Covid19 Special Edition covers resources and grants we are aware of at this point in time. It is aimed at the voluntary sector, however we have also included some information for individuals and businesses.

Businesses will find more information [here](#) and individuals can also find more details about grants from [Turn2Us](#).

We will update this edition on a weekly basis (every Friday) and post it directly onto our website (no email will be sent), new articles to this newsletter will be marked as \*NEW\* and the ones updated from a previous edition \*UPDATED\*.

If you know of other funding opportunities or resources you would like to share or would like to give us feedback on this Special Edition please contact: Veronique.poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk

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Resources

360Giving - *UPDATED*

360Giving help organisations openly publish grants data, and help people use it to improve charitable giving.

360Giving call on funders to do a small task to make a huge difference to the sector’s ability to coordinate: publish their grants data openly in the 360Giving Data Standard, and include ‘COVID19’ in grants given in response to the crisis.

Funders have so far awarded more than £11m in Covid-19 grants and the grants tracker finds that 814 grants have been awarded to 776 recipients. These have been given by 25 funders and total £11,019,388.

They have also launched a visualisation and bespoke lists to help funders see which other funders share their recipients, and coordinate better on their responses.

Tel: 020 3752 5775 Email: info@threesixtygiving.org

Charity Commission - Annual Returns

Charities that are due to submit an Annual Return imminently, but feel unable to do so, can call the Commission to request a filing extension.

The Commission wants to assure charities that their approach to regulation during this period will be as flexible and supportive as possible.

Where you face real and urgent legal issues, you should take advice.

Tel: 0300 066 9197

Charity Finance Group - Lost income

Many organisations are likely to take a hit on income from fundraising or trading. Fundraising events may be cancelled, and charity shops or venues may be closed.

Charity Finance Group has advice on measures that charities should be taking to deal with this eventuality – including on issues around whether insurance covers some of the costs involved.

Tel: 0845 345 3192 Email: info@cfg.org.uk

Children’s Commissioner – Children’s Guide to Coronavirus

Children’s Commissioner, Anne Longfield promotes and protects the rights of children, especially the most vulnerable, and stands up for their views and interests.
There have been big changes in our lives because of coronavirus, so the Children’s Commissioner has created a children’s guide to coronavirus to help explain the situation.

The guide aims to answer children’s questions about coronavirus, tell children how to stay safe and protect other people and how to help them make the best of their time at home.

The website also contains resources for parents with a list of handy, free online activities and materials to use at home.

Tel: 020 7783 8330 Email: info.request@childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

**Communications Planning**

CharityComms is the membership network for communications professionals working in UK charities. They help raise the standards of communications across the sector, to fly the flag for communications as a vital strategic function at the heart of charities, and to connect communications professionals through sharing best practice.

Charity Comms offers a free emergency communications planning template. The same page includes links to online advice guides.

**Companies House - Support for Businesses Hit by COVID-19**

Changes announced recently, will help businesses avoid being struck off the Companies House register as they deal with the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

Companies House will temporarily pause the strike off process to prevent companies being dissolved. This will give businesses affected by the coronavirus outbreak the time they need to update their records and help them avoid being struck off the register.

In addition, companies issued with a late filing penalty due to COVID-19 will have appeals treated sympathetically.

Companies will temporarily be extended greater flexibilities, including holding AGMs online or postponing the meetings.

**Crowdfunder - Hastings Relief Fund**

Several charities and community initiatives have responded rapidly to meet the needs of local people, for practical help and emotional support. The situation has changed quickly, and in some cases additional costs have been incurred in order to help people. Hastings Voluntary Action has been asked to set up a Hastings Relief Fund to receive donations and distribute them quickly to local organisations that are helping local people during this pandemic.

The Fund has now reached 30% of its target. Many local residents have been supported by charities and community initiatives, for example with food deliveries to the doorstep, or a friendly telephone call to someone who is isolated.

Tel: 01424 444 010
Crowdfunder UK – Pay It Forward
Crowdfunder’s Pay It Forward is offering 100% free crowd-funding for businesses, sports and social clubs throughout the crisis (i.e. you won’t pay any fees).

They’ve also partnered up with Enterprise Nation, who will be providing access to free training and support for business with online sales, marketing and finance

Contact Form

Disability Grants News - Self Isolation Resources
This website is aimed at individuals with a disability and parents/carers of a disabled child or adult. It lists grants from charities and Trusts that will provide funding towards the cost of disability equipment, holidays, housing, days out, etc.

The organisation publishes regular newsletters and to help through this current health crisis they are focusing this month on resources to support disabled people at home. The newsletter contains details about grants, support and resources available.

Email: contact@disability-grants.org

Funders - What to Expect
In recognition of these challenging times and the rapidly changing nature of coronavirus (Covid-19), various funders have provided messages of support and reassurance to applicants and grantees. These include Sussex Community Foundation, Arts Council England and many more.

London Funders has coordinated and released a joint statement, signed by an alliance of funders from across sectors/geographical areas - pledging to offer support to civil society groups affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

They recognise that there may be further shocks to the system caused by covid-19 that may impact on not for profits other income streams or require a more urgent response from funders. Where they have any news on emergency funding, they commit to publishing this on the London Funders web page so you can see all available programmes in one place.

Giving World – Supplies of Essential Goods
Giving World is a national charity which supplies essentials including shampoo, bedding, nappies, washing powder and warm, clean clothing to the people in the medically shielded groups and other vulnerable people free of cost. They are also providing patients and frontline staff with changes of clothing and personal hygiene products.

Every product distributed is supporting beneficiaries who have been made more vulnerable because of COVID-19, including the elderly, vulnerable children and families, the homeless hurriedly rehoused into empty council flats, and many more.

Tel: 0116 251 6205 Email: info@givingworld.org.uk
**Good Finance - COVID-19 Resource Hub for Charities and Social Enterprises**

*Good Finance*’s mission is to help charities and social enterprises navigate the world of social investment. This page contains information, resources and tools designed to support charities and social enterprises navigating COVID-19.

