

COVID 19 - Funding and Grants

GRANTfinder has developed a public page to keep organisations up to date on new Covid-19 Grants. Take a look at: - www.grantfinder.co.uk/coronavirus

Thanks to all staff at DDCVS for providing copy as well as the hard work of other VCS organisations where many of the grants have previously been publicized - including Erewash Voluntary Action CVS, Links CVS, Active Derbyshire and Support Staffordshire.

Cadent Foundation

Over the next five years, the foundation has pledged to award £20 million in grants to charities, Community Interest Companies and community groups. Grants between £100 and £100,000 are available.

The fund has the following priorities:

- **People** - Projects that help alleviate suffering and hardship of people in vulnerable situations
- **Environment** - Projects that will help protect and preserve the environment
- **Communities** - Projects that provide a better and healthier community to live in and use

The application **deadline is Sunday 31 May 2020**. More information: <https://cadentgas.com/cadent-foundation/>

Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund

Voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations have a vital role working alongside our NHS colleagues to support anyone who has a mental health problem. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, demand for mental health services is increasing. To help VCS organisations based in England continue to provide mental health services - or provide additional support - organisations can apply for a Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF) grant.

Thanks to £5m support from government (the Department of Health and Social Care), grants of £20,000 or £50,000 are available for projects lasting up to 12 months.

As part of this funding programme, the National Survivor User Network (NSUN) will be administering a fund to support user-led organisations and smaller, un-constituted community organisations, who might not otherwise be eligible for a grant. Details will be available from Monday 20 April on the NSUN website. <https://www.nsun.org.uk/>

Standard Life Foundation: Coronavirus pandemic – fast track applications

Funding is available for work directly related to the pandemic, addressing specific challenges and helping to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK. The work the Foundation might consider in relation to the pandemic is rapid analysis of key issues, for example, self-employed workers, the food and hospitality or social care sectors. Modelling of new proposals such as enhanced sick pay, help with utilities, high cost credit payments, and changes to pensions. Grants from £5,000 upwards are available.

https://www.standardlifefoundation.org.uk/funding/coronavirus_funding

Together with **Postcode Community Trust**, a grant giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery, **Localgiving** is offering charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500.

The fund will be awarding over 900 grants to community projects across Great Britain. Successful projects will support and inspire people to participate in **sports or exercise** with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants.

Applications will receive a decision on their application and, if successful, the funding within two months of submitting a complete application. **The deadline for applications will be 31st October 2020.**

Important Coronavirus Update

1. Organisations now have longer than 12 months to spend the grant.
2. They are happy to support projects that support people to stay active during social distancing, such as online fitness classes delivered via video conferencing software or Youtube.

Organisations who are not members of Localgiving, will also benefit from an annual membership, funded by Postcode Community Trust, that will provide them with access to Localgiving's suite of online fundraising tools.

In order to apply for the funding, organisations are required to meet the following criteria:

- Income - You must have an annual income under £250,000 or be in your first year of operation.
- Physical activity projects - Your planned project must encourage people to participate in sports and exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health and well-being of participants.

More information: <https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/>

The RAFT Fund

The Rapid Action by The Fore and Trusts (RAFT) Emergency Fund opened 1st April 2020 and is offering **grants of up to £5,000** to help organisations **address the changing needs of their beneficiaries and increase their organisational resilience in the current crisis**. Currently this will only open to existing grantees but if they raise sufficient funding there is scope to extend to other organisations.

Together with The Lovington Foundation, The Fore is raising funding to make the RAFT fund available to charities and social enterprises across the UK, not just our grantees. They need to raise £1million to open the fund. As of Thursday 3rd April they have raised £500,000 and are extremely grateful for the support of The Lovington Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, LGT Vestra/Tribe, Golden Bottle Trust, Michael and Sarah Spencer and a number of other private donors.

