**Here are the questions in the application form. Applications can be submitted either by emailing this completed form back to us at** **grants@nsun.org.uk** **or by completing the** [**online form here**](https://nsun.beaconforms.com/form/77883083)**. Please contact us at** **grants@nsun.org.uk** **if you need support with the form.**

**Thank you.**

**Introduction**

The NSUN Sustaining Spaces Fund is open for applications.

The Fund will award grants from £500 to £1000 to groups in England running and facilitating community spaces where people with shared identities and experiences come together in support of one another's wellbeing. This may be in the form of peer support, mutual aid or self-help groups, but is not limited to groups defining themselves in this way.

We recognise that much of this work, particularly amongst communities facing various forms of marginalisation and oppression, is being done in order to create safe, affirming spaces of connection and healing. In this context, the fund aims to support the needs of the people involved and the continuation of these spaces, whether they are local or online.

This kind of support must take place in a community setting (i.e. not NHS or local authority), and should be led by the members of the community it engages.

 We will be prioritising applications from:

* Groups led by and for people from racialised communities/people of colour
* Groups led by and for young people (we are using 18-25 as an approximateage range)
* Groups led by and for people from LGBTQ+ and QTIBPOC communities.

This opportunity has been made available through Mind’s [Peerfest](https://www.mind.org.uk/about-us/our-policy-work/peer-support-at-mind/peerfest/) program.

[This page gives more information about the Fund](https://www.nsun.org.uk/projects/our-grants/sustaining-spaces-fund/) and what you can apply for.

The first questions are to collect your contact details and some basic information about your group.

**Questions**

1. Are you a member of NSUN? (You need to be a member to apply for this grant: [sign up for free](https://www.nsun.org.uk/member-join) here then return to the application)
2. Your name (primary contact)
3. Your email
4. Secondary contact name
5. Secondary contact email
6. Name of your group
7. Name of organisation or collective the group is linked to (if applicable). For example, your group might be part of a national or regional mental health organisation.
8. Organisation address (if you have one)
9. Organisation email address
10. Organisation phone number
11. Please share your website or social media handles if you have them.
12. Does your group have a bank account? (We are still able to fund groups who do not have a bank account)
13. Are you registered with either the Charities Commission or Companies House? (We can still fund unregistered groups)
	1. Registered with Charity Commission
	2. Registered with Companies House
	3. Not registered
	4. Don’t know
14. What was your group’s income in 2020/21? An approximate number is OK. Your income is the total of any grants, donations or earnings you’ve had from April 2020 – March 2021.
15. Have you received funding before? We are especially interested in supporting groups who have found it hard to access funding.
	1. Received funding from Covid-19 Fund 2020
	2. Received funding from Side by Side Fund 2021
	3. Received funding from another source

**For the following word limited questions, you may find it easier to write your response in Word and then copy and paste it in the box, also to retain your responses.**

1. How much money are you requesting? You can ask for between £500 and £1000 (£) (See criteria above and [here](https://www.nsun.org.uk/nsun-side-by-side-fund) for more information.)
2. How will you spend the money you are requesting? (300 words max) (Tell us in as much detail as you can exactly how you will spend the money. Please share with us itemised spending.)
3. Tell us a bit about your group. (300 words max) (What is the purpose of the group? How does it benefit its members? When were you set up? How many members do you support/work alongside? Anything else you’d like to tell us about your members? Please look at our [FAQs](https://www.nsun.org.uk/nsun-side-by-side-fund) to see which applications we will be prioritising.)
4. What difference will this grant make for your group? (300 words max) (Tell us who will be helped by what the money is spent on and how it will help them.)
5. Does your work fall within any of our priority funding areas?
	1. Our work is led by and for racialised communities/people of colour
	2. Our work is led by and for LGBTQ+ and/or QTIPOC communities
	3. Our work is led by and for young people (we are using 18-25 as an approximateage range)
6. You can go into further detail about how you work with your community here (300 words max):
7. How does your group try to ensure that members are safe and looking out for each other? This might be a safeguarding policy, a group agreement, or agreed ways of working. (300 words max)
8. If your grant request is successful, do you agree to providing NSUN with information on how the grant was spent and the difference it has made? (NSUN can help you with this).