**Rochdale Borough – Refugee & Asylum Seekers Health Champions Fund – Guidance Notes**

The aim of the project is to fund community engagement with Refugees and Asylum Seekers around accessing the GP, Pharmacy and Vaccination (Covid 19 & others) information. Through these projects we hope to learn how to improve health messaging for marginalised communities.

Thanks to funding from Public Health, Action Together is offering grants of up to £5,000 to help the VCFSE sector to support Refugees and People Seeking Asylum to be able to easily access basic health care and be well informed on vaccinations.

**Your project must fall within one or more of the following priorities:**

* Facilitate ‘drop in’ health information sessions free from barriers, including language, transport, and digital.
* Projects that will facilitate access to healthcare through translation/interpretation.
* Advice projects that support access to healthcare information including, but not exclusive to, Vaccine information, HC2 support, GP sign up and pharmacy use.
* Improved communications to and with Asylum seekers and refugees regarding healthcare information and misinformation.
* ‘Relationship building’ projects that promote collaborative work between healthcare professionals and the VCFSE sector for the benefit of refugees and people seeking asylum.

**What we can fund:**

We can fund:

* Equipment, project resources and running costs
* Staff time and staff and volunteer expenses
* Discretionary payments to support access to healthcare including travel & prescriptions.

We cannot fund:

* Discretionary funds which are not cost effective and lack detail on how the funds will be used

**Who is the funding for:**

* you are a voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) group locally rooted or actively working in the borough of Rochdale; ***and***
* you are a member of Action Together CIO (you can register for free to become a member [here](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/become-member))
* you are formally constituted; **or can evidence that you are actively working towards this.**

**Grant amount:** Up to £5,000

**Decision making process:**

Applications will be scored by the Action Together grants panel and successful projects will be notified via email.

All applications must be sent to hayley.tomlinson@actiontogether.org.uk

Please note:

* We will only accept applications from organisations who have completed monitoring for any previous funds received from Action Together.  If you have any queries about monitoring please email hayley.tomlinson@actiontogether.org.uk
* Action Together is an accredited Living Wage Funder. This means we encourage organisations that employ staff to become an accredited [Living Wage Employer.](https://www.livingwage.org.uk/become-a-living-wage-employer)

**Completing the application form**

* Please ensure that ALL boxes on the application form are completed.
* When completing your budget, please clearly evidence how you have arrived at your costings and use exact figures. Please include a percentage of your core costs within your budget.
* Please ensure you include information in your application about how you will measure the impact and success of your project.
* If you have any queries about the application form or application process, please contact Hayley Tomlinson on 0161 339 2345.
* Please note, we can only accept one application per organisation.