One Oldham Fund

action together

Oldham Council

Children & Young People

About this grant

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 Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector to improve the lives of children, young people and their families in Oldham.

Guidance Notes

Micro Grants up to £200 or £1,000

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



Key Dates

Deadline for applications: Rolling programme	Grants will be awarded on a rolling programme. We will stop accepting applications **when all the funding available has been allocated**, or at **12 noon on Monday 1 March 2027**, whichever occurs sooner. Projects may last for **up to one year**.



Who is the funding for?



You can apply for a grant of 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*
- are a member of Action Together CIO (you can register for free to become a member here); *and*
- are formally constituted; *and*
- have a bank account in your organisation's name requiring at least two unrelated signatories

You can apply for a grant of 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:

- You can apply for this round of the One Oldham Fund Children and Young People Grant if you received funding from the last round however **priority will be given to groups and organisations who did not receive funding from the last round**
- To receive this funding, any outstanding monitoring information required by us, relating to other grant funding must have been completed.
- You may only apply **once** for this current round of the One Oldham Fund Children and Young People Grant (up to £200 or £1000)
- You may also go on to apply for other grants within our One Oldham Fund Programme if you are eligible

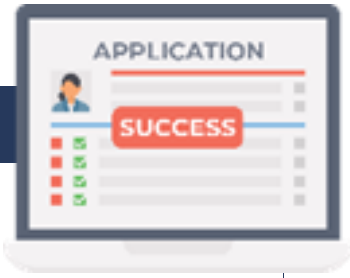
What can you spend the money on?

We CAN fund:	**All of the costs of the proposed activity** including items such as utility and staffing costs.



What can't you spend the money on?

We CANNOT fund:	Profit making or fundraising activities or expenses that have already been incurred – retrospective costs.



Completing and sending 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 amount of words you are using – as a general guide however we are only looking for a brief summary and 1 or 2 paragraphs for each answer should be enough for you to be able to tell us about your plans.
- We are happy for you to send photos or short videos to accompany your application. If you wish to send a video, please contact funding@actiontogether.org.uk and we will discuss the easiest way for you to do this.
- We have thought carefully about the questions in the application and only ask for information that we need to know. Please read the questions carefully and only provide the information that we have asked for. Don't be tempted to add lots of other information about your organisation – if we need to know anything else we will contact you.
- If you are using an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tool to help you to write your application, please be aware that whilst it can be a very useful tool, it often produces generic and inaccurate content. Using AI can be a helpful starting point, but please review content that has ben generated using AI to ensure that it reflects your organisation's unique experiences, skills and community and that it is accurate.

What happens after your application is submitted?

- Eligible applications will be considered, and recommendations made by an online panel.
- We aim to notify you of the outcome by email within 10 working-days of receipt of your application, however, we may contact you to offer support and to clarify aspects of your application further before submitting to the panel.
- This fund operates on a rolling programme but will be paused when all available funding has been awarded.

If you are successful

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

- be offered further support from one of our community development workers throughout and beyond the project,
- be asked to provide a report and case study to Action Together at the end of their project. You will receive an example of the questions that we will be asking with your grant agreement so that you can plan how to capture the story of your project as soon as it starts.; and
- be offered the opportunity to participate in networks of groups and organisations to be able to share expertise and experience.

If you are unsuccessful

You will be offered further support from one of our community development workers and the funding team would be happy to discuss your application and give you feedback about your application.

Contact us

If you need **help completing the application** or becoming a member please contact your Community Development Worke
If you are not sure who that is please email development@actiontogether.org.uk or call **0161 339 2345** and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Development Team.

If you have any questions about the application process or whether you are eligible to apply please contact funding@actiontogether.org.uk or call **0161 339 2345** and ask to speak to a member of the Oldham Funding Team.



Submitting your application

Please email your completed application to: funding@actiontogether.org.uk