Email: iranjan@goodfinance.org.uk

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**The King’s Fund - Leading Through Covid-19: Supporting Health and Care Leaders in Unprecedented Times**

The health and care system is facing a huge challenge, placing enormous pressure on health and care staff with unprecedented demands on leaders, wherever they work.

These pages aim to provide support to health and care leaders, whether you are working in the NHS, social care, public health or the voluntary and independent sector.

Contact Form

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**The National Careers Service – Free Careers Advice**

The *National Careers Service* provides access to independent, impartial and professional advice on careers, skills, and the labour market. The service is available online, and through advisers on the telephone and, ordinarily, face-to-face in the community to anyone aged 13 and above. The service encourages citizens to use the self-serve online tools available on the website, however more intensive support is available to those who may need more help in developing their career management skills and progressing in work or learning. The National Careers Service has announced that it is adapting the way it delivers its offering to ensure it can continue to provide an uninterrupted service to thousands of citizens across the South East.

The free service can support individuals to:

- Build confidence
- Complete a skills assessment
- Review/ update their CV
- Develop online interview skills
- Identify online training opportunities
- Get new qualifications
- Plan the next steps of their career

The National Careers Service is completely free of charge, and accessible to anyone aged 13+ and living in England. To access the service, call.

Tel: 0800 100 900                      Email: juliainshaw@cxk.org
National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) – KnowHow - *UPDATED*

NCVO champion the voluntary sector by connecting, representing and supporting voluntary organisations. Their guidance and resources support charities, voluntary organisations and volunteers during the covid-19 pandemic.

NCVO KnowHow provides knowledge and e-learning for charities, social enterprises and community groups

They have made their member-only resources free to everyone because of the current situation, as they think it is important people have the guidance they need to run their organisations during this time.

If you are looking for advice on coronavirus and your charity, please see the dedicated coronavirus page.

Contact Form

National Youth Agency

The National Youth Agency provides advice, guidance, support and tools for youth workers during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Neighbourly Community Fund - COVID-19 Rapid Response

With the support of 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 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.

Tel: 0117 422 0866   Email: hello@neighbourly.com

Newspapers Covid-19 Emergency Appeals

The Sunday Times and The Telegraph have launched emergency coronavirus appeals to help charities during the crisis.

The Telegraph appeal has launched in partnership with the charity Turn2Us, which distributes millions of pounds each year in direct grants to those in serious financial difficulties, and provides practical information and support online.
Turn2Us will provide crisis grants to those affected by Covid-19, helping older people, single parents and families who are unable to work to pay bills and make essential purchases.

The Sunday Times appeal looks to support schools through the Covid-19 crisis via its partnership with the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF).

The money will be used to support charities and schools in their efforts to get the best help to those who need it most. This is to ensure no child goes hungry, provide practical guidance and resources for home learning, and provide catch-up teaching for children at risk of falling behind.

**OneFamily Foundation – Nominate a Charity to Receive a Grant**

*NEW*

Are you a OneFamily Foundation customer? The OneFamily Foundation is inviting its customers to nominate a local charity, group or cause for a Community Grant of up to £2,500 to help them to continue providing support to those affected by the coronavirus, or who themselves are struggling to maintain their usual services.

Examples for nominations might include foodbanks, support groups or homeless charities. The Foundation has already helped more than two hundred good causes deliver projects such as helping disability charities invest in their resources, and community groups tackle isolation amongst the older generation.

Nominations for this round close on 12th May 2020.

Email: customerservices@onefamily.com

**Power to Change**

Power to Change has partnered with Practical Governance to help community businesses connect and support each other, and to better understand the needs in facing this pandemic.

Power to Change is also offering a small fee for community business leaders willing to share their experience.

[Join the Community Business Mutual Aid Network](#)

Power to Change have compiled all of the funding available for community businesses, from local and national schemes, and they will endeavour to keep this document as up to date as possible.

Email: info@powertochange.org.uk

**Premier League Footballers - Fund to Support NHS Charities**

Premier League footballers have launched a multimillion-pound fund to support NHS charities in response to the coronavirus crisis.

It has been set up and organised by the Professional Footballers’ Association, supported by the Premier League and the 20 captains.
The PFA have already paid in £1.5 million with a personal donation while the players are making personal donations and also donations from their monthly salaries.

It added that it would partner with NHS Charities Together (NHSCT), which represents over 140 NHS charities, to “assist them in generating and distributing funds quickly and efficiently to where they are needed most.”

**Rosa**

*Rosa* is a grant making charity that funds grassroots women’s organisations to help to make the UK a fairer, safer place for women.

Rosa have set up pages with funding, resources, and updates. They are also having conversation with grantees, corporates, and funders to look at how they can create emergency funding to support women’s organisations in the UK.

Tel: 020 7697 3466  
Email: info@rosauk.org

**Small Charities Coalition**

The *Small Charities Coalition* exists to make life easier for small charities. They currently have over 9,000 UK-wide members and have made it their mission to provide them with relevant support and make their voices heard. They have produced a number of resources and support pages for small charities to help them during this period.

Tel: 0300 466 2011  
Email: info@smallcharities.org.uk

**Social Enterprise UK**

Social Enterprise UK will be regularly updating their website with the latest news and resources to help the sector collectively get through the coming weeks.

Their briefing *Support for Social Enterprises* is a recently updated guide to the support and resources available to help the social enterprise community at this time from accessing loans through the COVID-19 Business Interruption Loan Scheme to business rates relief. The briefing now contains information on the Job Retention Scheme, three-month VAT deferrals and the news that contracts in public sector should be guaranteed till 30th June 2020.

Tel: 020 3589 4950

**South East Creatives Workshop and Mentoring - *UPDATE***

This service is targeted at creative, cultural and digital sectors and is now being offered online. Webinars are being delivered during May which are free to attend, for more information visit South East Creatives event page. Further support is also available for eligible creative businesses including mentoring, weekly accountability sessions and more in-depth webinars, to find out if you are eligible please visit the South East Creatives website.
**Spotify - COVID-19 Music Relief**

Spotify COVID-19 Music Relief project, which lets anyone donate to verified organizations offering financial relief to artists and industry professionals. To start, Spotify is working with MusiCares, PRS Foundation and Help Musicians. Spotify will match donations dollar-for-dollar (up to $10 million) made to its Spotify COVID-19 Music Relief page.

