



Hull Community Fund



13

grants awarded



£48,946

total grants awarded



£3,765

average grant



11,275

people supported



Two Ridings
Community Foundation



An introduction

The Hull Community Fund has been set up as a partnership between Hull City Council, Hull CVS, HEY Smile Foundation, Forum CIO and Two Ridings Community Foundation. The fund focuses on building on and strengthening the dynamism, impact and potential of Hull's voluntary and community groups and their vital contributions to life in the city.

The fund's priorities align with Hull City Council's community plan for the city's development

Health & Wellbeing

- Supporting older & vulnerable people and children & young people to enjoy healthy lifestyles
- Improving mental health
- Supporting inclusion health groups for people facing barriers in accessing health & care services

Education & Training

- Developing employability skills & providing volunteering opportunities

Culture & Heritage

- Increasing accessibility to culture and heritage, and supporting community arts initiatives

Environment

- Increasing biodiversity & supporting environmental improvement

Where the fund comes from

Hull Community Fund was launched in July 2024 with initial investment from the Rank Foundation and the Alderman Jackson Endowment Fund.

Supporting small organisations addressing

HEALTH &
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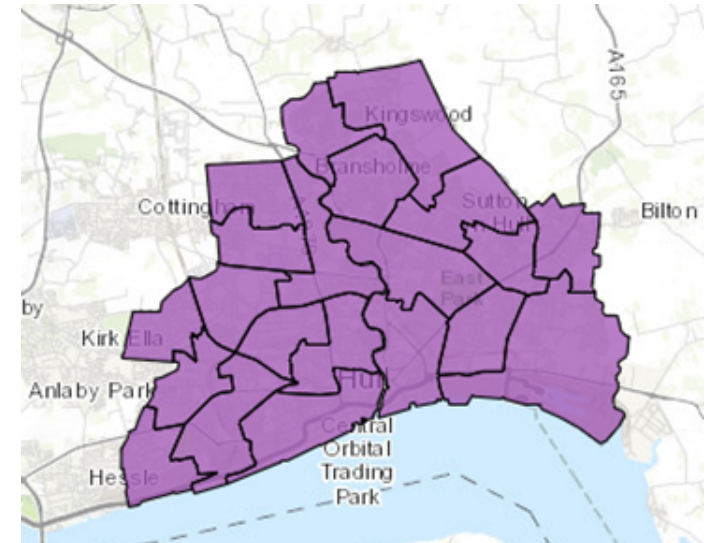
ENVIRONMENT



In 2024 a community panel was recruited and met to award **13 grants** totalling **£48,946**, supporting projects that address the needs of local people.

The area the fund supports

Hull Community Fund supports small organisations with a turnover under £150,000 serving the people of Hull.



Grants were distributed as micro-grants to cover the cost of an activity or project, or larger organisational development grants to cover core costs or invest in a way that boost the group's organisational capacity or sustainability.

The reach of Two Ridings

Through working with Two Ridings, Hull Community Fund reached locally trusted organisations, led and delivered by people with lived and working experiences of the issues being funded.

It has allowed support for both long-standing organisations previously funded by Two Ridings and newer emerging community groups. Groups supported range from community hubs, sport and dance organisations and groups working alongside the global majority populations in the city.

