**Oldham Community Recovery Fund**

**Guidance Notes**

We recognise community action is taking place across the Borough and we want to encourage and support this action, and help to sustain and maintain our vibrant sector to support Oldham people during a very challenging time. We want to encourage this to be done safely and in line with the most recent Public Health Guidance and Government directives.

We are delighted to let you know that a Community Recovery Fund pot is being made available for Oldham groups supporting Oldham’s COVID-19 Community Recovery whilst we learn to live with the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic (that comply with Public Health Guidance and Government directives).

You can apply for a grant up to

* £1,000 if you are formally constituted and are a member or become a member of Action Together; or
* £200 if you are an informal social action or mutual aid activity.

**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.

What can the funding be used for?

Applications for the Community Recovery Fund should be for projects that meet one or more of the following priorities:

1. Encouraging fit and healthy people and communities
2. Developing people's skills
3. Changing your local area for the better
4. Encouraging people to get involved in their community and social action
5. Protecting those who are vulnerable and those who are victims of crime or at risk of being victimised, including domestic abuse.
6. Building resilience, feelings of safety and confidence in community safety.
7. Preventing anti-social and criminal behaviour in Oldham
8. Helping to build resilient and resourceful communities in Oldham including online communities and protecting the places where people live, work, socialise or travel.

Funds will enable organisations to adapt their models to ensure they can operate safely according to Covd19 guidelines, and effectively support communities to recover and rebuild.

Applications for the Community Recovery Fund should meet both of the following criteria and link with Oldham Borough’s locality response.

* **The project includes ‘Mutual Aid’ or ‘Social Action’ activity**
* **The project complies with government guidance on helping safely?** [***how to help safely government guidance***](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely)

Who is the funding for?

Voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) groups working in the borough of Oldham supporting Oldham’s COVID-19 Community Recovery whilst we learn to live with the effects of the Covid 19 Pandemic that comply with the most recent Public Health Guidance and Government directives

For latest guidance, please check the website <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation.

If you have already applied to our Community Response Fund, you may also apply the Community Recovery Fund.

Completing the application form

* Please ensure that ALL boxes on this form are completed.
* Submit your application online to grants@actiontogether.org.uk
* The online panel will aim to make a decision within 5 working-days and you will be notified by email of the outcome of your application.

If you have any queries about the application form or application process, please contact a member of the Oldham development team on 0161 339 2345.