



## CORONAVIRUS CHARITY BRIEFING #5: EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR CHARITIES

As a result of the Coronavirus, many charities are now in an extremely precarious position, often having to deliver additional services with fewer volunteers and staff members, while simultaneously cancelling fundraising activities.

Below is a list of emergency funds (compiled by Charity Bank) for charities and social enterprises that are experiencing difficulties:

### UK wide funds

- **Government funding**

On 8 April the government announced a £750 million package of funding to support the work of charities during the coronavirus outbreak, this includes:

- £370 million for small and medium-sized charities (including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund for those in England) to support local organisations including those delivering food, essential medicines and providing financial advice.
- £360 million to be directly allocated by government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis. These will include:
  - hospices to help increase capacity;
  - St Johns Ambulance to support the NHS;
  - victims' charities, to help with potential increase in demand;
  - vulnerable children charities, so they can continue delivering services on behalf of local authorities; and
  - Citizens Advice to increase the number of staff providing advice during the crisis.
- The government will match donations to the National Emergencies Trust as part of the BBC's Big Night In fundraiser later this month and is pledging a minimum of £20 million.

- **National Emergencies Trust**

The National Emergencies Trust (NET) has launched an appeal to raise funds for local charities and grassroots organisations that have been impacted by Coronavirus. The trust is planning to distribute grants through a network of local community foundations. Organisations in need of funding will need to apply directly to a community foundation, not to the NET.

- **National Lottery Community Fund**

All National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) funding decisions in the next six months (up to £300m of funding) will be devoted to responding to the COVID-19 crisis. The NLCF will prioritise existing grant holders and applicants with activities specifically geared to supporting communities through this crisis, and helping organisations overcome liquidity issues caused by COVID-19.

- **Emergency loan fund for charities and social enterprises**

The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund will enable social lenders, including Charity Bank, to provide emergency loans to affected charities and social enterprises. No personal guarantees will be required, and no fees or interest will be payable for 12 months. This is part of a £100 million package of support announced by Big Society Capital. Applications are expected to open in the second half of April. Those interested are encouraged to email [loanenquiries@charitybank.org](mailto:loanenquiries@charitybank.org) or to [complete the standard loan form here](#).

- **CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund**

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has launched a £5m Coronavirus Emergency Fund to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK affected by the impact of COVID-19. Grants of up to £10,000 are available. You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. **Applications for the initial round of funding are currently paused.**

- **Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund**

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

Applications are open to UK registered charities who support:

- provision of food and essential supplies;
- the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless;
- victims of domestic violence; and
- nursing care to vulnerable patients.

- **The Yapp Charitable Trust**

The Yapp Charitable Trust is making grants of up to £3,000 available to small charities affected by COVID-19. Registered charities in England and Wales, with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000, can apply for funding for core costs and staffing.

- **Heritage Emergency Fund**

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced a £50m fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Fund is available to organisations across the full breadth of heritage. Organisations which are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant, can apply.

- **John Lewis Partnership Community Support Fund**

The John Lewis Partnership has launched a £1m Community Support Fund. Individual Waitrose shops will decide how to use their share to support their local community.

- **Clothworkers' Emergency Capital Programme**

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 COVID-19. Visit their [website for details on eligibility](#) and key features of the fund.

- **Cadent Foundation**

The Cadent Foundation was recently launched by the UK's biggest gas network Cadent. UK charities or groups with charitable purposes can submit applications for grants of up to £100,000.

- **Standard Life Foundation**

The Standard Life Foundation has launched funding for work directly related to the Coronavirus pandemic. Applications are open to all organisations undertaking charitable work. It is likely that grants will be made in the range of £5,000 to £50,000, however, there is no set amount.

- **Barclays COVID-19 Community Aid Package**

The newly launched Barclays Foundation will initially provide a COVID-19 Community Aid Package of £100 million to charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19, and to alleviate the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis.

- **Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund**

This is a new short-term fund to support local organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups. Successful applications will receive a single payment award of £500. Visit the [Tesco website](#) for eligibility details.

## **Funds for England**

- **Sports England**

Sports England will make up to £195m of funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing Coronavirus crisis. This includes the following:

- A £20m Community Emergency Fund, available immediately for clubs and community organisations. Grants between £300 and £10,000 are available;
- A £5m fund for existing partners if they are facing specific financial difficulty;
- A £55m fund to provide support to fund new and innovative ways to keep people active during lock-down and, when the period of restrictions is over, to help organisations get back to business and adjust.
- A £115m rollover of current funding into 2021/22 to give long term certainty to established partners.

