**Oldham Community Response Fund**

**Guidance Notes**

We recognise community action is taking place across the Borough and we want to encourage and support this action. We are delighted to let you know that we are launching a **£20,000** Community Response Fund pot that is available for Oldham groups working on a COVID-19 Community Response.

**Applications for the Community Response Fund are split into two**

You can apply for a grant for either up to £200 or up to £1,000.

* We want to connect local community action and help to co-ordinate efforts in response to the needs of residents. We are especially interested in funding good neighbour, mutual aid and social action projects that directly help people affected by the effects of the virus.
* We also want to support the community, voluntary, faith and social enterprise sector of Oldham to respond with new ideas that help, connect or support people through this crisis.

We can only support projects that are working to government safety guidance, please see [***how to help safely government guidance***](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely)

We are keen to hear your ideas about what you think is needed but we think this could be likely to include things such as giving access to food, toiletries, basic necessities, as well as projects that support people in isolation through online or remote methods of connecting.

Unfortunately, this Community Response Fund cannot be used to support organisations longer term financial sustainability, but please be assured we are working with local and national partners to try to secure this.

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

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| **Amount of application** | **Decision timeframe** |
| Applications for up to £200 aimed at neighbourhood groups, volunteers and other community action | We aim to make a decision in one working day on receipt to Action Together |
| Applications up to £1000 aimed at community, voluntary, faith and social enterprise organisations who are providing something new to help local people | We aim to make a decision within 3 working days of the application.  |

**Completing the application form**

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