One Oldham Fund

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Oldham Council



Let's End Hate Crime Grants

Guidance Notes – Grants up to £1000

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.

Through Action Together on behalf of Oldham Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) makes funding available annually to support projects that help to achieve the priorities of the GM Hate Crime Plan (the Plan).

Grants of **up to £1,000** are available to VCFSE groups and organisations in Oldham to enable them to deliver events and activities, primarily during GM Hate Crime Awareness Week, which contribute to achieving the priorities of the Plan.

Background

"*No one should face violence, abuse or hatred just because of who they are, who they love, where they're from, what they look like or what they believe*."

Hate crimes are acts of violence or hostility directed at people because of who they are or who someone thinks they are. Hate crimes can take many different forms – for example someone may have damaged your property because of the colour of your skin, sent you offensive letters because of what you believe, or behaved violently towards you because of who you love. No hate crime is acceptable. We all have a right to live without fear, hostility and intimidation from others. Greater Manchester stands together against hate crime. https://www.letsendhatecrime.com/

Hate crime is significantly under-reported. Even in difficult times, continued efforts by local groups and organisations are needed to raise awareness of and challenge hate crime in our communities and to help instil confidence in victims by highlighting how and where hate crime incidents can be reported. Through Action Together on behalf of Oldham Council, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) makes funding available annually to support projects that help to achieve the priorities of the GM Hate Grime Plan. You can read it in more detail here (the Plan).

What can the funding be used for?



Grants of up to £1,0000 are available for events and activities that contribute to achieving any of the following priorities of the Plan that can help become the catalyst for further conversations :

- **Improving education around hate crime** – for example encouraging and equipping residents to report when they witness a hate crime
- **Prevention and early intervention around hate crime** – such as working with partners to improve visibility around action that is being taken by them to tackle hate crime
- **Bringing communities together to tackle hate crime** – for example encouraging communities to share different views to promote cohesion and friendship
- **Increasing communication and awareness of hate crime and its consequences** – such as promoting public awareness campaigns to your communities
- **Increasing the confidence to report hate crime** – for example by informing communities of the support available when reporting hate crimes and promoting the ways of reporting hate crime
- **Improving support for victims of hate crime** – such as increasing awareness of the services available to victims of hate crime

What can the funding be used for (continued)

- Applicants should aim to hold events and activities during the **Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week which is taking place 1 to 7 February 2027**.

- Applications will be considered for events and activities held later than this where reasonable justification is provided as long as they are launched during Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness week 2027 and will be delivered by no later than 31 March 2027.

- **Examples** of some projects that could be supported include:
    - indoor hate crime awareness events in specific geographical, cultural and ethnic communities including guest speakers, workshops and refreshments.
    - outdoor family fun day, youth and play sessions and hate crime awareness information-sharing event in a local community's park.
    - sporting events involving people affected by or at risk of hate crime including awareness raising activities.
    - craft workshops in aid of developing a hate crime awareness raising campaign.
    - workshops co-created with and for people with learning disabilities based around hate crime awareness and public transport.
    - community "icebreaker" and cultural learning event bringing different communities together

- This list is not exhaustive, however. If you have an innovative idea for a project and would like to discuss it further before submitting an application, please contact Nicole Lamont at Nicole.Lamont@Oldham.gov.uk

- The funds can be used to cover the costs of speakers, arts/crafts, running workshops, developing a play or a film, or any other reasonable costs for holding an eligible activity or event as part of Greater Manchester's Hate Crime Awareness Week 2027.

- **Applications can include expenses for volunteer time and food and refreshments provided that they do not exceed 15% of the total amount applied for.**

Key Dates

Deadline for applications: **Tuesday 12 January 2027**	We will stop accepting applications at **5pm on Tuesday 12 January 2027** We expect decisions to be made during the week commencing **18 January 2027.** An information session will take place on **Friday 29 January 2027** Projects must be completed by no later than **31 March** 2027.



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 **may apply** for this grant if you applied and were successful in the last round in 2025/2026 however the panel will give priority to groups who did not receive funding in that round when making a decision
- We welcome applications from groups that are new to the programme. Where appropriate, we encourage partnership or joint applications for this funding particularly where the partners are working in different areas of Oldham.
- Priority will be given to innovative projects which make use of activities to engage participants which show an awareness of more than one strand of hate crime and projects which can show a tangible product at the end that can then be re-used e.g. hate crime awareness resources such as posters, film clips, music, artwork, presentation materials and research documents and findings etc.
- Only one application for funding will be accepted per organisation.
- To receive this funding, any outstanding monitoring information required by us, relating to other grant funding must have been completed.
- You may also go on to apply for other grants within the One Oldham Fund Programme if you are eligible.

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 a panel which is aiming to meet during the week commencing 18 January 2027.
- We aim to notify you of the outcome by email within 5 working-days of the date that the panel meets, however, we may contact you to offer support and to clarify aspects of your application further before submitting to the panel.

If you are successful

Successful applicants must attend an in information session on Friday 29th January 2027 9.30am to 11.30am.

Groups can send representatives (it does not have to be the person managing the grant) and can also send more than one person.

A selection of "Let's End Hate Crime" branded materials will be provided for you to use during your event or activity.

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

- be asked to provide a short report to us about your project when it has ended and tell the story of your project by providing copies of social media posts, photos etc. We will provide a copy of sample questions at the start of your project so that you know what information the funder will be looking for.
- be offered further support from one of our community development workers throughout and beyond this project.

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. We will not publish details of unsuccessful applicants.

Contact us



If you need **help completing the application** or becoming a member please contact your Community Development Worker. 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