoors further into the colder months. They helped attendees get more familiar with the layout of the park and different walking routes, within the safety of a small group.

Participants said being more active, spending more time in nature and having someone to talk to has directly increased their health and wellbeing.

"It was really good to get out and meet people, I've had a hard time lately and walking really helped me find perspective."

Six participants were also able to benefit from six weeks of free 1:1 counselling with a qualified therapist, supporting them with a range of concerns including anxiety, grief, depression and the mental health effects of long-term caring responsibilities.



Crucially, the early mental health support provided by the walking group and counselling also means participants have been able to access support at a much earlier stage in their mental health journey. This helped prevent problems getting worse and reduced the need to join NHS waiting lists or struggle unsupported while waiting for help. No beneficiaries felt their financial circumstances would allow them to pay privately for counselling.

Helping school children Start Well

In May 2024 Salford CVS launched the **Healthy Schools Partnership Fund**, awarding 14 grants totalling £98,080.83 for partnership projects, involving at least one Salford primary school and at least one VCSE organisation, to work together to deliver activities that improve the health and wellbeing of primary school children.



(Above: 6 of the 26 primary schools benefitting from a Healthy Schools grant in 2024/25)

Projects funded through the Healthy Schools Partnership Fund 2023/24 had a clear and positive impact on children, families and wider communities. Feedback in reports included:

Feedback from a parent: "She loves her yoga and has been showing me at home. She always goes to sleep much more easily after attending."

The Wellness Project CIC

The Head of Cadishead Primary said that children who had attended Recreate-U sessions were now "excited about coming to school." This is incredible progress for these children, who had been identified for the programme by the school because of their poor attendance and reluctance to come to school or engage in learning.

Recreate-U

There was an uplift in family engagement in the life of the school – before and after school, the children freely showed their family members the allotment and what we were growing.

CommUNITY Little Hulton

(Below – CommUNITY Little Hulton's 2023/24 Healthy Schools Partnership Fund project)



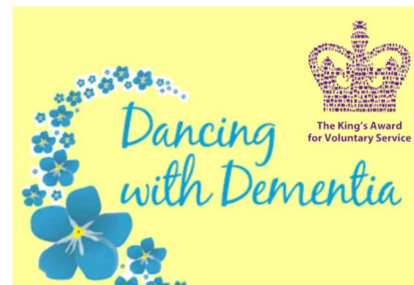
Targeted cancer awareness and support in Swinton

In August 2024, four grants totalling £10,850 were awarded through the **Answer Cancer Innovation Fund** to groups and organisations to help increase and enhance the range of support groups and activities for people living with and affected by cancer in Swinton.

Project update: Dancing with Dementia

Dancing with Dementia received a grant of £2,000 to deliver cancer-awareness activities at five dance and social afternoons.

In total, 120 people attended the five afternoons, including 40 people living with cancer, and their carers.



'I have had mouth cancer and after surgery I was left having difficulty speaking. I didn't go out a lot, only to the shop with my wife or to visit family. I felt so isolated and thought my social life had gone.'

'My wife volunteers for a group and she was always asking me to come along, so, after many times of asking I finally went to the Lunch Club. For the first couple of months, I just sat there watching, then, as a few months went by I started to help to set up the tables, then started to serve coffee and now I do the setup, serve coffee and ask others to dance too.'

'I look forward to these events every month. It makes me feel included and happy. I have also managed a few weekends away and day coach trips with the wonderful people of this group – I feel right at home in their company.'

Ron, Beneficiary and Volunteer, Dancing with Dementia

Photos and videos from the dance and social afternoons are available to view on [Facebook](#).



Feeding Salford

Open grants

In 2024/25, Salford CVS made 13 grants totalling £39,000 to the VCSE sector to support vital work feeding people with no recourse to public funds, refugees, or asylum seekers. This could be spent on food and supplies for beneficiaries of the food club/bank/pantry/organisation.

One organisation in receipt of a grant is **Warm Hut UK**. About their project, they say:

'We are making foods more accessible and to support asylum seekers, refugees and NRPF people have better diets, achieve a healthier weight and live longer healthier lives. Food with human dignity.'



