# **Synergi Fund Round 2: Democratising Policy Eligibility Form**

This round of funding is open to groups led by and for those racialised as Black and as people of colour, with lived experience of mental ill-health, distress, or trauma. We will be offering grants of £5,000 to build power and take collective action on mental health and racial justice within an abolitionist framework.

Collectively we hope to dream, build and practice being in the world we need for our liberation from carceral structures of care.

* This form is the **first stage** of our funding application process for Round 2 of our Small Grants Programme. The deadline to complete this eligibility form and return it via email to synergi.grants@nsun.org.uk is **5pm on the 30th May 2024**.
* You will be notified about whether your application will be progressing to the next stage by the **end of June 2024**.
* If you’re not able to fill out the form, we can arrange a phone call with you to fill it out with you. If English is not your first language and you would like to have an interpreter, we may be able to pay their costs. Please email synergi.grants@nsun.org.uk or call us at 020 7820 8982 for help.
* Please keep hold of your completed form as you will need your answers if you progress to the next stage of the application process.

**Your details**

*\*A star indicates a mandatory (required) question.*

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| First name\* |  |
| Last name\* |  |
| Name of your group (or the group you want to form)\* |  |
| Email address (this is the address we will use to update you about the status of your application)\* |  |
| Please confirm your email address\* |  |

# **Part 1: Eligibility Form – self assessment**

1. Is your group based in England? **Please delete the answer that does not apply:**\*
   1. YES
   2. NO - if the answer is no, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form
2. Which region(s) in England does your group's work cover? **Please delete all that do not apply**:\*
   1. North East
   2. North West
   3. Yorkshire and the Humber
   4. East Midlands
   5. West Midlands
   6. East of England
   7. London
   8. South East
   9. South West
   10. England-wide
3. Is your group led by and or for Black people and people of colour who live with mental ill-health, trauma (including racial trauma), and distress? **Please delete the answer that does not apply:**\*
   1. YES
   2. NO – if the answer if no, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form
4. Does your group benefit people or communities who have been impacted by, or work on, one or more of the following areas? **Please delete all that do not apply**:\*
   * 1. Prisons and policing (including forensic mental health settings)
     2. Have lived experience of mental health settings
     3. Been impacted by immigration detention and removal centres
     4. Working at the intersection of mental ill health, distress and/or trauma and racial and/or disability justice using an abolitionist framework
     5. None of the above – if none of the above apply, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form
5. Does your group engage in an abolitionist framework? By this, we mean through working in one or more of the following ways - **please delete all that do not apply**:\*
   * 1. Tackling the root causes of mental ill-health, trauma, and distress for communities of colour, through campaigning, community organising, change-making;
     2. and/or by building radical community-based alternatives to healing, mental health and wellbeing.
     3. and/or ‘non-reformist’ reforms of current statutory state services as a stepping stone towards an abolitionary approach. For example, scrapping programmes that target specific communities e.g. Prevent.
     4. None of the above – if none of the above apply, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form.
6. Is your group interested in coalition building across the grassroots racial justice and mental health movement? **Please delete the answer that does not apply:**\*
   1. YES
   2. NO – if the answer if no, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form
7. Although your group may have closed membership, do you recognise the importance of being in solidarity with other communities who are racialised, including but not limited to disabled people, queer and trans people, religious communities, people with experience of the immigration and asylum system and working-class communities? **Please delete the answer that does not apply:**\*
   1. YES
   2. NO – if the answer if no, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form
8. What was your organisation’s annual turnover in 22/23 (or last financial year)? If this number is over £50,000, you are not eligible for this grant and should not complete the rest of the form. **Please type your annual turnover into the box below**:\*

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1. Is your group registered? We can still fund unregistered groups. **Please delete all that do not apply**:\*
   1. Yes, with Companies House
   2. Yes, with the Charities Commission
   3. No, we are unregistered

# **Part 2: Eligibility Form – more information**

**Question 1: 250 words max, but don’t worry if you use less\***

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| How do Black people and people of colour with experience of mental ill health, distress or trauma lead your work? (Who makes decisions about how your group is run and how do you make those decisions? How do you ensure everyone has an opportunity to be involved in decision making? You can also tell us about any other ways in which group or community members get involved in the work.) |
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**Question 2: 250 words max, but don't worry if you use less\***

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| Please describe how your group benefits people or communities who have been impacted by, or work on, one or more of the following areas:   1. Prisons and policing (including forensic mental health settings) 2. Have lived experience of mental health settings 3. Been impacted by immigration detention and removal centres 4. Working at the intersection of mental ill health, distress &/trauma and racial and or disability justice using an abolitionist framework   When answering this question think about what will the impact be, or what would be the effect of your proposal be on the people you are working with? How will it benefit mental ill health, trauma, or distress? How many people do you think will benefit? |
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**Question 3: 250 words max, but don't worry if you use less\***

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| Please describe how your group engages in abolitionist activity either by tackling the root causes of mental ill-health, trauma, and distress for communities racialised as BPoC; through campaigning, community organising, change-making; and/or by building radical community-based alternatives to healing, mental health and wellbeing. |
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**Question 4: 250 words max, but don't worry if you use less\***

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| Tell us more about your current group (or the group you want to form), and the communities your group is part of. Why was your group started and when? Where do you work? How many members do you work with/alongside? What identities do you share? |
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**Contact consent**

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| We will need to use your contact details (email, and phone number if provided) to communicate with you about your application. Please confirm that we can contact you using the details you provided.\* | **Please delete as appropriate:**  Yes  No |