



Frequently Asked Questions

It's Our Community Background

Why has Manx Telecom launched this scheme?

Manx Telecom wants to contribute to the development and sustainability of society, by enabling its customers, local people and employees to make a difference. The big idea behind the It's Our Community programme is this: if you could do one small thing to make your community a better place, what would it be? By enabling small groups to make a difference across the Island we're hoping that the collective impact will be much greater. In other words, it all adds up.

Who runs the It's Our Community programme?

It's Our Community is assessed and judged by a panel of judges, including representatives from Manx Telecom and Mannin Print.

Application process

Can individuals apply?

Yes, but you must be able to demonstrate how it will involve others and benefit the community.

Is there an age limit for people applying?

Young people under the age of 18 can apply, but you must have the written consent of a parent/ carer or endorsement from a charity or recognised community organisation.

Do you have to be a registered charity to apply?

No – you don't need to have a constitution or be part of a registered charity. You just need to be part of a community. If you're an organisation, we do need it to be a not-for-profit or an amenity group, in order for you to be eligible for an award. In certain cases we might need to ask for additional information, just to make sure we're happy with the quality of the application and how eligible you are. For example, we might need to carry out a bank account check, as we're not able to give out personal cheques for a project.

When will we find out if we've been accepted?

The successful applicants will be informed via email by the It's Our Community team.

Is it possible to submit more than one application?

Individuals or groups may make numerous applications provided they are for different projects. Multiple applications for the same project will not be



considered.

Will It's Our Community fund large projects and will it 'match fund'?

It's Our Community funding is limited to applications wishing to receive a minimum of £100 and a maximum of £1,000, but is not designed to provide top-up funding for larger projects. Applications for match funding will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Will It's Our Community pay for any necessary professional fees e.g. consultancy work?

While It's Our Community realises that professional input can sometimes be necessary when you're trying to make a change happen, these awards are designed for people who want to take things into their own hands, and make tangible changes themselves.

Further Questions

If you require any further information please contact Margaret McGee on 636030 or margaret.mcgee@manx-telecom.com.