Spotify is also working on a tool that will allow artists to fundraise on their Spotify artist profile pages. They'll be able to raise funds for themselves or other artists in need. That feature isn't ready yet, but artists can sign up to receive more info when it's available. Spotify is also pointing artists towards music-making services like SoundBetter, Soundtrap and Anchor's Listener Support, all of which are offering discounts at the moment.

**Support for Theatre Professionals**

In light of the closure of many UK theatres due to the Covid-19 virus, leading theatrical charities have come together to centralise information about how and where you can access support if you work in the theatre industry.

Not sure where to go? Here's a handy flow chart to help out.

Some of the larger charities have generously offered to act as conduits for certain areas of the industry. They may pass you on to another organisation better placed to help you.

Tel: 0800 915 4617  
Email: advice@theatrehelpline.org

**Support for the UK’s Social Sector Organisations - *UPDATED* **

A new programme of loans and investment is being put together 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 has announced the new measures will include:

- A new £25 million Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund will provide social enterprises and charities with emergency loans with no fees or interest for 12 months
- Up to a further £50 million which Big Society Capital will reprioritise and repurpose over coming months to address emerging funding needs among social enterprises and charities, either through the Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund or alternative funding vehicles as appropriate

Tel: 020 7186 2500  
Email: enquiries@bigsocietycapital.com

**Support to Keep Your Sport Club Running**

Clubs and organisations all over the country are experiencing lots of challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sport England has set up a Club Matters page with plenty of tools and ideas to help keep your club functioning and working with your members and customers. Visit their page here.
Active Sussex has also created their own Active at Home webpage specifically for clubs, coaches and volunteers, aiming to:

- Help you stay connected with your members or participants
- Provide supporting guidance and development opportunities

**Train Line – Promote A Charity - *NEW***

Train Line wants to help spotlight heroes, from mental health charities to foodbanks. Some charities may not have the ability to spread the word and champion their work helping communities affected by Covid19, so Train Line wants to help connect their customers to local and national charities that need support, now, more than ever.

Train Line is using their website and app to share important public health messaging - such as Stay Home, Save Lives - and shine a light on the work of charities delivering crucial support for communities at this time across the UK. Throughout May, customers will see messages from these organisations in their product, emails, social media posts and other communications too.

You may have already made your own charitable donations, but if you’d like to nominate a charity for Train Line to shout about, email them, telling them about the great work your nominated charity is doing in no more than 50 words.

Email: charities@trainline.com

**Third Sector – Fundraising Conference – 20th – 21st May 2020 – Free Tickets for Charities - *NEW***

Third Sector exists to support charities and they know the pressures which these extraordinary times are placing on organisations like yours. Third Sector’s Fundraising Conference, on 20th – 21st May, will now be run online and will be free to attend for all registered charities.

The programme will cover:

- Key Topics: Fundraising in the coronavirus pandemic and beyond
- Identify: New revenue streams - diversify and grow your fundraising
- Adapt: Build a fundraising framework for business continuity and risk management
- Engage: Support volunteers and donors to raise funds
- Build: New fundraising strategies and practices to create sustained regeneration

You will be able to:

- Learn from sector leaders about how to reach out to supporters in the current crisis and how to plan your strategy for the year ahead
- Explore the success and failures of brilliant case studies that show you what worked, what didn’t and how to pivot
- Network digitally with speakers via online questions and contact other attendees to arrange video chats
**Turn2us**

Turn2us is a national charity helping people when times get tough. They provide financial support to help people get back on track.

Turn2us have launched a [Coronavirus Appeal](#) to raise vital funds to sustain and build their response to the impact it is having on people’s lives and household incomes.

Turn2us have seen an unprecedented demand for their services, including three times the number of visitors to the website - seeking information on what benefits they can claim.

They have also stepped up their grant giving (see article under Trusts and Foundations) and are quickly exploring more ways of offering support to people struggling financially because of coronavirus.

Many may be experiencing difficulties or are confused about what entitlements are due to coronavirus. To help, below are some useful links on the website:

- [Benefits and Coronavirus](#)
- [Benefits Calculator](#)
- [Grants Search](#)

**Utility Networks Announce Fast Funds for Communities During COVID-19 Crisis - *NEW***

UK Power Networks, SGN, Southern Water, Thames Water, Anglian Water, Affinity Water, SES Water and South East Water have announced that they are collaborating on a regional initiative looking out for their local communities as part of their ongoing work to help people living in vulnerable circumstances.

The rapid funding will reach local charities supported by local community foundations in the various areas including Sussex.

Further details will be shared when available.

**Versus Arthritis – Chatbot**

Versus Arthritis has developed an [AI chatbot](#) for people with arthritis and other musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions affected by Covid-19. It says it is the first coronavirus chatbot to be developed specifically for people with a long-term health condition in the UK.

Versus Arthritis had been experiencing a significant increase in demand on its helpline, website, online community and social media channels.

COVA incorporates health information with answers from Versus Arthritis as well as the British Society for Rheumatology, the NHS and GOV.UK.

The virtual assistant is designed to guide users to the most relevant answer with buttons on four key areas: medical advice, guidance on isolation, maintaining mental and physical health and managing work and finances.
COVA utilises a coronavirus risk calculator developed by the British Society of Rheumatology to help people with arthritis and MSK conditions assess whether they are more vulnerable and should self-shield.

The charity is looking to expand COVA with a full text-chat interface in the coming weeks.

Tel: 0300 790 0400  Email: enquiries@versusarthritis.org
**Research and Intelligence**

*Covid Symptom Tracker App*

By using this app individuals can contribute to advance vital research on COVID-19. The app will be used to study the symptoms of the virus and track how it spreads.