Also, The Fore is connecting small charities and social enterprises with skilled professionals keen to help with challenges thrown up by the COVID-19 crisis. Join their Directory if you are an organisation looking for help with (among other things):

- New Cashflow forecasts
- Approaching lenders about loans
- Legal advice around delivery of contracts
- Claiming government support
- Converting to new delivery models

More information: <https://www.thefore.org/news/covid-19-response-help-for-small-charities-and-social-enterprises/>

Active Notts and Active Derbyshire have put together two short video sessions looking at the **Sport England's new Community Emergency Fund**.

The fund provides **grants between £300 and £10,000** to deliver immediate funding to those organisations which deliver sport and physical activity which are most in financial need.

Session one provides an overview about the fund and some hints and tips. [Click here.](#)

Session two looks in detail at the application form, and provides suggestions on content. [Click here.](#)

Also, see the attachments below. The first attachment is a list of the questions in the application form and the second is some related guidance prepared by Sport England.

- [CEF Application Form Questions](#) (PDF, 68 Kb)
- [Community Emergency Fund Guidance](#) (PDF, 144.1 Kb)

More information: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-emergency-fund>

Building Futures is Persimmon Homes £1m fund to support children's health, sport and education & arts.

To enter complete their straightforward application form, telling them why your group or organisation deserves funding and what you will spend the money on should you be lucky enough to win.

Additional to these prizes are more than 300 additional cash prizes of **£1,000 each** to give away during **April and May 2020**, and 87 shortlisted finalists who do not win one of the main prizes will receive **£5,000 as a runner-up**.

More information: <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures/>

The Rugby Football Union has announced a £7m relief package for **community clubs**. The package includes monies ring fenced and diverted for the community game as well as additional funding.

These measures include:

- An early release of £800,000 cash due to clubs through the ticketing fund.
- Early release of final funding payments (£600,000) to Constituent Bodies and suspension of the activity plans against which this was allocated, enabling them to utilise this to provide **"immediate support grants" to clubs most in need**. In addition £400,000 will be made available to Constituent Bodies who elect to match fund from their own reserves.
- A suspension of the Quarterly loan repayments for clubs with outstanding loans due in April (£335,000).
- The creation of a £5m support loans programme, offering loans of between circa £2k and circa £10k to clubs, with deferred re-payments for six months and repayable over three years.

They will be providing more details on this financial package in the coming week. They will also be issuing regular club recovery updates with practical advice on how government grants can be accessed as well as other business management advice.

More information: <https://www.englandrugby.com/news/article/an-update-on-covid-19-support-and-planning---bill-sweeney-ceo-rfu>

The Lawn Tennis Association has announced a multi-million pound **support package for tennis clubs, coaches and officials**.

The comprehensive package will make additional support available to tennis venues, coaches, officials and players to the value of up to approximately £20m, with the goal of ensuring that tennis in Britain emerges from this period in as strong and healthy a position as possible, and that the sport is able to resume its unique role in keeping the nation active as soon as conditions allow.

The funding and support will aid those who have been most severely affected by the pandemic, many of whom have seen their income streams reduced while still needing to pay bills and support families. The focus is on protecting the grassroots of the sport, but measures have also been put in place to support professional British tennis players and coaches, including financial grants for some lower ranked players who depend on limited tournament prize money to continue in the sport.

It adds to an existing programme of investment and support that the LTA has continued to make available both during and after the pandemic as part of its strategy to grow tennis and open it up to many more people. **More information:** <https://www.lta.org.uk/about-us/tennis-news/news-and-opinion/general-news/2020/april/lta-announce-multi-million-pound-support-package-for-tennis-in-britain-to-combat-impact-of-coronavirus/>

Morrisons Foundation - COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund

Based in Bradford, the supermarket chain Morrisons has established the Morrisons Foundation to support local good causes across Great Britain. The Foundation Trustees have pledged support for the Homeless Support Fund, aiming to fund charities caring for the homeless during the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak and ensure help gets to those who need it most.

