

# COVID 19 - Funding and Grants

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GRANTfinder has developed a public page to keep organisations up to date on new Covid-19 Grants.

[www.grantfinder.co.uk/coronavirus](http://www.grantfinder.co.uk/coronavirus)

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## **Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund - Deadline: 31st August 2020**

The England Illegal Money Lending Team is accepting applications from local charities, voluntary organisations and community groups to support projects that raise awareness of the issues of the dangers of illegal money lending in their community. Groups can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that demonstrate a positive impact on their community and that meet the following criteria:

- Contributes to raising awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks.
- Prevents crime and disorder and makes a difference in local communities.
- Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities.
- Encourages reporting of loan sharks and signposts victims to the team.

<http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/cash-seized-from-loan-sharks-to-fund-community-projects/>

## **The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation**

The Trustees of the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation have made additional funding available for their next grants phase, running from May to December 2020. There are new funding opportunities for existing grantees, offering emergency funding; 12 month grant extensions and grant increases for adaptation costs. In the summer, the Trust will launch a new COVID-19 Initiatives Fund, which will be open to both grantees and non-grantees. Funding will be available to support new initiatives rooted in the values of equity, rights, peace, climate change and power and accountability.

<https://www.jrct.org.uk/new-funding-opportunities>

## **Vulnerable Children National Charities Strategic Relief Fund**

Details of the £7.6 million Vulnerable Children National Charities Strategic Relief Fund and how to apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vulnerable-children-national-charities-strategic-relief-fund>

## **Sport England - Call for Innovation - Deadline 24th June!**

Sport England is looking to support innovative solutions that respond to current challenges and support those most affected so they can be active at this time.

<https://www.sportengland.org/innovationopencall>

## **Children in Need's COVID-19 Next Steps Grant**

The BBC Children in Need's COVID-19 Next Steps Grant programme opened for applications yesterday, Wednesday 10 June. Next Steps grants deliver support for children and young people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of up to £80,000 of flexible funding for projects starting in September 2020 and lasting for up to 18 months. Applicants must be available to discuss and review their proposal with a BBC Children in Need assessor between 13 and 31 July.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/covid-19-funding-streams>

## **The Foyle Foundation**

The Foyle Foundation has issued an update on its grant-making policies in the light of COVID-19. Its Small Grants Scheme has now reopened, as of 1 June. This is designed to support charities with an annual turnover of less than £150,000, especially those that work at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply>

## **George Bairstow Charitable Trust (GBCT)**

GBCT awards grants to registered charities for:

- the provision of Emergency Aid in communities
- the encouragement of volunteering among young people
- the enhancement of skills among young people.

The Trustees of the GBCT acknowledge the unique challenges faced by the world at this current time and remain 'open for business', welcoming new, small grant applications. <http://gbct.org.uk/>

**The Severn Trent Community Fund has reopened (1<sup>st</sup> June 2020) to new applications!** Please be reassured that the aims of the Community Fund are still the same, since improving *community wellbeing* is arguably now more important than ever. And the [eligibility criteria](#) remains the same too; so they are looking to fund new projects, rather than general organisation running costs. For full details and the application link please go to [www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund](http://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund)

### **Magic Little Grants 2020 - Deadline: 31st October 2020**

Together with Postcode Community Trust, a grant giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery, Magic Little Grants will be awarding over 900 grants of £500 to community projects. Successful projects will support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise. Applications will receive a decision on their application and, if successful, the funding within two months of submission.

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

### **Important Coronavirus Update**

Organisations now have longer than 12 months to spend the grant and they do not require specific dates for projects that you would like them to support. They want the funding to be able to be used flexibly and trust that you will deliver projects only when it is safe to do so.

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.

### **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>

### **Derbyshire County Council – Members Community Leadership Scheme**

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

### **Aviva Community Fund - Deadline: 28th July 2020**

The Aviva Community Fund have broadened their criteria of their funding to include applications for projects that enable causes to adapt or continue their vital services by covering core running costs, so they can help their beneficiaries and communities during this time of need.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding#criteria>

## **Neighbourly Community Fund**

With the support M&S, Lidl, Aldi, Danone and Coca-Cola European Partners, Neighbourly are launching a series of micro-grants of up to £400, to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the new Coronavirus outbreak.

Grants will be awarded to existing members of Neighbourly in UK and Ireland whose work will involve supporting members of the community suffering economically, socially or from ill health as a result of the outbreak.

This may include, but not be limited to, elderly people, those on low incomes and people at risk of food insecurity. Grants are unrestricted and can go towards food provision, emergency supplies, practical support, running costs, transport and other essentials.