The [COVID Symptom Tracker](#) was designed by doctors and scientists at King's College London, Guys and St Thomas' Hospitals working in partnership with ZOE Global Ltd – a health science company.

This research aims to help scientists understand COVID-19, with the following specific aims:

- Better understand symptoms of COVID-19
- Understand how fast the virus is spreading in your area
- Identify high risk areas in the country
- Identify who is most at risk by better understanding symptoms linked to health conditions
- In the future they hope they will be able to use this data to help the NHS support sick individuals

*Ipsos Mori - Life Under Lockdown: Coronavirus in the UK*

A major new [survey](#) of the UK public by King's College London in partnership with Ipsos MORI shows there is strong understanding of the realities of Covid-19 and support for the government's measures – but there also remain widespread misperceptions, and many are struggling with life under "lockdown".

The survey is based on 2,250 interviews with UK residents aged 18-75 and was carried out between 1st and 3rd April 2020.

The full report for charts and detailed analysis can be found [here](#).

Tel: 020 3059 5000

[Contact Form](#)

*New Exercise Habits Forming During Coronavirus Crisis*

[Active Sussex](#) highlights the latest research from Sport England, showing that almost two thirds of adults consider exercise to be more important than ever during the current Covid-19 crisis.

The research also shows that some people are finding it harder to be active than others during lockdown – including older people, those on a low income and people living alone.

Email: [info@activesussex.org](mailto:info@activesussex.org)

*Open Data Institute*

To help make more data to help with tackling Covid-19 and its impacts available as open data, the [Open Data Institute](#) is running a programme of free support to people and organisations who have data they think could help the world to navigate the pandemic.
While collecting this data is essential, making the data as open as possible should be the next step to enable more people to make the decisions needed to tackle the virus and its impacts.

You might be:

- A public authority collecting data about Covid-19 and the capacity of the health system
- A developer building a symptom checking app who wants to contribute the data collected to inform a national or international response
- A researcher conducting a survey about attitudes and behaviours of people to public health interventions
- A company with data about consumer demand or business impact which could be of benefit in addressing supply chain concerns
- A charity with information about how vulnerable people are coping with the coronavirus crisis

These are just a few examples. If you don’t fit into any of these categories, but have data you think could be useful, want to share it and look at ways of making it open, please get in touch with the Institute.

They can help you with technology, licensing, anonymisation, ethics, and governance; if they can’t help, they’ll endeavour to put you in touch with someone who can.

Contact


The COVID-19 pandemic has led to many communities and organisations developing ways to support each other, especially those most vulnerable. Evidence shows that having someone to rely on in times of trouble is the top driver of a high-wellbeing nation.

Yet, there is already evidence showing that 5% of the UK population feel chronically lonely, and the overlap between loneliness and those at risk of low wellbeing. With physical distancing, being on lockdown, and relying increasingly on technology to connect, there is a risk that loneliness will increase along with social isolation.

In order to help tackle this issue, the Behavioural Science and Health academic research team at University College London are recruiting as many people, across as diverse a spectrum as possible, to take part in the study into how loneliness, social isolation and physical distancing are affecting mental health. 45,000 people have already signed up, but more are needed.

The results from the first week of the survey are now available online, and some of the key findings include:

- Individuals with mental health conditions are showing marked less confidence in government
- Confidence in accessing essentials (such as food, medicines and electricity) is mixed
- People with physical and (in particular) mental health conditions are particularly worried about not being able to access essentials
• Key workers, younger adults, those living in overcrowded households, and individuals with health conditions (especially mental health conditions) are reporting more daily stressors
• Concern for family and friends and getting food are ranking as the most prevalent stressors (reported by over half of the sample); more prevalent than catching or becoming seriously ill from Covid-19
• Types of stressors are varying substantially by age and existing mental and physical health conditions, and key workers are substantially more worried about work than non-key workers
• Amongst major stressors, women and younger adults are reporting more major stressors, as are key workers, people living in overcrowded houses, people of lower income, and people with physical and (in particular) mental health conditions

The results from the study will help understand the wellbeing effects of this virus on individuals. They will help to:

• Track trajectories of mental health and loneliness in the UK over the coming weeks
• Identify which groups are most at risk
• Understand the effects of any potentially protective activities people could be engaging in
• Inform the advice that people are given about how to stay well at home
• Develop ways to support people psychologically and socially during this outbreak

Public data will be released each week and the study is open to all adults in the UK and involves answering a 15-minute online survey now and then answering a shorter 10-minute follow-up survey once a week whilst social isolation measures are in place.

Email: info@whatworkswellbeing.org

Young Foundation Project to Track Impact of Pandemic on Communities

The Young Foundation has launched a project to capture the social impact of the coronavirus on individuals and communities across the UK.

The Foundation is asking people over the age of 18 to share their day-to-day experiences of the pandemic via an online platform over the next three months. This will then create a digital archive of life during a pandemic.

The study is underpinned by two types of opt-in “missions”. There is one confidential mission, where data shared can only be used anonymously for research purposes, and one social mission meaning that data and stories shared will be available for anyone to view and download.

Depending on the choice of mission, participants will answer a series of questions online and be asked to share examples, photos and views on what they are seeing and experiencing in their communities. Content in the form of text and photos can be shared with consent, creating an archive of content.

The missions will be live on enquire for three months. The insights will be compiled and published on nQuire and on The Young Foundation website, alongside first-person stories from around the UK, in summer 2020.
A deeper analysis of the data will go on to contribute to a wider research study into the long-term impacts of a society changed by contagion.

Email: research@youngfoundation.org
Local Support and Information

**Active Sussex**
Active Sussex has created their own [Active at Home webpage](#) specifically for clubs, coaches and volunteers, aiming to:

- Help you stay connected with your members or participants
- Provide supporting guidance and development opportunities

Email: [info@activesussex.org](mailto:info@activesussex.org)

**Business East Sussex - Guidance for Employers and Businesses**
The [website](#) will be regularly updated with information and guidance for businesses and employers regarding the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, including information on:

- Finance
- Business continuity (including local support)
- General guidance
- Webinars and Training

Business navigators across East Sussex, Essex, Kent, Medway, Southend and Thurrock are available for free discussions via phone or email to answer questions and concerns, as well as point organisations in the right direction for external or government advice.

