

COVID 19 - Funding and Grants

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

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 and Active Derbyshire and Support Staffordshire.

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

Grant funding and 12 week support programme for charities and not-for-profit organisations to explore digital service delivery challenges. Explore is an early stage digital funding opportunity funded by Comic Relief and Paul Hamlyn Foundation, and delivered in partnership with CAST. A strand of the funders' Tech for Good programme, it has been designed for charities looking to:

scope how a digital solution can improve outcomes for the people they support, and

build the skills to develop a strong, user-led approach to digital service delivery.

Applications should align to one of Comic Relief's core themes: Children Survive & Thrive; Fighting for Gender Justice; A Safe Place to Be; Global Mental Health Matters.

<https://wearecast.org.uk/explore/>

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/>

COMMONWEALTH COMMUNITY HARDSHIP FUND:

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.

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>

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/>

The Severn Trent Community Fund has reopened (1st 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

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 or go to the RAD website 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 or Beverley Parker, CEO on 07738 983656 or 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.

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, visit www.ddcvs.org.uk for an application form and guidelines or email enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk

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

Five Ways to Well-Being – Derbyshire Dales

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

Closing date 30th September 2020.

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

Organisations now have longer than 12 months to spend the grant.

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/>

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.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/>

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>

Derbyshire County Council – Members Community Leadership Scheme

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

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

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

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 community interest companies 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/

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 now closed and the foundation is launching a new fundraising campaign.

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/>