The Foundation recognises that homeless people are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 because they are more likely to have underlying health conditions and are less able to access basic sanitation. For those who are sleeping rough or are in a crowded night shelter, it is impossible to self-isolate and maintain social distance.

Applicants should:

- Be registered with the Commission/OSCR for a minimum of one year and have filed their documents (ie trustee's reports and financial accounts) on time.
- Work directly with homeless people and provide support of one or more of the areas the fund cover.
- Accept payment electronically over the phone (by credit card or BACS).

There is a total of £500,000 for this fund. Awards up to £10,000 are available. However, smaller requests will allow more charities to be supported from the fund. Registered charities who care for the homeless can apply for support to cover the following broad areas:

- Outreach and support for rough sleepers, including provision of essentials.
- Delivery of services in hostels and shelters.
- Information and advice.

Applications can be made at any time.

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/>

Duke of Devonshire Charitable Trust

The Duke of Devonshire's Charitable Trust understands the hardship being caused to very many as a result of the Coronavirus crisis. As normal, applications may be made to the Trust on the downloadable PDF form. **If your request is specifically linked to the Coronavirus crisis, please head the application with the words COVID or CORONAVIRUS.**

Trustees will endeavour to review such applications as soon as possible. As normal, applications made from causes or groups within the DDCT areas of north Derbyshire, the Bolton Abbey area and Eastbourne may be given a priority.

It may be possible for causes to apply, even if they have received support from DDCT since 1st January 2018. The Trustees will be reviewing the policy of DDCT with regard to Coronavirus on an ongoing basis and they cannot guarantee, nor will they be able, to support every application to the Trust.

Please email your application to mollie.moseley@chatsworth.org, do not post your application as the office is closed until further notice with staff working from home and there will be a delay with your application. Apply by 8th June if you wish your application to be assessed at the next meeting. <http://ddct.org.uk/>

Better Derbyshire Dales Fund

Applications welcomed from community groups in the Derbyshire Dales for revenue or capital costs. Closing date Monday 22nd June, email enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk for an application form and guidelines.

There will be further rounds in November 2020 and February 2021.

The Growth Fund is offering very patient capital with really good terms for social enterprises that need finance at this time. <https://access-socialinvestment.org.uk/blended-finance/the-growth-fund/>

Big Society Capital is looking at developing an Emergency Liquidity Fund, watch this space! <https://bigsocietycapital.com/latest/week-2-what-were-doing-so-far/>

Crisis Emergency Grants Fund <https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/in-this-together/emergency-grants-fund/>

Children In Need Essential Emergency Fund
<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/emergency-essentials/>

Derbyshire Dales District Council Local Projects

<https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/your-council/news-and-publications/latest-news/2855-applications-invited-for-local-projects-fund-grant-scheme>

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund will continue to honour their current grant commitments and will continue to be flexible with existing grants.

However Covid 19 will be the priority and all National Lottery Community Funding decisions over the next six months will prioritise getting funding to groups best placed to support their communities at this vital time focusing initially on existing grant holders and applicants.

Priority will be given to:

- Organisations supporting people who are at risk from Covid 19.
- Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of Covid 19.
- Organisations with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of Covid 19.

Applications can still be made for non Covid 19 projects, however there is likely to be greater competition and delay in the ability to respond.

Further information: www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/

Arts Council England – Emergency Measures and Funding

The Arts Council has announced a £160 million response package to support individuals and organisations across the culture sector in response to Covid 19. The new investment includes:

- £90 million for National Portfolio Organisations
- £50 million for organisations outside the national portfolio
- £20 million for creative practitioners and cultural workers so they can better sustain themselves and their work in the months ahead.

The Arts Council is working through details of eligibility and guidance for the funds and will publish guidance for the funds once it has completed work on the streaming funds.

Further information: www.artscouncil.org.uk/

Foundation Derbyshire Coronavirus Fund

Foundation Derbyshire have established a Coronavirus Response Fund as a vehicle for distributing the various donations and funding streams they are administering, in response to the Coronavirus outbreak and the impact on local communities.

