

Tameside Domestic Abuse Support Grants 2022

Guidance Notes

1. Introduction.

Domestic Abuse can negatively impact upon the health and wellbeing of those who are living with or have experienced domestic abuse and their children/families, and it can happen to anyone. It is important that we provide the best possible care and support to those who are affected. Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (TMBC) are committed to proactively working in partnership with local communities and organisations to create communities where people can easily access the information and support they need within their local community.

2. Priorities of the Domestic Abuse Support Grants

The aims and priorities of this grant have been informed by people who are living with or have experienced domestic abuse and TMBC are working in partnership with Action Together to distribute the grants.

Grants of up to £200 and £1,000 are available to support projects/activities delivered by Tameside based Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise groups and organisations that:

- Focusses on making domestic abuse everybody's business by raising awareness, how to recognise it and reducing stigma around domestic abuse. Examples of projects can include but are not limited to:
 - Awareness and response activities
 - Advice and information drop in sessions
 - Community Champions programmes
 - Information toolkits
- Can provide a safe neutral space for people to go to if they want to make a disclosure, or to receive peer support or stress relieving social activities. Examples or projects can include but are not limited to:
 - Neutral social activity/stress relieving activity such as arts and crafts, yoga, health walk.
 - Peer Support Social groups
 - Mums and Tots groups
 - Coffee mornings
- Can support children who have been impacted by domestic abuse. This can be any combined with any of the projects/activities above or can be a stand-alone project/activity. Examples or projects can include but are not limited to:

- Summer clubs and holiday activities
- Healthy relationship awareness and response activities (this includes prevention as well as involving children already impacted by domestic abuse)
- Family activity days raising awareness, for example a picnic with conversations around domestic abuse.

3. Who can be funded?

To be eligible to apply, an organisation must be:

- A VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise) organisation/ group
- A member of Action Together - you can find out how to become a member for free [here](#) or contact us at development@actiontogether.org.uk to discuss your membership with us;
- Based in Tameside.

It is good practice for applicants to have some understanding of the law and legislations around Domestic Abuse, safeguarding and Tamesides [Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021 - 2026](#). If awarded it is compulsory that staff and volunteers in your organisation have received the Tameside Domestic Abuse Training offered by TMBC. We also encourage all applicants to access this free resource to improve our community response to domestic abuse:

Date	Time	Registration Link
Thursday 8 th September 22	10am - 4pm	Click Here
Friday 9 th September 22	10am - 4pm	Click Here
Thursday 15 th September 22	10am - 4pm	Click Here
Thursday 29 th September 22	10am - 4pm	Click Here
Friday 30 th September 22	10am - 4pm	Click Here

You can apply for a grant up to:

- £1,000 if you are formally constituted or agree to work towards becoming constituted;
or
- £200 if you are an informal social action or mutual aid activity*. You don't need to be constituted or work towards this.

**Please note:*

- *Mutual Aid is the term we use to describe people giving each other needed support in communities.*
- *Social Action is the term we use to describe people coming together (physically or remotely) to help solve the problems that are important in their communities.*

4. Who can't be funded?

Groups/organisations that:

- Are trading for profit or are statutory services or are intending to redistribute grant awards.
- Are aimed at increasing the membership of a particular political party.
- Are aimed at the promotion of one religious belief.

You cannot apply for:

- Activities or travel abroad.
- Seed funding for business start-ups.
- Retrospective costs (i.e. money that's already been spent or project already taken place).
- Sponsorship/fundraising events or contributions to larger/major appeals
- Any activity that does not contribute to the grant themes (identified in the guidance), unlawfully discriminates against people, or is illegal.
- Presents/gifts.
- Major capital requests i.e. building and construction work. The funding can be used to pay for "small capital projects" i.e. buying equipment, but you must demonstrate how it links to the wider project and it should not cost more than 50% of the grant you are requesting.
- Staffing costs**.
- Attendance at conferences and mandatory training which groups are required by law to provide.
- Academic or medical research and equipment.

***We appreciate that some staffing costs may be required so this will be reviewed on a case by case basis and the overall decision will be at the discretion of the panel.*

5. Expectations of successful groups

We ask that successful groups:

- Spend the money on what it was awarded for.
- Let us know well in advance if there are any issues.
- Submit a monitoring and evaluation form after the project/activity end date to show what difference you have made as a result of the project and a case study with feedback from beneficiaries. Pictures, videos and/or quotes from participants sharing their experience are expected where applicable.

6. My group has an idea - how and when do we apply?

You will need to complete an application form (below) and return it via email to funding@actiontogether.org.uk. Please put "Domestic Abuse Support Grant 2022 Application" and the name of your organisation in the subject field.

[Domestic Abuse Support Grant £1,000 Application Form 2022](#)

[Domestic Abuse Support Grant £200 Application Form 2022](#)

The funds will be open for applications at **12:00** on **Wednesday 22 June 2022** and will close at **23:59** on **Sunday 7 August 2022**. For further information about how to apply please Email roma.hashim@actiontogether.org.uk.

The Community Wellbeing Team at Action Together have Community Development Officers assigned to local areas who support you with the forms. You can contact them on 0161 339 2345.

- Ashton-Under-Lyne - Fouzia Shaikh
fouzia.shaikh@actiontogether.org.uk
- Denton, Audenshaw & Droylsden - Chris Moorhouse
chris.moorhouse@actiontogether.org.uk
- Stalybridge, Mossley & Dukinfield - Johnathon King
Jonathon.king@actiontogether.org.uk
- Hyde, Hattersley & Longdendale - Michaelle Lukanu
Michaelle.lukanu@actiontogether.org.uk

7. Who makes grant decisions?

Our development officers will coordinate a neighbourhood level investment panel to agree spend on projects and organisations for each neighbourhood. This will be a mix of people from groups and partner agencies delivering in that neighbourhood. Due diligence will be carried out centrally by Action Together. Applications will be taken centrally. Action together will recommend applications but will not be involved in making overall decisions.

8. What do we do if we don't agree with an investment decision?

Following the meeting of grant making decision panels we aim to send confirmation of grant offer or rejection within 7 working days of a decision being taken.

- If your application is unsuccessful we will tell you why. Depending on the rejection reason, you may be able to apply for a different project, but you cannot reapply for the same project unless your rejection confirmation says so.
- Your rejection confirmation will also include details of the member of the grants team that you can discuss your application with in more detail, should you wish to do so.
- If you feel you have been treated unfairly (i.e. you perceive that the panel has failed to take account of submitted information or have based their assessment on inaccurate information), you can appeal in writing to the Strategic Locality Lead of the Action Together locality managing your application.
 - You must include evidence to back up your appeal.
 - We aim to respond to your appeal within 10 working days of receipt of your appeal and any supplementary information requested by the Strategic Locality Lead
- The Strategic Locality Lead may decide to refer your application back to the original panel who declined the application.
- If, following this process your application is still declined then you can appeal in writing to the Chief Executive of Action Together who will review the decisions taken.
- If, following this process your application is still declined then there is no further right to appeal.

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