The website also provides tips on home working, hosting online meetings and other aspects of remote working.

**Councils for Voluntary Services**
Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) offer a wide variety of services and support for local organisations, for example training, or advice on funding. All three Councils for Voluntary Services in East Sussex have listed Covid-19 specific resources on their websites:

- [3VA](#)
- [Hastings Voluntary Action](#)
- [Rother Voluntary Action](#)

**East Sussex County Council – Children’s Certificate for Staying Indoors**
As a thank you to all the children who have stayed indoors, not always understanding why they can’t go out and see their friends East Sussex County Council is providing a [certificate](#) for parents/carers to print out.
It’s a way for the children to communicate with each other. And sends a message to the vulnerable and elderly to say we are thinking of you and we hope these rainbows will give you some joy.

If you have a printer at home, we’ve made this A4 sized certificate that you can download and print. If you don’t have a printer handy, do you have a friend who could print it for you and send it to you in the post?

Contact Details

**Hastings Museum Seeks Volunteers to Keep Covid-19 Journals - *NEW***

Hastings Museum and Art Gallery is calling out for volunteers to keep a diary of these Coronavirus days.

People can write about their individual experience of living day-to-day through the COVID-19 crisis, and how this is impacting on their work, hobbies, relationships, family life, emotions and perspectives on life. They can write as much or as little as they like but should write something every day.

Things you could write about:

- What’s happened to day
- How this has changed the way you live your life/spend your day
- Things you are finding difficult
- How you are keeping busy/calm/fit/well
- Things that have made you laugh or cry – even small things are important
- How do you cope with boredom – are you learning new skills?
- Keeping in contact with friends and relatives. Adapting to new technology
- Anything you have discovered about yourself, or about people around you
- How you think this experience might change you, your family and friends, or the wider community

Remember sounds are always interesting and can evoke fresh memories: change in traffic noise; bird song; children.

The Museum is hoping the journals will point up happy experiences as well as difficult ones.

If you live in or around Hastings and are interested in taking part, [email](mailto:email) the museum and they will then contact you.

**Local Authorities - Community Hubs**

Local authorities are also working in collaboration with partner organisations, voluntary and community groups to support those who are vulnerable and isolated who may require additional support during the Covid-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

Community Hubs (see [leaflet](#) at the end of this document) have now been set up for community members who are vulnerable and isolated to provide them with the support they
need to allow them to stay at home. If you are classified as "extremely vulnerable" under the government's definition, please register [here](#).

The East Sussex Community Hubs are:

- Hastings Community Hub
- Lewes-Eastbourne Community Hub
- Rother Community Hub
- Wealden Community Hub

**Local Authorities – Covid-19 Information**

Local authorities have all set up pages with key information for residents, businesses and voluntary sector organisations:

- [East Sussex County Council](#)
- Hastings Borough Council
- Lewes and Eastbourne Council
- Rother District Council
- Wealden District Council

**Local Grants**

**Big Local North East Hastings - Covid19 Support Grant Scheme - *NEW***

Big Local North East Hastings has replaced its usual Small Grants scheme with a special Covid19 Support grant for not-for-profit organisations who can deliver projects to assist Big Local residents during lockdown. Grants of up to £2,000 are available and the Resident Led Partnership that delivers the programme are keen to receive safe and innovative applications.

**Devonshire West Big Local**

In order to help local communities cope with the new demands from the covid19 pandemic [Devonshire West Big Local](#) have announced that they will be releasing funds to help local communities in the crisis.

Some of these activities may include providing food to local residents, help people to stay in touch with each other so not to become lonely or offering delivery services to those who are unable to leave their home.

If you are involved with a local community project that benefits residents in the Devonshire West area and meet the criteria shown in the guidance, then you would be invited to apply for a funding grant of up to £3,000.

This is a rolling programme to help local community deal with the current crisis and the board members are regularly meeting online to discuss funding bids so decisions can be made within 2-3 weeks.

If you need help completing the form, then please contact Sue on 07378 972277.
East Sussex County Council – CV-19 VCSE Emergency Grant Fund

A £300,000 emergency fund has been launched to help charities and not-for-profit organisations continue to support communities through the Covid-19 crisis.

East Sussex County Council is inviting voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations whose income has been significantly affected by the Government’s “stay at home” advice, to apply for a grant.

The CV-19 VCSE Emergency Grant Fund will enable the hardest hit to get a cash boost of up to £50,000 within a matter of days of applying.

As well as creating the emergency grant fund, East Sussex County Council has contributed £100,000 to the Sussex Crisis Fund run by Sussex Community Foundation, from which organisations can apply for up to £5,000 to help them respond to local needs.

The county council is also supporting district and borough councils to provide community hubs – a central point of contact for those who are isolated, anxious or unwell at home and do not have family or friends they can call on.

The CV-19 1 VCSE Emergency Grant Fund is open to any East Sussex-based voluntary, community and social enterprise organisation that relies on an income stream that has been significantly affected by the Government restrictions.

For information about the Coronavirus (Covid-19) and the help and support available, visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/emergencyplanningandcommunitysafety/coronavirus/

Email: external.funding@eastsussex.gov.uk

Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust - *NEW*

The Trust has announced the third round of the Foreshore Trust Combined Small & Events Grant Programme

It is anticipated this grant call will primarily fund organisations to help communities respond to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis. This COVID focussed round will have a quicker turnaround to award grant funding to local organisations that are responding to the challenges within our community presented by the current health pandemic.

Applications will also be considered from organisations which have been indirectly disadvantaged by the pandemic or which bring proposals to enhance social cohesion at the present time.

Grants of up to £6,000 will be awarded to voluntary and community groups providing support within Hastings & St. Leonards. To release the funding as quickly as possible the call will be open for less time than normal. Around £45,000 is available for this programme round.

