

OLDHAMSTOCKS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Coronavirus Hardship Fund Application Form



Name

Address

.....Post Code

Telephone No.....Mobile No

Email address (if applicable).....

I wish to apply for financial assistance from Oldhamstocks Community Association¹
Coronavirus Hardship Fund.

Reason for request

Please refer to the Hardship Fund Application Notes attached for guidance on criteria and the information
OCA require in order to consider this request.

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How many people are in your household - Adults.....Children.....

Total Amount Requested.....

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¹ Oldhamstocks Community Association is a Registered Charity in Scotland SC017267

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The Oldhamstocks Community Association Hardship Fund

1. The OCA Hardship Fund (OCAHF) is a discretionary Fund to support unforeseen emergencies and should only be used when all other avenues have been considered.
The Fund cannot replace statutory funding.
2. The OCAHF is designed to provide support to those Oldhamstocks parish residents who are experiencing unexpected financial distress as a direct result of Coronavirus / Covid-19. Oldhamstocks parish includes, but is not limited to: Oldhamstocks, Cocklaw, Dunglass, Bilsdean, Birnieknowes, Stottencleugh, Ferneylea etc.
3. The OCAHF is there to help with unexpected costs which are unable to be met from either personal or statutory finances and which threaten to impact on well-being, either physically or mentally.
4. OCAHF will prioritise those parish residents experiencing the most severe financial difficulty
5. OCAHF will prioritise items which will have the most benefit to the applicant.
6. OCAHF currently has £5000 available. This will be reviewed every 4 weeks, based on need within the Community.
7. The OCAHF is administered by Oldhamstocks Community Association (OCA) and will be based on applications made directly to us and referrals from the Oldhamstocks Covid Responders.
8. OCAHF uses Windfarm Benefits monies which have been given to the community of Oldhamstocks Parish.

Eligibility Criteria

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE ASSESSED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS

Circumstances in which you may be eligible for payment:

If you fall within the following categories:

- self-employed, with minimal or no prospect of any income until the Government scheme comes into play, likely June 2020
- employed on minimum or very low wage, but who do not fall within the Government criteria to receive payments
- those on zero hours contracts, or similar who do not qualify for financial help under the Government criteria
- retired but with limited or no access to personal funds for basic goods

If you do not fall directly within any of the above categories, you may still be eligible for payment. In this case, we will require additional supporting reasons and/or information in order to consider your application.

Priority will be given to dispensing funds for the following purposes:

- food, medicines (if charged for), domestic heating fuel, top up cards, household cleaning & sanitary items etc
- breakdown of essential domestic equipment, requiring immediate repair or replacement, such as fridge, washing machine, domestic boiler etc.

Further Eligibility Criteria

You CANNOT get a payment if:

- you have already received a payment within the last 14 days.
- you do not live or have a business within the Oldhamstocks parish area

Or for:

- unspecified costs
- replacement or upgrading of functioning household equipment
- repayment of loans or mortgages
- bankruptcy petition fees
- holidays
- medical equipment
- computer equipment

How to apply for a payment

There are 2 ways to make an application to the OCAHFund:

1. Apply online directly to info@oldhamstocks.org.uk or fill in the Application Form on our website - www.oldhamstocks.org.uk
2. Contact Lynn Harris Secretary OCA on 07887 950 636

PLEASE NOTE:

All applications will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. No details of your application will be made available or distributed to anyone outwith members of the OCA Committee.

All information held by OCA and Covid Responders will comply with appropriate GDPR legislation.

How we will deal with your application

Once we have received a completed Application Form we will aim to process this within 2 working days.

All applications will be assessed by a minimum of 3 members of OCA Committee.

We will inform you of our decision on your application as soon as possible after it is made. If we have reduced or refused your claim, we will tell you why.

Payments will only be made, to the applicant and not any third party or company.

Payments will be made in cash and will require the Applicant to sign a receipt for each transaction

Repayment of monies

OCA would welcome repayment if and when circumstances allow.

No interest or other additional payments will be levied on any payments given by OCAHF.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Lynn Harris, Secretary, Oldhamstocks Community Association
info@oldhamstocks.org.uk
07887 950636



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ASSOCIATION

Coronavirus Hardship Fund - Cash Receipt

I

confirm receipt of £

from Oldhamstocks Community Association Hardship Fund.

I confirm I will keep all receipts and a record of all monies spent, including date and amount.

Signed

Name

Date

Should you be able to repay any monies, our bank account details are given below:
Oldhamstocks Community Association
Bank of Scotland
Sort Code 80-13-28
Account Number 00310167