**Oldham Truly Wished Fund – Guidance Notes**

Traditionally the Mayor of Oldham will choose charities to support during the Mayoral Year, donating the funds raised at the end of the year between the nominated charities.

For this Mayoral Year from May 2023, the Worshipful the Mayor of Oldham Dr. Zahid Chauhan OBE FRCGP is taking a different approach. He truly wishes to make as big an impact as he can for as many people as he can, and so the theme for this Mayoral Year will be “Truly Wished”. Action Together are supporting the Mayor and the Mayoral Committee to make this happen.

Do you know someone who has a wish and you would like to see it granted? As a resident of Oldham you can nominate someone you believe in.

**What types of wishes can be granted?**

The Truly Wished fund is all about improving Oldham residents quality of life. Many types of wishes may be granted. For nominations to be eligible for Truly Wished **they must meet one** of the following categories:

* Help someone or a community to have learning opportunities
* Help someone or a community to get a decent job or to stay in work
* Help someone to have a decent home environment
* Help someone or a community to keep healthy and safe
* Help someone or a community to have a clean, green and healthy environment
* Help someone or a community to take part in activities to boost physical and mental health and community spirit

You could nominate:

* a neighbour whose child doesn’t have a bike
* a family who hasn’t been able to go out and enjoy a meal together
* a family who doesn’t have a digital device to help with their children’s homework
* a community project who want to deliver some community activities
* the installation of a defibrillator in your community
* a family who need some gardening equipment to help them make their garden an enjoyable place to be

These are just some ideas. All we need to know is:

* Who you would like to nominate
* What their wish is
* Why you would like their wish to be granted
* What category you think the wish falls into from the list of what types of wishes will be granted
* What difference it would make to them.

Please note that awards will usually be made in the form of a voucher or the provision of the specific item, experience or service that has been requested. Awards will not be granted in the form of cash or bank transfer.

**How many wishes will be granted?**

The Mayor, with the help of the Mayoral Committee, is aiming to raise as much money as he can during the Mayoral Year. So that as many wishes as possible can be fulfilled **the limit for each wish is up to £500** and a person or group may only be granted one wish.

**How do I nominate someone?**

You can nominate someone by completing a short form which you can find by clicking [here](https://forms.office.com/e/TT6N4598vk). Please ensure that **ALL** parts of the application are completed.

Eligible nominations will be considered by a panel made up of members of the Mayoral Committee once a month, usually at the beginning of each month. The Mayor will not take part in the decision making process. Action Together will notify you of the outcome of their decision by email within 10 working-days and discuss the next steps with you if your nomination is successful.

You can nominate someone at any time until **1 March 2024**. We will not be able to accept any nominations which are received after that date.

It is hoped that as many wishes as possible can be fulfilled, however, we may need to pause applications once all available funds have been awarded and whilst further funds are awaited.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or would like some support to complete the application form please contact a member of our team at funding@actiontogether.org.uk or call 0161 339 2345 and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Grants Team.