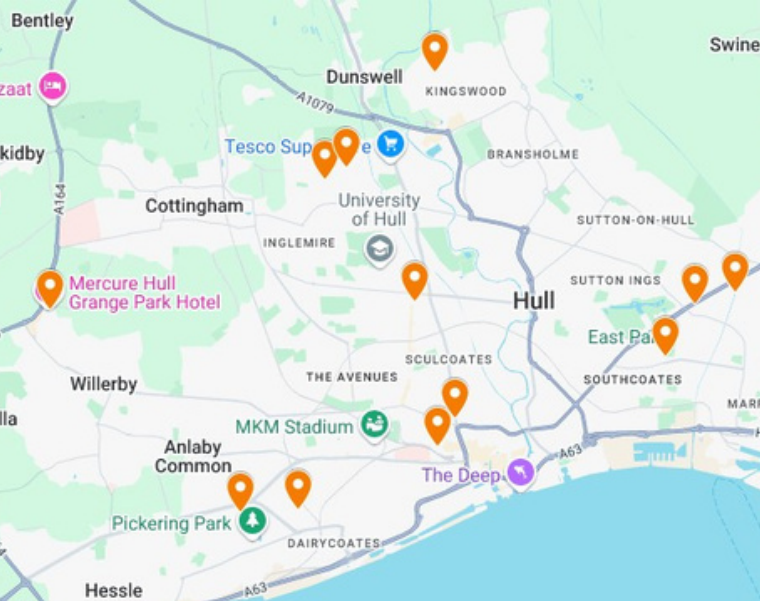
The groups and people supported

In 2024, 13 groups received funding, including five first-time applicants and eight groups that had received funding from Two Ridings previously. All the groups are small local charitable organisations with on average 0.7 full-time staff member, 1.8 part-time staff and 14 volunteers.

Over 50% of groups have an annual income of under £50,000, 15% under £100,000. All groups have an income of under £150,000.

A wide range of people were supported by the funding including people living in poverty, children and young people, families, older people, local residents, people looking for employment, people affected by the 2024 riots and people from the global majority.

Geographical spread of the fund



Supported organisations at a glance:

City of Hull and District Rugby League

City of Hull Sport and Community Group CIC

Dance in Company CIC

Hull Afro Caribbean Association

Humber Job Hub CIC

Kingswood Knights ARLFC

MAMA T'S

Pickering Road Community Orchard

St. Aidan's Southcoates PCC

The Maximum Life Youth Project

Toranj Tuition

West Hull Community Hub

Youth Aspire Connect

Funded organisations in 2024

City of Hull and District Rugby League has invested in equipment and coach training to establish a new youth rugby serving the Bransholme estate. **£2,000**

City of Hull Sport and Community Group CIC delivered wellbeing activities engaging with primary-age children and their families, serving 45 families through multiple sessions. They work directly with families in Orchard Park, with a mission to inspire everyone entering their space to be the best they can be, raising aspirations and leading to better life outcomes. **£2,000**

Dance in Company CIC delivered fifteen wellbeing dance sessions for disabled and older adults; these stretched across the city, reaching those who may not have easy access to arts opportunities. **£1,800**

Hull Afro Caribbean Association piloted a multicultural school engagement project to build understanding and foster community cohesion through arts, crafts, and food activities. **£2,000**

Humber Job Hub CIC ran multiple six week employability skills workshops to support Hull residents gain employability skills to move out of poverty, secure employment and improve wellbeing. **£1,968**

Kingswood Knights ARLFC upskilled eight volunteer coaches by providing them with Level 1 Rugby League Coaching qualifications, improving the quality of coaching and engaging more young people. **£1,280**

MAMA T'S sustained their youth street dance project, offering opportunities to children aged 5-11 in three areas of poverty in Hull; Endike Lane, North Bransholme and Ings council estate. Mama T's aim to reach children living in poverty with this project and those who have little opportunity to engage in exercise and dance. **£2,000**

Pickering Road Community Orchard employed a volunteer coordinator to support their transition to a community interest organisation, improving governance and expanding activities beyond harvest season. **£10,000**

St. Aidan's Southcoates PCC replaced old and broken kitchen equipment for their community catering service, empowering volunteers in their journey toward recovery or employment and serving the wider community at large. **£1,968**

The Maximum Life Youth Project funding contributed to a salary for a youth sports worker to lead gymnastics, ice skating, rock climbing and other activities in a supportive environment, building confidence and overcoming fears and isolation. **£2,000**

Toranj Tuition delivered STEM activities to inspire young people and increase engagement with the curriculum. **£2,000**

West Hull Community Sports Club recruited a Hub Officer to improve volunteer coordination and administration. **£9,940**

Youth Aspire Connect. Following a huge period of growth Youth Aspire Connect employed a part time administrator, enabling the management team to focus on grant applications and to continue the personalised service they offer the young people they support. **£9,990**



"This is more than just a kitchen; it's the heart of our community. It's a safe, supportive space where people can come together, find friendship and rebuild their lives.

