

# Community Challenge Fund

Information Pack  
2024-25







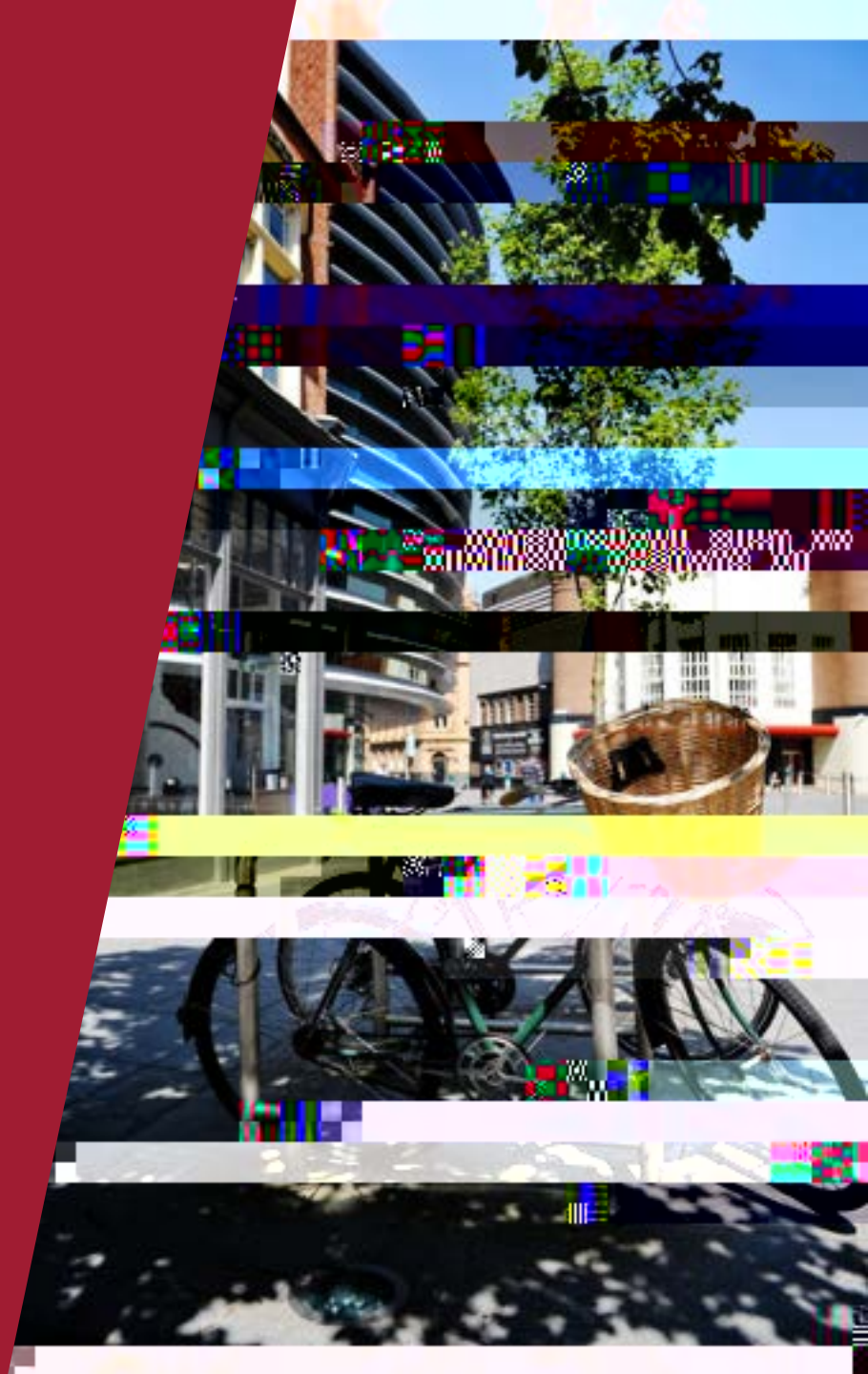
Our mission as a university is to discover pathways of opportunity that empower students, staff and our community to create a fairer society. Our vision is to create a community of participation, fairness and collective responsibility, transforming individual lives and society.

*The Empowering University* strategy, which guides the direction of our work across the institution and specifically in terms of public engagement.

The Community Challenge Fund plays a key role in supporting this with a purpose, through which we may work collaboratively to invest in projects which make a true difference to the community in Leicester.

*The Empowering University* strategy [here](#).

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## What we're looking for

The fund is specifically designed to support projects which meet the following criteria:

- The project should demonstrably benefit the community in Leicester.
- It should offer knowledge exchange, real-life learning or volunteering opportunities for our students.

We would particularly like to support projects which align with one or more of our key research themes:

- Peace, equality and social justice.
- Lifelong wellbeing.
- Creative and heritage industries.
- Living in a digital society.
- Net zero.



We can award grants of between  
open to all charities, non-profit  
organisations and community groups  
based in Leicester







# How to apply...

year:

-25 academic

## Round One

Applications open: Monday 24 June 2024

Applications close: Friday 26 July 2024

Delivery window: Monday 30 September – Friday 13 December 2024

## Round Two

Applications open: Monday 2 September 2024

Applications close: Friday 11 October 2024

Delivery window: Monday 6 January – Friday 31 March 2025



Applications can be submitted using our online proposal form, which can be found [here](#).

applications, so we kindly ask that previously successful applicants only re-apply for the Community Challenge Fund once in any twelve-month period.

Please complete the form in as much detail as possible, to give us the best understanding of your project. If you have any questions about the form, please email [engage@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:engage@dmu.ac.uk) with the subject line CCF 24-25.

Successful bids will...

- Specify a clear project purpose and target audience.
- clearly outline how DMU students, staff and alumni can *with The Empowering University strategy.*
- Demonstrate how the project will *with The Empowering University strategy.* funding period.







Funding will only be paid into the bank account of a registered charity or non-profit organisation. Please note that we cannot award funding to private individuals. All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis within each funding round and the amount of money awarded in each case is at the discretion of the panel.

Applications will be accepted from organisations and groups across Leicester and Leicestershire, and all projects must benefit the local community. Small, grassroots

be prioritised over larger organisations.

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We aim to review all applications in between 4 and 6 weeks from the closing date. All decisions will be based upon the criteria specified in the information submitted in the proposal form.

For more information, a member of our team

We are unable to fund daily running costs and the promotion of religious or political beliefs.





# Unsuccessful Applications...

Unfortunately, we are unable to support every application we receive. If your application is unsuccessful, we are very happy to provide feedback to help fit your business for future applications.

The university will not consider appeals and reserves the right to make funding decisions on a case-by-case basis.





For any questions or queries regarding the Community Challenge Fund, or for more information on how to apply, please email [engage@dmu.ac.uk](mailto:engage@dmu.ac.uk) with the subject line *Community Challenge Fund*.

