



SPECIAL EDITION

COVID 19 - FUNDING and GRANTS INFORMATION

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***Edition 3** of the usual funding bulletin as it contains specific grant aid and funding information in response to the current Coronavirus – Covid 19 pandemic.*

Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund

Grants are available for mental health voluntary and community sector organisations in England to respond to an anticipated increase in need as a direct result of Covid 19.

There are two sizes of grant available small grants of up to £20,000 and large grants up to £50,000. The minimum grant available is £5,000. Funding has been made available from the Department of Health and Social Care. Funding for projects lasting up to 12 months.

The aim of the fund is to enable increased availability of mental health support during the Covid 19 crisis, delivered for people experiencing or at risk of developing mental health problems. The funding is intended to:

- Mobilise rapid support as the demand grows by funding expert organisations across England.
- Provide an increase in effective services, preventing escalation of need, reducing waiting lists and enable providers to flex their services for vulnerable groups.

England based mental health organisations from the community and voluntary sector can apply including registered charities, Community Interest Companies, Charitable Incorporated Organisations and Companies limited by Guarantee.

Funding will support the scaling up of activities, adapting existing activities and introducing new activities.

Applications need to be submitted through the Flexigrant Application Portal provided by Mind. The portal can be accessed through the website of Mind. The application should take no longer than 30 minutes. The fund will remain open for mental health voluntary sector organisations for as long as the fund remains.

There are cut off dates for applications to be considered at specific panel meetings.

The next dates are applications submitted by 8 May will receive a decision by 28 May 2020.

For further information: www.mind.org.uk/news-campaigns/campaigns/coronavirus-mental-health-response-fund/

Small Grants for Mental Health Related Projects – National Survivor User Network (NSUN) Covid 19 Fund

The NSUN will be launching a new grant fund for peer support, community action and mutual aid for mental health during Covid 19 at the end of April.

As part of the Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (details above), NSUN are administering a smaller fund to support user led organisations and smaller unconstituted community groups in England who might not be eligible for a grant.

Grants of up to £1,000 will be available to support peer support and community action and other activities that will make a direct difference to the lives of people living with mental ill health, trauma and distress during Covid 19.

To be eligible to apply you must be a member of NSUN, membership is free for user led organisations and community groups.

Groups without a bank account may still be able to apply to find out about eligibility contact NSUN by email covidfund@nsun.org.uk

Alpkit Foundation

Grants are available for organisations serving those affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The maximum available grant is £500.

The Alpkit Foundation supports projects that champion education, participation, environment, diversity and health. The Foundation are currently prioritising their funds to support projects that demonstrate an immediate impact on those affected by Covid 19.

Eligible projects include:

- Help to elderly or vulnerable people
- Minimising the impact of self isolation
- Supporting food banks
- Supporting those who are homeless or in temporary accommodation
- Bringing adventure indoors

Applications need to be submitted online.

For further information: www.alpkit.com/blogs/foundation/adapting-to-the-coronavirus-crisis

One Family Community Grants – Covid 19

One Family's Community Grants is a programme open to One Family customers providing funding up to £2,500 to local groups, charities and causes.

For the current round customers can nominate an established charity or group which is either:

- Providing support to those that been affected by coronavirus
- Struggling to maintain their usual services due to coronavirus

Nominations close on Tuesday 12 May 2020.

For further information: www.onefamily.com/your-foundation/community-grants/

English Cricket Board – Emergency Support Programmes for Cricket Clubs and Leagues

Cricket clubs and leagues are now able to apply for two new funding schemes specifically designed to help see them through the Covid 19 pandemic.

There are two schemes:

- Emergency Loan Scheme – aims to support affiliated cricket clubs by providing funding to assist clubs to cover any shortfall in essential day to day running and maintenance costs. Awards are up to £5,000 for clubs with a junior section and up to £3,000 for clubs with an adult section only.
- Return to Cricket Grant Scheme – aims to provide cricket clubs and leagues with assistance in exceptional circumstances

Applications can be generated from:

- Clubs that are prevented from taking out an Emergency Loan by their own constitution or articles
- Cricket leagues (open age or junior)
- Clubs that have an annual turnover of less than £15,000

For further information: www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/emergency-support-programmes

Support Adoption for Pets

UK charity that supports charities and not for profit organisations whose main activity is either:

- The rescue and rehoming of UK pets or
- The provision of temporary support to ensure pets can remain with their owners.

Support Adoption for Pets funds projects which have a direct impact on animal welfare.