This funding allows us to keep offering free meals, training opportunities, and vital support for those in recovery or struggling with addiction and unemployment.

The new equipment has made a huge difference, helping us cater for more people, expand our support, and strengthen our community."

Daniel, St Aidans



MAKING IMPACT St Aidans Southcoates PCC

St Aidans Southcoates PCC host local people for a wide range of free community activities, events and groups that depend on their 5 star Food Hygiene rated Commercial Kitchen run by volunteers.

Hundreds of local community members use the facilities at St. Aidan's on a regular basis. Their catering service is free at the point of access and is part of their wider mission to create voluntary roles for the upskilling of long-term unemployed and recovering addicts and ex-offenders.

The facility also provides a much needed safe community space for the residents of Southcoates and the Preston Road estates to socialise and develop friendships, receive training, grow in confidence, and develop life skills.

The activities taking place at St Aidans include offering free hot meals, free listening and support drop-in sessions, craft & music sessions and mental health support - all focused on engaging with socio-economically deprived and disadvantaged families.

The space is used by a wide range of charities, schools, council departments, theatres and more.

They have used their grant on a new commercial dishwasher and fridge to replace broken items enabling the smooth running of their catering services for everyone.

Anti Racism Videos

Youth Aspire Connect have produced two anti-racism videos to educate and inform everyone on how they can be anti-racist. The stories are told by the young people Youth Aspire Connect support and make for compelling viewing.

<https://www.youtube.com/@Youthaspireconnect>



MAKING IMPACT Youth Aspire Connect

Youth Aspire Connect as a grassroots organisation has experienced an unprecedented growth from supporting 5 young people in 2017 to over 300 young people in 2024, mainly from the minoritised and disadvantage families in Hull.

As the group grows, so does the tension between devoting more time to the challenges of management and keeping time for core projects like career/skills development and community engagement. They didn't want their growth to affect their engagement with young people or change the relationship they have with them and their families.

The recent violence in Hull has had a devastating impact on the young people and added more challenges to the team. Youth Aspire Connect extended their drop-ins hours and organised different programmes and stakeholders (e.g. Humberside police) engagement events to reassure young people and their families, restore trust and confidence across different communities in Hull. They are now grappling with the additional responsibility of promoting culturally inclusive education in primary and secondary schools in Hull by improving school-wide anti-racism policies.

Their step change grant is being used to employ for the first time, a paid part-time experienced administrator for 3 days a week for 7 months to reduce the administrative load.

This will enable the Youth Aspire Connect management team to devote their time to funding applications and strengthening their organisational capacity to promote culturally inclusive education by improving school-wide anti-racism policies and practices in local schools. They will also be training and building the capacity of teachers and school leaders on how to address racism in schools and lead through engagement.

Be the difference

Do your charitable giving through Hull Community Fund

New to Hull in 2024, the Hull Community Fund has been supporting people and community organisations in Hull for just a year. However Two Ridings Community Foundation has been distributing grants in Hull and East Riding since 2010, last year distributing just under a million in the city through a variety of grant programmes.

Hull is a vibrant, unique and proud city, however there is much need with many local people facing significant social issues. If you want to make a difference in Hull, both now and in the long term, donating to the Hull Community Fund will make an impact.

100% match funding is currently available in Hull, essentially doubling your giving in the area.



Discuss your giving with us

If reading this report has made you realise you want to support Hull Community Fund, please contact Celia directly on **07519 485103**

Celia would be very happy to visit you and talk through your tax-efficient giving options and how you can make a difference in Hull.



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