**Places of Worship Reopening Fund**

**Guidance Notes**

This funding is available for Rochdale Borough faith groups who are working towards reopening their place of worship and ensuring they can do so safely and following all of the recent government guidelines which have been released.

The fund is to help to ensure that places of worship are maintained to a level which is Covid-safe. This could help with additional cleaning, equipment, signage and collection of personal data.

You can apply for a grant for up to £1,000.

Your application must show that your project meets one or more of the below criteria to apply for this fund:

* **Making the place of worship safe.**

This could include help with risk assessments, additional cleaning, equipment, signage and setting up systems to collect personal data to support the NHS Test and Trace service.

* **Engaging your community to raise awareness of the risk and symptoms of Coronavirus**

This could include holding community engagement events/online webinars. Furthermore, overcoming barriers with those that are hard to engage and ensuring that they are aware of the local and national guidelines on how to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus

* **Providing support in multiple languages**

This could include educating the wider community on how to stay Covid-safe in their household, community or work place

* **Training volunteers**
* to work with the local authority and public health to deliver outreach activities and educate the wider community and sign posting them to the appropriate support (e.g. how to get tested if a person develops Covid-19 symptoms)
* to engage with their community and identify risks and vulnerabilities which could have a detrimental impact on a family or community (e.g. unemployment, welfare support, mental health, dependencies, domestic abuse and other safeguarding vulnerabilities)

Only one application for funding will be accepted per group or organisation.

**If a collective of places of worship would like to apply together for an amount above £1000 please contact** **kerry.bertram@actiontogether.org.uk** **prior to applying, for an initial conversation.**

**Completing the application form**

* Please ensure that ALL boxes on the application form are completed.
* Submit your application online to hayley.tomlinson@actiontogether.org.uk
* If you have any queries about the application form or application process, please contact Hayley Tomlinson on 0161 339 2345.