- **Arts Council England**

Arts Council England (ACE) has made £160m of emergency funding available to organisations and individuals who will need it during the COVID-19 crisis. It has also changed the funding requirements for individuals and organisations currently in receipt of funding.

## **Funds for Northern Ireland**

- **Coronavirus Community Fund (Northern Ireland)**

The Coronavirus Community Fund is open to constituted organisations based in Northern Ireland that are supporting isolated people over 50. Projects must help to:

- Reduce isolation and vulnerability of older people who are physically self-isolating due to COVID-19;
- Support the ongoing wellbeing of older people; and
- Ensure older people remain connected with the outside world during the current crisis.

Grants will typically be £1,000, but larger grants of up to £2,500 may be available for some projects. The money can be used for a variety of purposes, including running costs. Examples given of suitable projects include those enabling older people to keep warm, access a nutritious meal, access technology, or stay connected via telephone or technology.

## **Funds for Scotland**

- **Scottish Government initiatives**

The Scottish Government has announced several initiatives to support communities affected by COVID-19. These include:

- A £70m Food Fund to help address issues of food insecurity, especially for older people and families in receipt of free school meals. This will be distributed through Local Authorities.
- A £50m Wellbeing Fund for charities and other organisations that work with at-risk people who may be badly affected by the crisis, including homeless people and those experiencing fuel poverty.
- A £40m Supporting Communities Fund. This will be used to support community efforts that are deemed to be vital to national resilience, including projects supporting people at risk because of age or isolation, along with those supporting carers, homeless people and asylum seekers. The fund will be allocated through community anchor organisations and you do not need to be a registered charity to apply.
- A £20m Third Sector Resilience Fund. This will support social sector organisations affected by cash flow and other issues as a result of the Coronavirus. It will be delivered by Firstport, Social Investment Scotland and the Corra Foundation and will provide grants of between £5,000 and £100,000.

## **Funds for Wales**

- **Welsh Government initiatives**

The Welsh Government has announced a £400m grant fund to provide support to Welsh businesses, social enterprises and charities affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This includes:

- Grants of £10,000 for micro-businesses employing up to 9 people. Applications to open by mid-April.
- Grants of up to £100,000 for small and medium sized firms with between 10 and 249 employees. Applications to open by early-April.
- Support for larger Welsh companies, which are of critical social or economic importance to Wales. Applications to open by mid-April.

## **International Funds**

- **Facebook Small Business Grants Program**

Facebook is offering \$100m in cash grants and advert credits to up to 30,000 small businesses in over 30 countries. There is very little information available at present, but charities can sign up to be alerted when details are released.

## **Regional Funds**

**Note that many of the organisations below will also be distributing grants on behalf of the National Emergencies Trust.**

- **Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation**

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation has launched the Bedfordshire Coronavirus Emergency Fund, which is aimed at helping local community organisations to 'deal with emerging issues in the community as a result

of the continuing threat of Coronavirus’.

- **Cambridgeshire Community Foundation**

The Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund is open to constituted community organisations throughout Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough) that are supporting isolated older and vulnerable people. Grants will mostly be between £1,000 and £5,000, although larger grants will be considered for groups working in partnership.

- **Community Foundation for Calderdale**

Grants of up to £1,000 are available from the Community Foundation for Calderdale. To be eligible for the Community Resilience Fund, you need to be a local charity supporting vulnerable people in Calderdale through the COVID-19 crisis.

- **Community Foundation for Merseyside**

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Metro Mayor has launched an appeal to support communities impacted by COVID-19. Grants will be distributed by The Community Foundation for Merseyside. There is very little information about this fund, but more details are expected to be released soon.

- **Community Foundation for Staffordshire**

Grants of up to £1,000 will be made to registered charities, constituted community or voluntary groups, social enterprises, other not-for-profit organisations, and local businesses running projects that clearly benefit the local community. Funding is available across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

- **Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland**

The Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund will help to support local charities and community organisations across Tyne & Wear (Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside, Gateshead and Sunderland) and Northumberland. The fund is targeted at organisations supporting older people and other vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19. Applications are currently not being accepted as the Foundation is identifying recipients using its current database. However, there will be a second phase of funding to support a wider group of local charities and community organisations.

