

Action Together believes that all people have value and a right to contribute to society. We celebrate the diversity of the communities of Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside that we serve, and value the contributions made by all.

Action Together acknowledges that many people are disadvantaged because of the way our society is organised and recognises the need to take positive steps to redress this, including via equitable funding distribution.

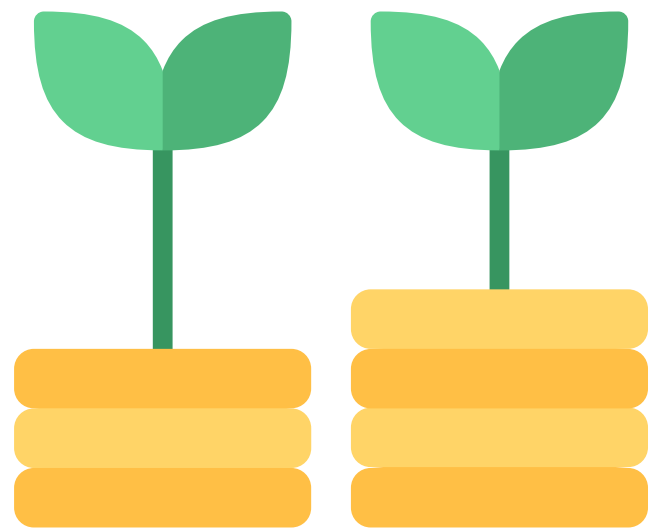
Why are some grants not available for all?

You may see grants which are aimed at projects which serve specific groups of people, for example women, communities experiencing racial inequality, the LGBT+ community. This is because these groups face additional pressures, challenges and barriers such as:

- Unequal health outcomes
- Unequal access to education and employment
- Unequal treatment by the criminal justice system
- Experiences of prejudice and discrimination
- Unequal access to non-dedicated funding

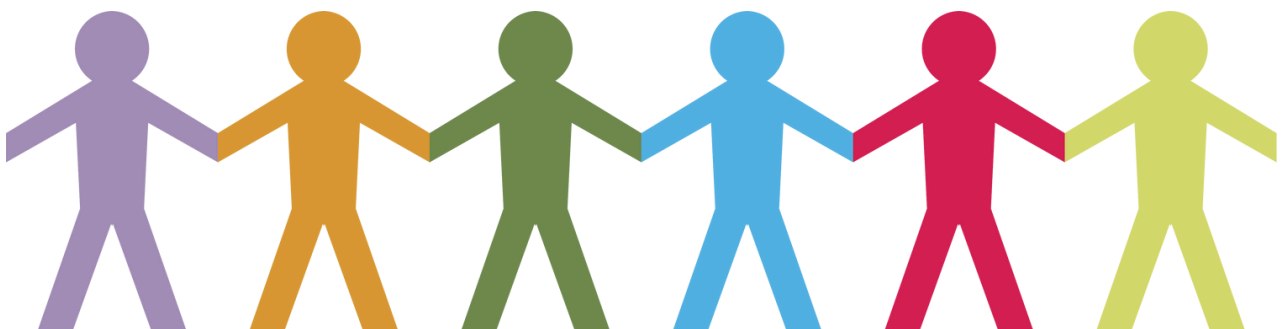
This usually refers to the people who benefit from a piece of work or project, so groups and organisations that serve a wide range of people can apply for these grants as long as the project they need the grant for benefits the named demographic.

Although there may sometimes be lots of grants of this kind available, they often are distributing small amounts of money, while mainstream funds which are available to all often draw from much larger pots.



Who decides the requirements for grants?

Requirements for grants are typically set by the funders. Some funds, such as the Oldham Community Health Champions fund, are co-designed by our communities so they choose their own priorities.



Equitable funding distribution

Why aren't there specific grants for white/cisgender/heterosexual/non-disabled people?

Typically, when a grant is aimed at projects which benefit a specific group of people, this is intended to address an existing inequality. 'Open' funds and mainstream services are often designed and run with white, cisgender, heterosexual, non-disabled people at the forefront, which can result in communities experiencing racial inequality, LGBTQ+ people, and disabled people being excluded from them, experiencing discrimination, and receiving inadequate support. White, cisgender, heterosexual, non-disabled individuals may still struggle to access mainstream funds and services, especially if they are marginalised in some other way (e.g. if they are experiencing homelessness or addiction, or have previously been incarcerated), but not on the grounds of race, sexual orientation, or disability. They therefore wouldn't need dedicated funding on those grounds.

What if I am struggling to get funding for my group/project?

If you are struggling to find appropriate funding to apply for, or you have been unsuccessful with previous applications, there is lots of support available. Your Community Development Worker can help you look for funding, we offer regular bid writing training, and you can request feedback about why an application was unsuccessful to help improve your chances of securing funding moving forward. Take a look at our website for more information: [Support to Secure Funding | Action Together](#)



Where can I find more information about grants and their recipients?

We share information about grants and who they have been awarded to on our website:

[Oldham](#)

[Rochdale](#)

[Tameside](#)



We also share funding highlights and case studies in our [Annual Report](#).