Application form - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7JEZLrzmujZH-4HUlmBPhwjolgiUprEIHB6-3jdnLa9yAMg/viewform>

If you would like to join Neighbourly please go here - <https://www.neighbourly.com/accounts/registerchoice?returnUrl=%2FNeighbourlyCommunityFund>

## **The Big Give - Christmas Challenge - Deadline: 3rd July 2020**

Applications for the 2020 Christmas Challenge are now open.

The Christmas Challenge is the largest online match funding campaign, raising over £15m for nearly 600 charities in December 2019. Each year they have millions of pounds of match funding from their Champions on offer to charities, enabling them to double donations to campaigns they support on the Big Give platform. The Christmas Challenge each year opens on #GivingTuesday, which in 2020 will be 1st December, and runs for 7 days. Applications are now open for charities who wish to participate.

To apply for Christmas Challenge 2020:

1. Log in or sign up for Big Give account
2. Click on Big Give Campaigns
3. Click on Apply now for Christmas Challenge 2020

<https://www.thebiggive.org.uk/charities/s/login/SelfRegister>

## **Arts Council - Covid-19 Support**

The Arts Council is making £160 million of emergency funding available for those organisations and individuals who will need it during this crisis, and have also changed the funding requirements for individuals and organisations currently in receipt of their funding.

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19>

### **The Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust**

The Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust has changed its grants policy for the time being in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's currently offering small, one-off payments of up to £5,000 in unrestricted funding under its 'Early years' preventative work in England and Wales' strand.

<https://sylvia-adams.org.uk/what-we-will-fund/>

### **The Childs Charitable Trust**

Is a grant-making charity supporting Christian UK registered charities and organisations working both in the UK and overseas. In the light of the present Coronavirus pandemic, the trustees have put together an Emergency Funding Application for Christian-based charities who meet the Trust's usual funding criteria, but that are in financial difficulty due to COVID-19.

<https://www.dsc.org.uk/content/coronavirus-weekly-funding-updates-18-22-...>

### **Covid Funding for Specialist Women's Organisations (UK)**

Rosa, which is a grant making charity that funds grassroots women's organisations to help to make the UK a fairer, safer place for women has announced that is making small grants of up to £10,000 available to specialist women's organisations across the UK through its Covid-19 Response Fund.

The purpose of this first stage response fund is to provide quick and straightforward grants with very basic eligibility criteria. There is no deadline for applications. Rosa will consider them on a rolling basis from 5pm on Friday 5th June 2020 and aim to notify applicants of the decision within approximately two weeks of submitting an application. More information here - <https://rosauk.org/funds/rosas-covid-19-response-fund-small-grants/>

Any questions please email [info@rosauk.org](mailto:info@rosauk.org)

### **Food Charities**

If you run a front-line food aid charity in England, you can apply for a grant of up to £100,000 to help you continue to provide food to the vulnerable. You can apply for funding as a group of charities to meet the criteria for applications. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-apply-for-the-food-charities-grant-fund>

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) will assess applications to the fund in the order they are submitted.

### **The Edge Post Covid-19 Revival Fund**

The Edge Post Covid-19 Revival Fund will launch on Monday 8 June. This is a one-off fund with up to £250,000 of grant funding available. Applications are welcomed for grants of between **£10,000** and **£50,000**, and the closing date for applications is midday on Thursday 9 July 2020.

<https://www.edge.co.uk/>

### **Comic Relief/Paul Hamlyn Foundation – Explore – closed 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020**

#### **Co-op Local Community Fund**

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK.

Your project must either:

- bring the community together to help those in need, providing access to life's essentials such as community spaces, food and bereavement support
- support the mental and physical health of others through community wellbeing activities
- enable people to develop or share their skills to foster community spirit and build resilient communities for the future <https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

#### **Government unlocks £150 million from dormant accounts**

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden announced that £150m will be released from dormant bank and building society account funds and made available to the voluntary sector in the following ways:

- £10m to the Youth Futures Foundation to develop an Emergency Levelling Up Youth Fund
- £45m to be issued by Big Society Capital to help investments and as emergency loans for those with cash flow issues
- £65m to Fair4AllFinance to provide 'affordable credit' solutions and as an alternative to high cost loans
- £30m to Access - the Foundation for Social Investment to support social enterprises helping people in vulnerable circumstances. The words 'social lenders' and 'flexible finance' are used.