To request an application pack, which includes grant guidance, please email the Foreshore Trust.

The programme closes at 5pm on Monday 18th May 2020 (approval of the grants anticipated in mid-June 2020).

Email: Foreshore-SE@hastings.gov.uk
**Hastings Borough Council – Business Support Grant Information – “NEW”**

**Lewes/Eastbourne Council - Small Business Grant Fund and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund - “NEW”**

Eastbourne Borough Council and Lewes District Council understand the impact that COVID-19 is having on the business community. This is a priority for them, and they are working hard to support you during these circumstances.

They have worked closely with Ascendant Solutions to provide a [portal](#) that enables businesses to claim a [business support grant](#).

**Lewes Town Council**

Lewes Town Council has earmarked funds which may be available to community groups and organisations working to assist the community during the crisis. These may be existing community groups and associations (e.g. foodbanks), or simply small groups of neighbours who have formed since the emergency began to help each other and others in their area.

**Ridgeview Donating Funds to Hospitality Action**

Ridgeview will donate £2 to the charity for every bottle of Ridgeview Sparkling Wine sold online until the end of May.

**Hospitality Action** is a charity that has been supporting the UK hospitality trade for over 180 years, helping hospitality people in difficulty or crisis.

The charity (HA) is co-ordinating an industry-wide emergency appeal to support impacted workers who can apply for a one-off grant of £250 for immediate help.

The appeal has raised more £123,000 so far, however it is still overwhelmed with applications.

Tel: 01444 242040  
Email: info@ridgeview.co.uk

**Rother District Council – Covid19 Grant Funding - “NEW”**

**Sussex Community Foundation – Sussex Crisis Fund**

Sussex Community Foundation has launched a new £100,000 fund, the [Sussex Crisis Fund](#), to help local charities and community groups, supporting people suffering as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

The Argus Appeal and American Express have both generously donated £50,000 to kick-start the Fund but the Foundation is appealing for local people to add to the new fund to help those most affected in their local communities. An online giving page has been set up, but donors can also give direct to the Foundation.

Examples of work the new fund might support includes helping vulnerable people in self-isolation, support for food banks and organisations working to combat hardship caused by the pandemic or coordinating community response.
The fund also aims to help smaller charities and community groups which are themselves facing financial difficulties, as a result of the outbreak, focusing on those working with communities affected by the virus. This might mean changing the way they work and need to buy additional equipment, in order to carry on providing their services.

A complete list of grants made is here and more information about how to apply, criteria and FAQs are here.

It’s only a month since the Foundation launched the Sussex Crisis Fund and they’ve already raised a £1 million and given grants worth over £500,000.

Tel: 01273 409440       Email: info@sussexgiving.org.uk

**Wealden Covid-19 Business Support Grant**

**Success stories**

**Sussex Freemasons**
Foodbanks across Sussex are to benefit from an immediate grant of £28,000 from Sussex Freemasons. The 14 foodbanks across Sussex will each receive £2,000 from the Sussex Masonic Charity Foundation to support their essential work feeding and sustaining communities in need during this difficult period.

The foodbanks in East Sussex are Rye, Bexhill, Battle, Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven.

With reports indicating a significant rise in demand for foodbank support, but a decrease in donations, the timely funding is to be used solely for the provision of food goods, not wages or expenses.

The grant follows a £30,000 grant from Sussex Freemasons to support the welfare of the NHS staff at six major hospitals across Sussex and the immediate provision of eight mobile phones.

**Rotary Foundation**
Rotary clubs in Eastbourne have secured a £20,000 grant to help supply vital equipment to coronavirus patients in the south east.

The clubs applied for the Rotary Foundation Grant to purchase 18 syringe drivers to assist with the treatment of patients at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust facilities. These are needed for every patient requiring mechanical ventilation to maintain levels of relaxation and sedation and they will also free up considerable nursing time.

The Rotary Foundation internally classified the global pandemic as a disaster, which immediately released one million US dollars in funds that Rotary Districts worldwide could apply for. This will allow clubs across Rotary South East to bid for small coronavirus related matching grants, which they have been using to support local causes.

Rotary Sovereign Harbour secured one of the matching grants to donate food supplies to the Eastbourne Foodbank. This has been replicated across the Rotary District.
Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – REBOOT

The NSPCC have released a statement labelling the current crisis as a ‘perfect storm’ for online grooming and exploitation. With schools now shut, the number of young people reaching out to Childline has spiked and in the first week of ‘lockdown’ 180 counselling sessions were delivered across the South East.

The REBOOT programme in Sussex, established by the office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner in April last year, has already supported 861 vulnerable young people and they have no intention of stopping this support during the ‘lockdown’.

Before, when a young person came to the attention of the police or another partner agency, a Police Community Support Officer would visit the home of the family and REBOOT coaches could step in to offer 1-1 personalised support.

Now, they have digitally adapted the programme and its various stages are conducted via telephone or video conferencing. They have also reached out to partners like Active Sussex who are supplying the young people with links to online activities and using funds available to encourage sports and fitness in gardens by providing equipment.

They are still taking new referrals throughout the crisis. Many young people do not need further intervention past the first stage, but if they do, the nine coaches have increased their current caseloads to help provide support to as many as possible.

Contact Form
Covid-19 Self-employment Income Support Scheme

The Chancellor has announced a scheme to support the UK’s self-employed through the Covid-19 outbreak that will see the self-employed receive up to £2,500 per month in grants for at least three months.

Those who are eligible will receive grants worth 80% of their average monthly trading profit over the last three years. This covers 95% of people who receive the majority of their income from self-employment.

The scheme will cover the three months to May 2020. Grants will be paid in a single lump instalment covering all three months and will start to be paid at the beginning of June. Applicants cannot apply for this scheme yet. HMRC will contact those who are eligible in due course and invite them to apply online.

Tel: 0845 010 9000

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy - Business Support Finder Tool

A new ‘support finder’ tool will help businesses and self-employed people across the UK to quickly and easily determine what financial support is available to them during the coronavirus pandemic.