By adopting a 'one stop approach' the Foundation is endeavouring to make the grant application process simple and responsive as possible for groups and organisations.

The Response Fund is now distributing funds on behalf of both local and national funders including Derbyshire County Council and the National Emergencies Trust.

The initial focus has been to provide £1,000 emergency grants to established foodbanks in Derby and Derbyshire or established organisations that already run a foodbank service as part of their suite of support. Applications for this Emergency Foodbank Grant email the Grants Team at emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org

The Foundation is now able to accept applications for up to £5,000 from community groups and infrastructure and front-line delivery organisations involved in the supply and delivery of food and/or service to those who are medically, socially or financially vulnerable e.g.

Foundation Derbyshire is also making a small number of larger strategic grants to organisations that have the capacity to deliver the above on a multi-district/county basis. For further information or to discuss applications for larger grants contact Sarah at emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org

Community and voluntary groups and charities can apply for a general Coronavirus Response Fund grant by completing the standard application form.

Foundation Derbyshire is experiencing unprecedented demand for this Fund. Before starting an online application check the current availability of funds by emailing emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org

Further information: www.foundationderbyshire.org/foundation-derbyshires-coronavirus-fund/

National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced a £50 million fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to Covid 19. The fund is available to organisations across the full breadth of heritage.

Further Information: www.heritagefund.org.uk/blogs/how-we-will-be-helping-heritage-community-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic

Neighbourly Community Fund

The Neighbourly Community Fund have launched a series of micro grants of up to £400 to support good causes that are helping communities affected by Covid 19.

Grants will be made to existing members of Neighbourly in the UK whose work will involve supporting members of the community suffering economically, socially or from ill health as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. Grants are unrestricted and can go towards food provision, emergency supplies, practical support, running costs, transport and other essentials.

Further information: www.neighbourly.com/NeighbourlyCommunityFund

Severn Trent Community Fund in Response to Covid 19

Severn Trent are temporarily making a few changes to their Community Fund. They will be giving £1 million to support non-profit organisations and charities that are helping the most vulnerable affected by the Covid 19 outbreak.

Severn Trent aim to get the money to where it is needed as fast as possible, organisations are not going to be asked to apply donations will be made.

With this re-focus Severn Trent are temporarily closing the Community Fund to other new applications.

They will be looking to reopen for applications in the Summer 2020.

Further information: www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/

Tesco Bags of Help Covid 19 Communities Fund

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current Covid 19 crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. They have created a new streamlined process to make it easier to get funds distributed quickly.

Any successful application to the fund will provide a single payment award of £500 to organisations that are supporting vulnerable groups. The programme is set up to support organisations need rather than specific projects. Typically, the fund will prioritise organisations:

- Whose need for service has been disrupted e.g. a foodbank whose stocks are running low
- Require putting in place new services e.g. a charity setting up a new home service for the elderly who normally attend a lunch club
- Increased demand – e.g. a holiday hunger club that needs more resources

Applications are welcome from a wide range of organisations from voluntary and community groups.

Further information: www.tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/tesco-cv-fund/

East Midlands Airport Community Fund - Covid-19 Support Fund

East Midlands Airport (EMA) is offering volunteers and financial support to local community and voluntary organisations to help with the Coronavirus relief effort.

Building on the strong links the airport has with community groups in the region, this new package will specifically help with the COVID-19 fight-back, supporting people in most need.

Voluntary, community and charitable organisations that are helping people during the pandemic are invited to complete a simple online application form to request a share of an initial £26,000 fund and/or voluntary help from airport staff

Charities, voluntary/community groups and CIC's will be able to apply for up to £1,000 to support them through this very difficult period.

This fund supports project in specific areas of the county, check their guidance for further details.