See the full briefing from DCMS here. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unlocking-330-million-from-dormant-accounts-to-build-a-fairer-society>

#### **Scott Bader**

<https://www.scottbader.com/humanity/our-society/how-to-access-funds/>

Applications invited for projects of £500 - £10,000. Particularly interested in receiving applications for projects addressing the impact of COVID-19. **There are several rounds of funding - the next round opens on 1st July and closes 31st August.**

## Youth Futures Foundation

Funding to help young people aged 14-24 overcome barriers to finding meaningful work

This funding will go to organisations working with young people aged 14-24 to help overcome barriers to finding meaningful work. They are looking for approaches that can be tested, evaluated and, where proven to be effective, expanded to more young people.

Two types of grants are available.

- Development Grants -£30,000 – £100,000 pa for delivery and development, for up to 2 years supporting over 50 young people per year.
- Impact Grants - c£100,000 – £800,000 pa for delivery + an independent evaluation paid for separately by Youth Futures, for up to 5 years, supporting over 150 young people per year.

Not-for-profit voluntary or community-sector organisations, or statutory organisations applying individually or as a lead organisation on behalf of a partnership or consortia, which: offer an existing or new solution to youth unemployment and have clearly outlined planned activities, which link to getting young people into work.

More information: <https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/grants/>

## Rural Action Derbyshire - Hardship Support Fund

**Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD)** has set up a **Rural Hardship Support Fund** to help people in **rural** areas of **Derbyshire** who are **suffering extreme hardship** as a result of the **Covid-19** pandemic.

This has been possible thanks to an award of **£2,000** from The **Prince's Countryside Fund**. Rural Action Derbyshire has also been receiving some donations through their website, which is also going toward this fund.

Applications to the Hardship Fund will be by **referral** (see below for the list of referral organisations) and individuals will need to meet the **criteria** to qualify.

The fund will provide **regular food parcels** and assistance with some critical **household expenses**. People will also be able to **access information on other support** available to them relative to their specific needs.

For further information please email [info@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk) or go the RAD website [www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk).

**Application is by referral from any of the following:**

- Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy team

- Farming Community Network (FCN)
- Farming Life Centre (FLC)
- Feeding Derbyshire Food Banks or Community Café
- Citizen's Advice

**Criteria for support:**

- In severe financial hardship (unable to pay for basic necessities such as food, household bills, rent etc.)
- Unable to access other support such as government schemes or waiting for payment from such schemes
- In severe emotional distress or poor mental health, anxious, lonely, depressed, and with no current treatment plan or referral to mental health services
- Living or working in a rural area of Derbyshire

Rural Action Derbyshire is particularly targeting people associated with the farming industry including farmers and workers in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and countryside services who have been adversely affected by Covid-19, and people living in isolated rural communities

For more information contact: Emma Simpson, RAD Communications 07540 736118 or [e.simpson@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:e.simpson@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk) or Beverley Parker, CEO on 07738 983656 or [b.parker@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:b.parker@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk).

**Lloyds Bank Foundation** are providing immediate funding to charities who have already spent a significant amount of time on their applications, or were expecting to receive new funding. They are prioritising charities who have adapted their services to meet the challenges of Covid-19. These charities will receive a one-year grant with a lighter touch assessment approach to allow charities to focus on responding to Covid-19.

<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/about-us/covid19>

**The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF)** is a new emergency loan fund which will provide repayable finance to charities and social enterprises who are experiencing disruption as a result of COVID-19 and is intended for such organisations who have an otherwise viable business model. It has been established to make the Government's existing Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) more easily accessible to these entities.

<https://charitybank.org/news/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund>



**The Youth Endowment Fund** is aimed at gathering evidence on the effectiveness of existing digital and virtual support activities in reaching vulnerable children and preventing youth crime. The dual aims of this grant round are to help reach and support vulnerable children at risk of youth violence, and to learn the best ways to provide support under the current social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines. The Fund is a £6.5m COVID-19 grant round to fund and evaluate work which supports vulnerable young people at risk of youth violence, and that can be delivered whilst adhering to UK government social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines. The average grant is expected to be around £50,000, with the minimum grant that organisations can apply for is £25,000. There is no maximum, however grants awarded will be proportionate to the turnover of the organisation(s) applying. (50% of the total funding available will be reserved for charities and social enterprises).

<https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/>

### **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.

Applications received after 8<sup>th</sup> June will be assessed at the autumn meeting.