Investments

Furthermore, 7 investments totalling £33,000 were made to VCSE sector groups and organisations to continue their vital food support for the wider community. The grants can be spent on food and supplies for the food club/bank/pantry, as well as wider food and cost of living support work.

When asked what difference this grant would make, the following response was received:

'Salford CVS's Food Response Award is crucial in helping us continue our mission of combatting poverty and preventing homelessness. Without their support, we would be unable to offer the welcome, dignity and opportunity our clients need, and would not be able to provide the stock and access that we do. Not just to help our community build up their food shopping in this cost-of-living crisis, but to use our Food Clubs as a gateway into additional services, training, skills and ultimately employment. Thank you!'

Mustard Tree

3) Financial Overview

INCOME

Income Source	Description	Amount	Notes
NHS GM – Salford locality	Third Sector Fund award for 2024/25	£1,000,000	Year 5 of 5-year agreement 2020-25
	TOTALS:	£1,000,000	

EXPENDITURE PLAN

Fund Element	TSF Allocation
Direct grants / investments	£750,000
Grants Development Workers (1.6 FTE) – incl. on-costs	£96,300
Grants Strategy / Policy Lead (0.8 FTE) – incl. on-costs	£53,700
10% Management Fee (grants design, admin, operational management, finance, comms)	£100,000
TOTALS:	£1,000,000

Third Sector Fund – Position at 31.03.25

Fund Element	Allocated	Defrayed	Committed	Balance	Notes
Impact Fund - Health Inequalities / Wider Determinants of Health	300,000.00	£312,193.01		-12,193.01	Round completed
Health and Wellbeing Fund	150,000.00	153,123.04		-3,123.04	All 3 rounds completed
Healthy Schools Partnership Challenge	100,000.00	98,080.83		1,919.17	Round completed
Wellbeing Matters' Neighbourhood Assets Fund	50,000.00	58,000.00		-8,000.00	Round completed
Answer Cancer Innovation Fund (Swinton)	25,000.00	10,850.00		14,150.00	Completed
Food Response & Security Fund	75,000.00	72,000.00		3,000.00	Round completed
Responsiveness Fund	50,000.00	17,200.00		32,800.00	Awards made as urgent needs were identified
Returned grants in-year	n/a	n/a	n/a	8,013.20	Used to supplement Wellbeing Matters CAF fund
	750,000.00	721,446.88		36,566.32*	

All figures are correct @ 31.03.25 and have been fully reconciled with our accounting system. *Residual monies to be rolled-forward to support the VCSE sector in Salford during 2025/26. There will also be an evaluation of the programme in Autumn 2025.

4) Summary of Awarded Grants by Fund 2024/25

a) Impact Fund – Health Inequalities (Wider Determinants)

A total of £312,193.01 has been awarded to support impactful projects aligned with the Fairer Health for All framework and the City Mayor and partners' 'Great Eight' priorities for Salford.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
IF24 101	Sale Sharks Foundation	Creating Connections	£14,174.00
IF24 102	Social adVentures	Youth Forest School	£28,420.00
IF24 110	Inspiring Communities Together	Green Champions	£23,285.28
IF24 118	Humans MCR	Community Grocers on-wheels	£24,376.05
IF24 120	CSIN	Hive to Home & Money Matters Project	£28,779.75
IF24 121	Sporting Memories Foundation	Sporting Memories Salford	£29,536.00
IF24 125	Community Little Hulton	Beyond the Food Club	£25,442.53
IF24 127	BHA for Equality	Tackling CVD in partnership	£19,621.00
IF24 128	Mind in Salford	Money & Me	£30,000.00
IF24 129	Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN)	Salford Parents in and Leaving Care	£29,715.40
IF24 130	Together Family Centre	Bridge to resilience	£28,843.00
IF24 131	Age UK Salford	Reducing malnutrition and dehydration risk on older people in Salford	£30,000.00
	TOTAL:		£312,193.01

b) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 1

A total of £50,000.00 was awarded in Round 1 to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Salford Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBS24 101	Cadishead Grange Bowling Club	Develop Healthy Crown Green Bowling in Cadishead and Irlam	£1,400.00
HWBS24 102	Walkden ABC	Anxiety 1-2-1 sessions	£1,487.50
HWBM24 109	Mandem Meetup	Mandem Talk: Eccles	£4,988.71
HWBS24 111	Cadishead Community Association	Snack Chat and Move Your Body	£1,500.00
HWBS24 112	Salford Healthy Communities	Living Better in Salford For Orthodox Jewish Community	£940.00
HWBS24 113	Friends of Peel Park	Volunteer Expenses Fund	£728.80
HWBM24 118	Greater Manchester Neshomo CIO	Befriending Service to Improve and Sustain Mental Health	£4,990.00
HWBM24 122	Recreate-U	Recreate-U's Walk and Talk with 1-2-1 counselling offer	£5,000.00
HWBM24 123	Take Action Together CIC	Neurodiversity in Nature Wellbeing Group	£5,000.00
HWBM24 124	The Wellness Project CIC	Mindful Recovery	£2,630.00
HWBM24 127	Salford Families in Need Meals Project	SFinMP Library Project	£4,837.99
HWBM24 129	DIY Theatre CIC	Not Just for Laughs	£5,000.00
HWBS24 130	HerStory	Staying Well	£1,500.00
HWBM24 131	Ethnic Health Forum	Stretch the Stress Away	£4,997.00
HWBM24 132	Visit from the Stork	Be Open on Breastfeeding Salford (BOOBS)	£5,000.00
	TOTAL:		£50,000.00

c) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 2

A total of 45,123.00 was awarded in Round 2 to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities).

Additional financial support provided in this round by Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBM24 201	The Salford Storm Club CIC	Community session	£4,680.00
HWBS24 202	Salford Men's Group	Salford Men's Group	£1,492.00
HWBM24 204	Our Family Support Group	Pro-Health Back Care Club	£5,000.00
HWBM24 205	Salford Lads and Girls Club	Salford Lads and Girls Club Football	£5,000.00
HWBM24 206	Club Tikva	Realising Hope	£5,000.00
HWBM24 207	Talk About it Mate	Art for Wellbeing	£4,980.00
HWBS24 210	The MileShy Club	Run Leader training	£1,440.00
HWBS24 212	Stepping Stones Creative	Expression through gestures	£1,406.00
HWBM24 213	Incredible Education	Forest Wellbeing 4 All	£5,000.00
HWBM24 216	You Can Community Club	You Can!! (Youth Clubs)	£5,000.00
HWBM24 217	Lusoconnection CIC	Community Basketball Team	£4,925.00
HWBS24 219	Involved (Salford)	Community Funday (Summer, Winter, Autumn, Spring)	£1,200.00
	TOTAL:		£45,123.00

d) Health and Wellbeing Fund – Round 3

A total of £50,000.00 has been awarded to support community-focused projects addressing one or more of the priorities in the Locality Plan (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Strong and Resilient Communities). Additional financial support provided in this round by Eric Wright Charitable Trust.

Ref No	Organisation	Project name	Award
HWBM24 302	Humbug Community CIC	Sharing Creativity	£4,950.00
HWBM24 303	Warm Hut UK	Golden Age Project - The GAP	£5,000.00
HWBS24 305	RiseUp Kids Foundation	Summer with a Splash	£1,500.00
HWBM24 309	Swinton Lions Community Sports Foundation	Lions Violence Reduction Project	£5,000.00
HWBS24 312	Art of Gold	Art Therapy	£820.00
HWBS24 313	11 11 Prison Support CIC	Empowering You!	£1,476.00
HWBM24 314	African Rainbow Family	Resilient Futures	£5,000.00
HWBS24 317	Salford Heart Care	Healthy Heart Clubs	£1,500.00
HWBS24 318	Friends in Need Salford	Brew Crew and Invisible Illness Group	£1,500.00
HWBM24 319	Number One	Active Minds, Healthy Bodies	£4,536.00
HWBS24 320	JaksWorld Charity	Jaksworld Hopeful Horizons	£1,500.00
HWBM24 326	Manchester Migrant Solidarity (MiSol)	Building Stronger Communities: Empowering Migrant Resilience in Salford	£4,946.04
HWBM24 329	Oasis Community Hub	Youth Aspirations and Community Empowerment	£5,000.00
HWBM24 332	ABS Training Ltd	Develop your talents and develop yourself.	£4,940.00
HWBM24 334	Salford Arts Theatre	Hump Day Hub	£5,000.00
HWBS24 339	The Beautiful Minds – Embracing Ageing	Active and Healthy Seniors	£1,500.00
HWBM24 340	Sovereign House GH	Computer Learning Programme	£5,000.00
HWBM24 341	Women with Wings CIC	W3 Wellbeing	£4,307.00
HWBM24 345	Salford Red Devils	Golden Point	£4,800.00
HWBS24 348	Bridgewater Residents Association	Growing for Wellbeing	£990.00
HWBS24 350	Community Doosti	16 Weeks of Resilience, Health, and Joy	£1,235.00
HWBS24 351	Salford Deaf Community Gathering	Supporting participation	£1,500.00
	TOTAL:		£72,000.04