In light of the Covid 19 situation the charity will only fund vet bills, boarding costs, food, salaries of non furloughed staff, animal care, staff and utilities and consumables.

Grants range from £1,000 to £180,000

For further information: www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk/grant-programme/

Buttle UK – Chances for Children – Covid 19 Response

During the current health crisis Buttle UK is still fully operational, and committed to maintaining the distribution of the Chances for Children grants as closely to normal as possible.

For many of the children and young people, the crisis is amplifying the difficulties that already exist in their lives, increasing their isolation and forcing them to spend many more hours in homes that lack the bare essentials and comforts most of us take for granted.

The Chances for Children grants will be targeted at improving the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people and their capacity to engage in education and learning. However, they will be tailored to meet current and changing needs as the immediate, and longer-term, impact of Covid 19.

Due to restrictions placed on the UK population because of COVID-19, Buttle UK will not be providing funding for leisure activities, family days out, counseling or anything that involves being in the community for the foreseeable future.

For the duration of these restrictions the support will focus more on:

- Maintaining educational activity and stimulus within the home environment
- Establishing and or maintaining internet access and electronic communications
- Household essentials

For further information: www.buttleuk.org/news/buttle-uks-covid-19-response

Big Society Capital – Social Sector Organisations During Covid 19

Big Society Capital has announced a £100 million programme of loans and investment to help get emergency funding to social enterprises, charities and small businesses in disadvantaged parts of the UK that are affected by the coronavirus Covid 19 pandemic.

Big Society Capital measures include:

- A new £25 million Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF) will provide charities and social enterprises with emergency loans with flexibility in terms
- Smaller emergency loans will also be made available to small businesses and social enterprises in deprived areas
- Up to a further £50 million which Big Society Capital will reprioritise and repurpose over the coming months to address emerging funding needs among social enterprises and charities.

For further information: www.bigsocietycapital.com/covid-19-information-social-investors/how-big-society-capital-responding-coronavirus-crisis/

Antonio Carluccio Foundation

In light of the current crisis the foundation is extending the level of grants for 2020 to charities working in areas of need can apply for grants up to £10,000 who are promoting better understanding of food origins and nutrition and supporting organisations working to feed those most in need.

For further information: www.antoniocarlocciofoundation.org/covid-19-response/

Persimmon Homes – Community Champions

From April 2020 all funding will go directly to supporting the over 70's. Complete the online form to explain why your group or charity deserves a donation.

For further information: www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/

Funding Reminders

East Midlands Airport – Covid 19

Voluntary, community and charitable organisations that are helping people during the Covid 19 crisis can apply for funding from an initial £26,000 fund and/or voluntary help from airport staff.

Applicants must be within the defined geographical areas to receive support. Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

For further information: www.westbridgfordwire.com/east-midlands-airport-launches-covid-19-relief-fund-for-communities-see-how-to-apply/

This fund is receiving a high number of applications.

Derbyshire County Council – Members Community Leadership Scheme

Organisations can approach their elected Derbyshire County Councillor in Erewash for funding support through the elected member's community leadership scheme. Funding can support projects and schemes with a community benefit. Any allocations made are within the electoral division the county councillor serves.

The elected member will put the application in on behalf of the group which will be judged through the normal system for assessing applications.

Organisations must be constituted and have a bank account.

Any award made will be at the discretion of Derbyshire County Council.

This fund has recently had extra cash to boost the existing funds available.

Funding Information

Charity Funding from the Government

The Government is providing a £750 million support package for UK charities during the coronavirus outbreak. The government is currently drawing up plans for the design and delivery of the funding including money delivered through the National Lottery Community Fund.

£360 million will be allocated by the government departments to charities providing 'key services' and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis. What constitutes a vulnerable person is still to be determined. This includes:

- £200 million for hospices to increase capacity and stability
- St John Ambulance to support the NHS
- Citizens Advice to increase the number of staff providing advice and for charities supporting vulnerable children

In addition smaller pots of funding have been announced for charities working in the following areas:

- £2 million for charities that provide domestic abuse helplines and online support
- £20 million for international development charities and a further £50 million for the Red Cross for their work in difficult areas such as those suffering from armed conflict
- £5 million for leading mental health charities to expand services

£370 million will be provide to small and medium charities through the National Lottery Community Fund including those delivering food, essential medicine and providing financial advice. The majority of the funding will go to organisations with incomes under £1 million with most grants up to £100,000. The NLCF has said it considers diversity and inclusion issues throughout their decision making process.

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