If your request is specifically linked to the Coronavirus crisis, please head the application with the words COVID or CORONAVIRUS. Please email your application to [alice.connolly@chatsworth.org](mailto:alice.connolly@chatsworth.org)

Do not post your application as there will be a delay with your application. <http://ddct.org.uk/>

### **Better Derbyshire Dales Fund – Derbyshire Dales CVS – 01629 812154**

Applications welcomed from community groups in the Derbyshire Dales for revenue or capital costs. Next closing date Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, after that it's Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Email [enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk)

### **Five Ways to Well-Being – Derbyshire Dales CVS – 01629 812154**

The aim of the fund is to improve the mental wellbeing of people living in Derbyshire by providing community based activities and services that help people to access the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'.

The Five Ways to Wellbeing are a set of national evidence-based actions (developed by the New Economics Foundation) which promote people's wellbeing. They are Connect, Be Active, Take Notice,

Keep Learning and Give. These activities are simple things that individuals can do in their everyday lives which have been proven to help improve people's mental wellbeing.

So if your group or organisation helps people at higher risk of mental ill health meet one of more of the following 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' then you may consider applying for a grant:

You do not have to meet all five, but you do need to meet AT LEAST one of the Five Ways to Wellbeing. These are Connect; Be Active; Give; Take Notice; Keep Learning.

Where possible, design your project / activity to include all 5 elements of the Five Ways to Wellbeing. For example a 'walking group' could include all elements of the Five Ways in the following ways:

- Connect - ensuring the group is inclusive and has social elements like coffee breaks.
- Be Active – different levels of walks depending on ability i.e. beginners or advanced.
- Take Notice – themed walks such as nature trails and photography walks.
- Keep Learning – heritage trails, walk leader course.
- Give – providing support, advice, and encouragement to other members of the group

Contact Derbyshire Dales CVS for more information. Tel 01629 812154 or email [enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk)

**Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**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 (i.e. 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.morrisonfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/>

**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/>

### **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. Covid 19 will be the priority and all National Lottery Community Funding decisions until September 2020 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.

Further information: [www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/](http://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 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/](http://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. Applications for this Emergency Foodbank Grant email the Grants Team at [emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org](mailto:emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto:emergencies@foundationderbyshire.org) Further information: [www.foundationderbyshire.org/foundation-derbyshires-coronavirus-fund/](http://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](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/blogs/how-we-will-be-helping-heritage-community-during-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic)

### **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/](http://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. 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 community interest companies will be able to apply for up to £1,000 to support them through this very difficult period.

**Closing dates coming up: 1<sup>st</sup> July for meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July; 26<sup>th</sup> August for meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September; 4<sup>th</sup> November for meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

Further information: [www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/](http://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/charitable-giving/)

### **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](http://www.comicrelief.com/covid-19-faqs)

### **Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust**

The Emergency Fund for organisations responding to the COVID 19 crisis **has now closed**. The next grant round, due to open in the autumn, is under review. <https://sylvia-adams.org.uk/>

### **Bring Joy Foundation**

Keep Busy, Keep Active is now closed and the foundation is launching a new fundraising campaign.

Further information: [www.bringjoyfoundation.org/](http://www.bringjoyfoundation.org/)

### **Leathersellers Company Charitable Fund**

Utilising unallocated funds, releasing additional funding from reserves and through generous donations from Liverymen we are in the final stages of distributing almost £400,000 in urgent funds. This represents the additional funds available to the end of June 2020 – the next stage of the strategy will be in place from July onwards, as we go into the next Livery and financial year. IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREAS

- support to the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- provision of food and essential supplies
- domestic violence crisis support

Further information: [www.leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/](http://www.leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/)

### **The Yapp Charitable Trust**

The Yapp Charitable Trust 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/](http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/)

Please note that the Trust has recently moved to online applications. Paper applications will be accepted up until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **COVID-19 Emergency Fund for the Sight Loss Sector – now closed**

Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) launched a £500,000 fund in March to support sight loss charities during the pandemic which are providing vital services to blind and partially sighted people. 55 applications were approved.

TPT has suspended its normal grant funding activities and postponed the launch of its revised grant programme to provide this essential support to partners in the sight loss sector. It is unclear at this time if and when grant funding will resume this financial year. TPT will communicate with partners and the sector if able to resume grant funding activities again later this year.

Any queries relating to grants please email: [grants@pocklington-trust.org.uk](mailto:grants@pocklington-trust.org.uk)

### **The Clothworkers' Emergency Capital Programme (CECP)**

**Now closed.** Organisations with incomes of up to £1 million can still apply for small grants through the normal open grants programmes (but please note we are not accepting applications for larger capital projects).

The closure of the CECP does not signal an end to our Covid-19 funding response. We will continue to fund Covid-19 related initiatives strategically.

For more information, visit <https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/>