e) Healthy Schools Partnership Fund

This fund brings together partnerships of primary schools and VCSE organisations to deliver health and wellbeing projects for children in Salford. The school benefits from the skills, capacity and new ideas brought by community groups, charities and social enterprises to undertake a range of sports, arts, horticulture and outdoor learning projects. These projects were awarded in July 2024 to fund activity in the 2024/25 academic year.

Ref No	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
HSPCM24 101	Broughton Boxing Academy / Salford Boxing Club	Fit Friends / Fit Fam	£5,000.00
HSPCS24 103	Bluebells Community Club	Spotlight Fusion	£4,825.00
HSPCM24 104	Recreate-U	Recreate-U's Blossom	£10,000.00
HSPCS24 105	The Wellness Project CIC	Wellbeing at The Friars	£4,955.00
HSPCM24 106	Incredible Education	Eco-Endeavour	£10,000.00
HSPCM24 108	CommUNITY Little Hulton	Forest School for Schools!	£9,999.54
HSPCS24 109	Mind in Salford	Youth Connect 5 in Transit and Wellbeing	£5,000.00
HSPCM24 110	Jamie Horrocks Trust	Embedding the five ways to wellbeing into primary school life	£6,520.00
HSPCS24 111	Kings Square Library	Communicating together	£3,320.00
HSPCM24 112	Talk Listen Change (TLC)	Healthy Child, Healthy Parent, Healthy School Relationships 2024	£10,000.00
HSPCM24 113	Lifecentre Salford	Moving On Well	£7,628.00
HSPCM24 114	Ethnic Health Forum	Taste and Talk: Family English and Cooking Class	£9,616.00
HSPCM24 115	Gaddum	Spark	£5,297.29
HSPCM24 116	Take Action Together	Woodland Wellbeing	£5,920.00
		Total:	£98,080.83

f) Wellbeing Matters Community Asset Fund

The Community Asset Fund supports the increased capacity of VCSE groups and organisations to provide social prescribing destinations for the Wellbeing Matters programme. All successful applicants commit to working closely with Salford CVS' Development Workers and the Community Connectors based within Wellbeing Matters' anchor organisations. In addition to increased capacity, the funded projects also provide regular reporting on the uptake of places and the progress that individuals are making through participation in their activities.

The following 13 awards totalling £58,000.00 were top-up investments to support high quality social prescribing destinations to continue accepting referrals.

Ref No	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
WMCA24 101	Recreate-U	Connect and Recreate-U	£6,000.00
WMCA24 102	Sharks Community Trust	Sharks Together	£5,000.00
WMCA24 103	Take About It Mate	TAIM Walkden	£6,000.00
WMCA24 104	Transcend in the Community	Wellbeing!	£6,000.00
WMCA24 105	Connect Youth & Community Centre	Community Asset Fund	£5,000.00
WMCA24 106	CSIN GROUP – THE HIVE WELLBEING HUB	Photography nature walks	£2,000.00
WMCA24 107	Social adVentures	1-2-1 Weight Loss and Nutrition Support	£6,000.00
WMCA23 113	Friends In Need Salford	Brew Crew	£2,000.00
WMCA23 119	Salford Naz Community Hall	'Grow It Together' Community Gardening	£3,000.00
WMCA24 121	Women With Wings	Yoga with Wings	£4,000.00
WMCA24 125	Incredible Education CIC	Forest School for Big Kids	£6,000.00
WMCA24 125	The Tatton	Mindfulness and strength-based activities	£2,000.00
WMCA24 125	Ordsall Community Arts Centre	Wellness through Woodwork.	£5,000.00
		Total:	£58,000.00

g) Answer Cancer Innovation Fund (Swinton)

This fund awarded grants totalling £10,850 to increase and enhance the range of support groups and activities for people living with, and affected by, cancer in Swinton.