To start an application follow the link: <https://eastmidlandsairport.typeform.com/to/NuXSRS>

Further information: www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/

Derbyshire County Council – Members Community Leadership Scheme

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/policies-plans/community-leadership/community-leadership-scheme.aspx>

Comic Relief

Comic Relief is reviewing all upcoming funding calls and timescales to allow for some flexibility in response to the current Covid-19 situation. We would therefore not expect the need for late applications, but will review this on a programme by programme basis.

Further information: www.comicrelief.com/covid-19-faqs

Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust

In response to the current crisis the Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust has changed the application guidelines and processes for its spring application round with the aim of supporting small and medium charities which need extra assistance.

This fund is for registered charities working with early years and disadvantaged children. The funding is for unrestricted funds.

Funding of up to £5,000 is available as one-off payments.

The deadline for applications is 28 April 2020.

Further information: www.sylvia-adams.org.uk/what-we-will-fund/

Bring Joy Foundation

Keep Busy, Keep Active is a new campaign to support seniors socially isolated over the next few months. The Bring Joy Foundation can provide groups with online vouchers to buy books, crosswords, craft materials and other activities to keep them occupied and mentally busy and active. In addition, there are funds available for those seniors that may face extra challenges due to illness or disability.

Further information: www.bringjoyfoundation.org/

Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund

The Leathersellers's Company has launched a fast track application process for one off grants of up to £3,000. It could be particularly used for funding small projects or to cover unexpected costs arising from Covid 19.

Applications are open to UK registered charities who support:

- Homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- Provision of food and essential supplies
- Victims of domestic violence
- Nursing care to vulnerable patients

The closing date for applications is 11 May 2020

Further information: www.leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/

The Yapp Charitable Foundation

The Yapp Charitable Foundation has invited small UK charities affected by Covid 19 to apply for grants of up to £3,000.

Further information: www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/

John Lewis Partnership Community Support Fund

A £1 million Community Support Fund will be available to communities across the UK to help those in need in their local communities.

Teams in each shop will work together with their communities to choose the best way to use the fund. Help could include setting up additional local delivery services to support the self-isolating, the vulnerable, the elderly and those looking after them; delivering boxes of staples to local care homes and community groups, and donating products to create care packages for customers to share with vulnerable neighbours.

Further information: www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/media/press/y2020/jlp-announces-new-measures-to-support-customers

Standard Life

The Standard Life Foundation has launched funding for work directly related to Covid 19. They are making grants available to organisations which tackle financial problems and improving living standards for those on low to middle incomes in the UK.

Grants will be in the range of £5,000 - £50,000.

Further information: www.standardlifefoundation.org.uk/funding/coronavirus_funding

COVID-19 Emergency Fund for the Sight Loss Sector

Grants are available to sight loss charities in England for projects that support the blind and partially sighted community during the coronavirus crisis or for covering the general running costs of the charity in the face of cash flow issues caused by the crisis.

Grants of up to £10,000 or the equivalent of two months' running costs (whichever is less) are available for use over the next six months. A total of £500,000 will be awarded in grants.

The COVID-19 Emergency Fund for the Sight Loss Sector is provided by the Thomas Pocklington Trust. The Trust has suspended its normal grant programme to be able to focus its resources on this Emergency Fund and support sight loss organisations that play an essential role in providing vital services to blind and partially sighted. Funding is for registered charities in England.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information: www.pocklington-trust.org.uk/covid-19-emergency-fund-for-the-sight-loss-sector/

The Clothworkers' Emergency Capital Programme (CECP) will award small capital grants of up to £5,000 for essential capital items to adapt or increase services in response to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Priority will be given to organisations supporting vulnerable and 'at risk' groups within our programme areas during this period.

Key features of the fund:

- Applications are only open to charities whose beneficiaries are not based in London
- They will award capital grants of up to £5,000 (but will not award grants equal to more than 50% of your annual income)
- Aim to communicate a decision within one week (but it may take up to two weeks)
- Capital projects that are planned as part of your organisation's ordinary course of business are not eligible; for these you may wish to review the What We Fund page for our Open Grants Programmes

For more information and details on how to apply visit

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/>