The finder tool will ask business owners to fill out a simple online questionnaire, which can take minutes to complete, and they will then be directed to a list of all the financial support they may be eligible for. This online questionnaire takes just minutes to complete and will quickly signpost a business to the loans, grants or other schemes they could be eligible for.

More details on support for businesses can be found on the coronavirus business support hub.

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport - Emergency Funding for Community Radio Stations - *NEW*

The Government has announced that the Ofcom-administered Community Radio Fund will be used to provide a lifeline for radio stations hit hardest by the coronavirus/COVID-19. Relevant stations will be invited to bid for emergency grants through Ofcom to help meet their core costs.

A total of £400,000 is available in 2020. There is no limit to how much can be applied for. However, applicants should only apply for what is really needed and should consider which payments could be deferred.

Applications will be accepted from 4th May 2020 until 5pm on 11th May 2020.

Contact Details
**Department for Education - Covid-19 Adoption Support Fund Scheme to Help Vulnerable Families**

Up to £8 million in funding for adoptive families to meet needs arising from coronavirus. Adoptive families will be offered emergency support including online counselling and couples’ therapy as the Government expands the scope of the Adoption Support Fund to meet needs arising from the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The £8 million fund can be used by local authorities and regional adoption agencies to pay for activities such as virtual peer to peer support, access to helplines, couples’ therapy and online counselling, given the social distancing measures that have been brought in by the Government to protect the NHS and save lives.

The therapies available through the COVID-19 Adoption Support Fund will be delivered alongside those already offered by the Fund, such as music activities, play therapy and family support sessions. The Fund will be flexible so that local authorities and regional adoption agencies have discretion to spend their share of the money on the support that adoptive families in their areas need most at this time. The funding aims to help fill gaps in provision caused by the impact of COVID-19, including where local authority staff are unable to attend work due to sickness or self-isolation.

**Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) - COVID-19 Emergency Surplus Food Grants - *UPDATED***

Food redistribution organisations across England are to benefit from £3.25 million of government funding to help them cut food waste and redistribute up to 14,000 tonnes of surplus stock during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Fund will operate over three phases, with applications invited under phases 2 and 3 now being invited.

- **Phase 1**: WRAP has approached a target list of small redistribution organisations who have previously applied to the fund to ascertain their immediate need for potential funding support
- **Phase 2** provides funding opportunities for small surplus food redistributors – closing date 4th June 2020
- **Phase 3** is aimed at medium-to-larger operators – closing date 21st May 2020

The aim of the grant is to assist surplus food redistributors in overcoming challenges that they are currently facing in obtaining surplus food from food businesses (such as retailers and food manufacturers) and distributing this to people in need or those considered vulnerable. The grant can be used to fund both capital and revenue costs associated with redistribution activities such as:

- Access to surplus food through logistical collections
- Sorting, storing, freezing, labelling / repackaging food; and
- Onward distribution of food to charities or end beneficiaries

Phase 2 email: Surplusgrant2@wrap.org.uk
Phase 3 email: SurplusGrant3@wrap.org.uk

[Contact Form]
**Department of Health and Social Care - Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund**

A £5 million funding pot has been made available to enable England-based mental health organisations from the voluntary and community sector to deal with the increase in need for their services arising from the coronavirus crisis. The fund is being administered by MIND.

Organisations can apply for funding to:

- Scale up existing activities
- Adapt existing activities
- Introduce new activities

Two sizes of grants are available (organisations can only apply for one grant, regardless of grant size):

- Small grants of up to £20,000
- Large grants of up to £50,000

The minimum grant available is £5,000.

For organisations applying for work across at least three English regions grants of up to £100,000 will be considered.

A total of £5 million will be awarded in grants, and it is expected that around 70 large grants and up to 50 small grants will be awarded.

Registered charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Charitable Incorporate Organisations (CIOs) or Companies Limited by Guarantee, are eligible types of applicant.

Depending on the level of demand, priority may be given to organisations that:

- Are in greater financial risk from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic due to a reliance on trading or community fundraising income streams
- Have limited reserves, putting them at greater financial risk
- Have already taken a number of steps to address the risks posed to their organisation, such as putting certain projects on hold, repurposing unrestricted funding to scale up day-to-day operations, taking additional cost saving approaches to essential activity

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until the funding pot is allocated.

Tel: 020 8519 2122  
Email: networkinvestment@mind.org.uk

**Extra School Funding and Support to Help Manage Coronavirus**

Government has recently announced that it will make extra funding available for schools to cover unforeseen additional costs incurred, including cleaning and keeping schools open over Easter.

The additional funding for schools will be available on top of core funding allocations that will be paid as normal to schools for the 2020-21 financial year. It will cover specific costs incurred as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, where schools are unable to meet these from their existing resources.
The specific costs schools can claim for are:

- Additional cleaning required due to confirmed or suspected coronavirus cases
- Increased premises related costs needed to keep schools open during holidays; and
- Support for free school meals for eligible children who are not attending school, where those costs are not covered by the national voucher scheme

Government has also published a list of resources that parents and schools can consider to support education at home.

**Government Announces £750 million Pot for Frontline Charities**
Charities across the UK will receive a £750 million package of support to ensure they can continue their vital work during the coronavirus outbreak.

As part of a UK-wide package of support, £360 million will be directly allocated by government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis.

As well as this, £370 million for small and medium-sized charities, including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund for those in England, will support those organisations at the heart of local communities which are making a big difference during the outbreak, including those delivering food, essential medicines and providing financial advice.

The Chancellor also announced the Government will match fund whatever the public decides to donate to the BBC’s Big Night In charity appeal on 23rd April, starting with a contribution of at least £20 million to the National Emergencies Trust appeal.

This builds on previous announcements to support charities and businesses, including deferring their VAT bills, paying no business rates for their shops next year, and furloughing staff where possible with the Government paying 80% of their wages.

Departments will now work at pace to identify priority recipients, with the aim for charities to receive money in the coming weeks. The application system for the National Lottery Community Fund grant pot is expected to be operational within a similar period of time.