The fund invited proposals for self-help or social activities for people with cancer and those supporting them to attend, as well as those raising awareness of cancer signs and symptoms and the importance of attending screening.

For example, **Being There** charity were awarded an investment of £4,990.00 to run 'taster' sessions at local cafés and community centres to raise awareness of cancer symptoms and screening and their services supporting people who have had a diagnosis of cancer.

Ref No	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
ACIO24 101	The Agnes Hopkins Community Centre	Learning and Living Well	£1,860.00
ACIO24 102	Dancing with Dementia	Celebration of Life	£2,000.00
ACIO24 103	HerStory	Beat Cancer Together	£2,000.00
ACISP24 101	Being There	Being There Swinton	£4,990.00
		Total:	£10,850.00

h) Food Response Fund – Open Grants

This fund was first established by Salford CVS and Salford Foodshare Network (SFN) in 2020 as a response to the spike in demand on food banks and clubs. Since then, a proportion of Salford Council's Household Support Fund (HSF) allocation has been channelled via Salford CVS to food banks and clubs to help meet the rise in demand.

The HSF monies has enabled Salford CVS to allocate Food Response Fund monies to wider VCSE food response activities where funding support is limited.

This grants round was to support VCSE organisations undertaking vital work providing food to those with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), refugees, or asylum seekers. A grant could be spent on food and supplies for beneficiaries of the food club/bank/pantry/organisation.

Ref No	Organisation	Award
FRF24 101	Warm Hut	£3,000.00
FRF24 102	Manchester Sikh Foundation aka 'Feed My City'	£3,000.00
FRF24 103	Women with Wings	£3,000.00
FRF24 105	Azamrah Youth Club	£3,000.00
FRF24 106	Menicho Vesimcho	£3,000.00
FRF24 107	Community Support Centre	£3,000.00
FRF24 108	Selam Amhatic & Tigriga Work Club	£3,000.00
FRF24 109	Visible Outcomes 4U	£3,000.00
FRF24 110	The Beautiful Minds – Embracing Ageing	£3,000.00
FRF24 111	Flowhesion Foundation	£3,000.00
FRF24 112	Salford Refugee Forum for People seeking asylum	£3,000.00
FRF24 114	Community Doosti Friendship	£3,000.00
FRF24 115	Lingua GM CIC	£3,000.00
	Total:	£39,000.00

i) Food Response Fund – Investments

These investments were to ensure continuity of provision for food clubs/banks/pantries/ organisations already delivering vital food support for some of the city's most vulnerable residents. A particular focus of these investment was to support families and individuals / families with no recourse to public funds / asylum seekers / refugees, for example around Ramadan and Eid.

Ref No	Organisation	Award
FRF24 01	Yemeni Community Association	£5,000.00
FRF24 02	Hershel Weiss Centre	£5,000.00
FRF24 03	Salford Loaves and Fishes	£5,000.00
FRF24 04	Mustard Tree	£5,000.00
FRF24 05	Community Little Hulton	£5,000.00
FRF24 06	Emmaus (Lucie's Pantry)	£5,000.00
FRF24 07	Salford Women's Aid	£3,000.00
	Total:	£33,000.00

j) Responsiveness Fund

This fund is reserved for meeting critical need within the VCSE sector that might arise during the year. During 2024/25 the Responsiveness Fund provided a funding bridge to **Humans Mcr** to enable organisational survival and continuity of provision of food response services for Salford residents. **Transcend in the Community** were provided with a fast-track award to help overcome an income shortfall due to flooding of their café. The flexibility of this fund enables a swift response to address emerging financial challenges which are increasingly threatening the viability of VCSE organisations.

Ref No	Organisation	Award
RES24 01	Humans Mcr	£15,000.00
RES24 02	Transcend in the Community CIC	£2,200.00
	Total:	£17,200.00