**One Oldham Fund Grants Programme**  - Children and Young People Grant

**Guidance Notes**

The One Oldham Fund is a strategic single investment fund that uses pooled resources for the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sector in Oldham.

The funding for this grant is provided by Oldham Council to invest in the capacity of the VCFSE to improve the lives of children, young people and their families in Oldham.

**What can the funding be used for?**

Applications should be for projects that aim to improve up to two of the following outcomes for children (including pre-birth), young people aged under 25 and their families:

* Mental and physical health
* Secure housing
* Financial stability
* Promoting recovery and reducing harm from substance use
* Family relationships
* Children safe from abuse and exploitation
* Crime prevention and tackling crime
* Safe from domestic abuse
* Getting a good education
* Good early years development

Grants will be awarded to VCFSE organisations to enable them to build capacity to sustainably improve outcomes.

All groups or organisations applying for this fund must comply with the most recent Public Health Guidance and Government directives relating to Covid 19 to ensure that their projects are carried out safely. For further guidance please check <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and Action Together’s [Advice and Guidance for Community Groups during Covid](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/covid-advice)

Projects may be for **up to one year**.

**Who is the funding for?**

You can apply for a grant for:

* Up to **£1,000** if you are:
	+ a voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) group locally rooted or actively working in the borough of Oldham; ***and***
	+ a member of Action Together (you can register for free to become a member [here](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/become-member)) ***and***
	+ you are formally constituted
* Up to **£200** if you do not have a constitution but you are involved in informal social action or mutual aid activity in Oldham.
	+ 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.

**Please Note:**

* To receive this funding, any outstanding monitoring information required by us, relating to other grant funding must have been completed.
* You may apply for a One Oldham Fund Grant for Children and Young People up to three times in any calendar year provided it is for a different project or that you are able to demonstrate the need for us to support a continuing project
* You may also go on to apply for other grants within the One Oldham Fund Programme if you are eligible

**If you are successful**

We understand that planning a project in such challenging times is difficult and that your plans may need to change to respond to factors such as new government guidance and the impact of Covid-19 on your group, organisation or community. If you feel at any point that you are unable to deliver your project as originally planned, then please contact us so that we can discuss any changes that you may wish to make.

To help us understand the impact of this funding, successful applicants will:

* be asked to provide a short report and case study to us about your project when it has ended;
* be offered further support from one of our community development workers throughout and beyond this project; and
* be offered the opportunity to participate in networks of groups and organisations to be able to share expertise and experience.

If you do not already have an up to date [Quality in Action Award](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/proving-your-impact) from Action Together you will be asked to work towards receiving one with our support as a condition of your grant

**Completing the application form**

* Please ensure that **ALL** parts of the application form are completed.
* We have not included word count limits in the application form as we want you to be able to tell us about your ideas without having to worry about the number of words you are using – as a general guide however we are only looking for brief summary and 1 or 2 paragraphs for each answer should be enough for you to be able to tell us about your plans.
* If you have any queries about the application process or would like some support to complete the application form or become a member of Action Together, please contact a member of our team at development@actiontogether.org.uk or call 0161 339 2345 and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Development Team.
* Eligible applications will be considered by an online panel. We aim to notify you of the outcome of their decision by email within 10 working-days of receipt of your application.
* This fund operates on a rolling programme but will be paused when all available funding has been awarded.
* **Please e mail your application to** **funding@actiontogether.org.uk**