- **Cumbria Community Foundation**

The Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund has been set up to assist groups and organisations that are supporting people affected by COVID-19. The fund will prioritise ‘charitable projects across the county that are supporting people affected by the virus, helping to keep them safe and supported in their homes and reducing pressure on the NHS’. There is no maximum or minimum award amount, but the foundation aims to offer smaller grants (circa £250) to community-based groups and larger grants (over £1,000) to organisations offering district or county level support.

- **Devon Community Foundation**

The Devon Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund is supporting local charities and community organisations in two stages. Firstly, the fund will focus on organisations that are supporting vulnerable groups affected by Coronavirus. At a later date, grants will be available for other organisations whose operations have been affected by COVID-19.

- **Dorset Community Foundation**

The Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund is providing grants for charities, community groups and other organisations working in Dorset who support vulnerable groups affected by COVID-19. Further details, including criteria, will be available soon.

- **Forever Manchester Community Support Fund**

Forever Manchester has launched a Community Support Fund for grassroot community groups that are responding to the impact of COVID-19 by helping those most affected. Awards of up to £1,000 are available.

- **Foundation Derbyshire**

The Coronavirus Fund is supporting foodbanks and befriending services in Derbyshire with grants of £1,000. The fund’s remit may then be increased to include other charitable organisations tackling the impact of COVID-19.

- **Greenham Trust (Berkshire and Hampshire)**

The Greenham Trust has launched an emergency fund to support local charities and voluntary organisations that are assisting elderly and vulnerable people in west Berkshire and north Hampshire. Applications must be made through [The Good Exchange](#).

- **Heart of Bucks Community Foundation**  
The Bucks Coronavirus Response Appeal is aiming to support people and charities in Buckinghamshire who are most affected by COVID-19. More information is expected to be available soon.
- **Heart of England Community Foundation**  
The Coronavirus Resilience Fund is making grants of up to £1,500 to constituted groups whose services are seen as vital for local communities in the West Midlands and Warwickshire. Examples include food banks, emergency food parcel deliveries, befriending services and outreach activities.
- **Hertfordshire Community Foundation**  
Grants of up to £2,000 will be available to offer emergency funding for charities, community groups and other voluntary organisations. The focus is on supporting elderly and vulnerable people impacted by Coronavirus.
- **Kent Community Foundation**  
Community organisations in Kent and Medway are being offered emergency funding of up to £10,000 to tackle the impact of Coronavirus on older people. Priority will be given to constituted community groups (e.g. charities/Community Interest Companies (CICs)) with an average annual income of under £200,000.
- **London Fund**  
A £2m fund for London charities affected by Coronavirus is being set up by the Greater London Authority and City Bridge Trust. Grants will be available to organisations facing COVID-19 related challenges, such as increasing demand for services, higher staff absences, fewer volunteers and lower donations. Full details of the fund will be published soon on the [London Funders website](#).
- **Salford Crisis Fund**  
The Salford Crisis Fund is a responsive fund offering VCSE organisations grants of up to £500 to help address immediate need arising from the Coronavirus crisis.
- **Somerset Community Foundation**  
The Somerset Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund will be used to provide grants on a rolling basis. The intention is to combine funds raised locally with money received through the NET appeal.
- **Steve Morgan Foundation**  
The Steve Morgan Foundation has committed up to £1m a week to support charities and not-for-profit organisations in Merseyside, Cheshire and North Wales that have been impacted by COVID-19. The application form can be found [here](#).
- **Suffolk Community Foundation**  
The Suffolk Coronavirus Community Fund is providing grants for a variety of Coronavirus related projects, including those supporting the ongoing needs of vulnerable people, foodbanks and community response co-ordination.
- **Two Ridings Community Foundation**  
The Coronavirus Community Fund will support community organisations to deliver new and existing projects, including advice and initiatives for vital community services.
- **Wiltshire Community Foundation**  
The Wiltshire and Swindon Coronavirus Response Fund will be delivered alongside the NET funding. Grants will be distributed to local charities and organisations by the Wiltshire Community Foundation. Priority will be given to organisations supporting individuals who are most affected by the Coronavirus outbreak in Wiltshire and Swindon. You can contact the Grants Team [here](#).
- **Worthing Community Chest**  
Grants are available of up to £250 for ad hoc, neighbourhood projects that have been set up in response to Coronavirus. Groups can apply by emailing [grants@worthingcommunitychest.org](mailto:grants@worthingcommunitychest.org).
- **Young Barnet Foundation**  
The Barnet Fund will support local grassroots organisations. It is expected that more information will be available shortly.

**All information as available at time of posting.**

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