

## Mutual Aid Fund: Application form questions

This is a guideline document to help you prepare for your application. Once ready, please submit your answers through [this Google Form](#). All questions with an \* are mandatory.

### Section 1

*Changing Ideas is partnering with the Social Change Nest to support the next iteration of the mutual aid movement in the UK post-pandemic.*

*Please complete the form below to apply for a grant. Note that this fund is only open to UK-based applicants.*

*You can follow this link [thesocialchangeagency.org/changing-ideas-mutual-aid-fund](https://thesocialchangeagency.org/changing-ideas-mutual-aid-fund) for full details of the opportunity, or email us at [accountable@thesocialchangenest.org](mailto:accountable@thesocialchangenest.org) with any questions.*

*We look forward to receiving your application!*

1. Name of Group\*
2. Your Name\*
  - a. Your Pronouns\*
  - b. Your Email Address\*
  - c. Your Phone Number
3. Are you already hosted by The Social Change Nest (Accountable) on Open Collective?\*

### Section 2 - Group details

(only groups who are NOT already hosted by [The Social Change Nest](#) on [Open Collective](#) need to answer this section - those who answered 'Yes' to question 2 will automatically skip to section 4)

*We want to learn more about you, what you do and where you operate!*

4. Please provide a brief description of your groups' activities and goals\*
5. What region are you based in?\*
6. What type of activity best describes what you do?\*
- a. If you answered 'other' please outline below
7. Please add below any social media or website links\*

## Section 3 - Group member details

(only groups who are NOT already hosted by [The Social Change Nest](#) on [Open Collective](#) need to answer this section - those who answered 'Yes' to question 2 will automatically skip to section 4)

*We ask for a minimum of two admins to run an Open Collective page (the platform where you'll be able to manage your funds). Please add below the name, pronoun, email address and contact number of at least 1 additional member of your group.*

8. Group Member 2 Name\*
  - a. Group Member 2 Pronouns\*
  - b. Group Member 2 Email Address\*
  - c. Group Member 2 Phone Number
9. Group Member 3 Name
  - a. Group Member 3 Pronouns
  - b. Group Member 3 Email Address
  - c. Group Member 3 Phone Number

## Section 4 - Eligibility and grant information

*We would like to hear about what you plan to do with the funds, and how those plans would contribute to your group's sustainability.*

*Try to keep your answers to 100 words or less. Please no essays!*

10. Eligibility criteria - please select those that apply to your group\*
 

Groups are eligible if they meet two or more of the following criteria - we will prioritise those who fulfil all or most. We recognise that some of the criteria is subjective - there is space underneath to add additional commentary/context.

  - a. Believe in 'solidarity not charity'
  - b. Are autonomous/independent (i.e. not affiliated to a larger/national organisation)
  - c. Are volunteer-led
  - d. Operate a flat structure/decision-making
  - e. Don't require eligibility checks (i.e. no means testing on the community members you serve)
  - f. Operate absolute financial transparency and accountability

- g. Meet immediate local needs
  - h. Practice radical inclusivity
  - i. Are committed to fundamental change / end to socioeconomic inequalities
11. Please add any additional notes/commentary on your answers to the above eligibility criteria here (where applicable, we will take this into consideration when prioritising).  
We recognise that some of the above criteria is subjective, so this is your chance to let us know how you meet the criteria and help us to understand the context of your group and your experiences.
12. What is the total amount you're asking for? (We're offering grants of between £1,500 and £5,000 GBP)\*
13. How do you plan to spend the funds? Please outline where you plan to spend the various funds, the more detail the better!\*
14. How would this contribute to your group's sustainability?\*
15. How long do you think it will take to complete this project? (All activities should be completed within 9 months)\*