

## **Social Impact Gateway Model - New Funding Pathways and Opportunities. Real Community Impact.**

The Social Impact Gateway (SIG) is a grant-making and social value delivery platform, designed to:

- Enable corporates and public sector partners to collaborate and invest in trusted VCSEF organisations tackling various issues such as social inequality, injustice, the climate crisis and more.
- Offer VCSEF organisations a simple, fair, and transparent way to access funding and capacity-building support.
- Provide expertise in compliance, monitoring, and impact reporting, ensuring public and private funding is protected, well managed, and aligned with legislative requirements.
- Offer another option for single point of access for consultation and research opportunities - facilitating better social impact outcomes for local people through co-designed services/commissioning.



Currently powered by MVA in Medway & Swale and SEK in East Kent and, the SIG model has been designed for interoperability and agility to allow for future system/local government boundary changes.

The SIG isn't just another grant funding model; it's a growing network of VCSEFs and funders committed to long-term, meaningful impact. If you're ready to connect with new opportunities and amplify your impact, **we'd love to hear from you.**

### **A Gateway to Grants and Growth for VCSEF Organisations:**

The SIG is designed to connect **Voluntary, Community, Social Enterprise and Faith (VCSEF)** organisations with new sources of grant funding — and to make the application process simpler, fairer, and more transparent.

Whether you're a grassroots community group or a well-established charity, the Gateway gives you access to **corporate and public sector partners** who are ready to invest in projects that tackle inequality, improve wellbeing, and build stronger communities.

The SIG will enable VCSEF organisations to:

- ✓ Apply for grant opportunities designed in partnership with funders
- ✓ Receive support with compliance, monitoring, and reporting
- ✓ Connect with like-minded organisations for partnership and collaboration
- ✓ Build relationships with corporate partners looking to invest in real community work.

**Sign up today to become a SIG affiliate using this link: [www.mva.org.uk](http://www.mva.org.uk)**

*What you can expect as a VCSEF affiliate:*

- **Simple sign-up process** to access new grant opportunities
- **Capacity-building support** to help strengthen your applications
- **Guidance on compliance and reporting**, where required
- **Opportunities to collaborate** with other organisations through joint bids or shared projects
- **Eligibility checks and support** to help meet funder requirements
- **A fair, transparent selection process** led by an independent panel (sometimes including funders)

## How It Works

1. **You sign up** once to join the Social Impact Gateway
2. **We notify you** when relevant funding opportunities go live
3. **You apply** through our simple application process
4. **A decision panel** reviews and awards grants
5. **We support you** with monitoring and reporting (if required by the funder)
6. **You receive funding** and deliver the work you're great at
7. **We help share your impact** — with the funder and the wider world

## Who Can Join?

- ✓ Charities, CICs, CIOs, social enterprises, community and faith groups
- ✓ Operating or delivering services in East Kent or Medway and Swale
- ✓ Working to address social justice issues like poverty, inequality of access to health, food insecurity and many more. We welcome organisations working in the creative and cultural space who are using their practice to address these issues.

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✉ **Sign up or get in touch:** [info@mva.org.uk](mailto:info@mva.org.uk)

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