**Government Announces Bounce Back Loan Scheme for Small Businesses - *NEW***
The Chancellor has announced a new Bounce Back Loans scheme, which will allow businesses to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 and access the cash within days. Loans will be interest free for the first 12 months, and from Monday 4th May, businesses can apply online through a short and simple form. The new scheme will run alongside the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and the Coronavirus Large Business Loan Scheme.
**Government Extends Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Cut-off Date**

The Government has confirmed that thousands more employees across the country will now qualify for support through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) after the eligibility date was extended to 19th March 2020. In order to protect against potential fraudulent claims, individuals originally had to be employed on or before 28th February 2020.

Employers can claim for furloughed workers that were employed and on their PAYE payroll on or before 19th March 2020. This means that the employee must have been notified to HMRC through a Real Time Information (RTI) submission, notifying payment in respect of that employee on or before 19th March 2020.

Employers who believe they are eligible for support can find out more [online](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-jobs-retention-scheme). 

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The Government has announced a new grant scheme offering support to more than 1,000 fishing and aquaculture businesses in England that are suffering as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The majority of fish caught within the industry is usually destined for export, meaning England's fishing fleet, which catches fish stocks such as hake, scallops and crab, has been hit by the closure of traditional export markets and the reduction in demand from the hospitality sector.

Up to £9 million will be available for grants to eligible fishing and aquaculture businesses. A further £1 million will be made available to support projects to assist fishermen to sell their catch in their local communities. This money will help fishing businesses find new ways to market and sell their catch while traditional markets are restricted, not only supporting the sector but also the local communities that depend on the industry.

Grants will be made to help cover fixed business costs, such as insurance, equipment hire and port costs. For the catching sector this will be calculated from the average business costs for the size of the vessel, as surveyed by the industry annually.

Fishing and aquaculture businesses in England may apply. The measures will support smaller fisherman in particular during this challenging time. For the catching sector, the fund will be open to under-24m vessel owners with fishing licences registered in England who recorded sales of £10,000 or more in 2019.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) will contact eligible registered owners and licence holders directly in stages with details of how to apply, starting on Monday 20th April 2020, through to early May.

Tel: 0300 123 1032        Email: info@ marinemanagement.org.uk
Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government -
Government Pledges Extra £1.6 billion for Councils

Ministry of Housing Councils across England will receive a further £1.6 billion to help them to deal with the immediate impacts of coronavirus.

This extra £1.6 billion takes the total given to councils to help their communities through this crisis to over £3.2 billion of additional financial support.

The funding will mean councils can continue to provide essential services and support to those who need it most.

This includes getting rough sleepers off the street, supporting new shielding programmes for clinically extremely vulnerable people and assistance for public health workforce and fire and rescue services.

The funding will also mean councils can provide vital services including adult social care and children’s services.

This announcement follows an initial £1.6 billion given to councils last month which supported the work they have done to free up vital hospital beds and deliver essential supplies to the vulnerable.

Contact Form
**Arts Council England - *UPDATED***
Arts Council England has announced a cash injection to help artists, venues and freelancers in the cultural sector.

The Arts Council's support package includes £20m for individuals (made up of grants of up to £2,500 each), £90m for National Portfolio Organisations - venues and others that get annual funding - and £50m for organisations outside that scheme.

The website with the status of all of the other live funding programmes has been updated so you can find everything you need in one place. This includes, for example, assurance that offers of funding through the Small Capital programme for 2019/20 still stand, whereas the 2020/21 round of Small Capital has been cancelled due to Covid-19 and the emergency measures they have put in place to respond to the crisis.

They have compiled the support that is on offer for organisations and individuals from the Government and other professional bodies. They are updating these frequently, most recently with expanded information on the Job Retention Scheme and clarity on tax relief for museums and galleries.

ACE has also just issued a Frequently Asked Questions page for organisations applying for support from their Emergency Support Package.

Tel: 0161 934 4317  
Contact Form

**Emergency Funding for Museums**
Both Arts Council England (ACE) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) have announced emergency funds to support museums with their immediate needs as a result of the Covid-19 crisis.

The eligibility criteria for the two funds are different, so do check each one carefully.

NLHF is taking applications for grants of up to £50,000 for non-local authority funded museums who have previously received lottery funding. Closing date for applications is 30th June.

ACE: Tel: 0161 934 4317  
Contact Form

NLHF: Tel: 020 7591 6171  
Email: southeastcontact@heritagefund.org.uk

**Film Hub South East – BFI Covid-19 Resilience Fund**
The BFI FAN Covid-19 Resilience Fund has been launched with the intention of helping FAN members to maintain connections with audiences during the closure period and to be in a position to reopen and re-engage those audiences once the crisis has passed.
The total amount available in the Fund is £1.3m. Funds from each Hub’s 2020-21 budget have been pooled together to make this possible – money that would ordinarily be used to support screenings and other audience facing activity.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide financial assistance to FAN members in areas including:

- Estate maintenance, buildings and other infrastructure such as IT
- Retention of cultural or intellectual assets such as staff that cannot be furloughed
- Contribution to debts that cannot be received in any other way

The deadline for applications to the Fund is 6pm on Wednesday 6th May 2020.

Email: filmhubse@independentcinemaoffice.org.uk

**National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All - *NEW*\**

National Lottery Funding can help make a difference in your community. National Lottery Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities.

They are looking to fund COVID-19 projects and organisations that either:

- Support people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- Support communities most likely to face challenges because of the COVID-19 lockdown measures
- Have the resources, connections, expertise or knowledge to be able to help communities through the pandemic.

They will also fund organisations with great project ideas that:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage

You can apply anytime.

Tel: 028 9568 0143 Email: general.enquiries@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

**National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities - *NEW*\**

This programme now focuses on funding projects and organisations helping communities through the COVID-19 pandemic. This COVID-19 focus should last for up to six months. But they will review the situation in July.

They can fund activities supporting people affected by the crisis. You can also apply for funding if your organisation is struggling financially because of the impact of COVID-19.
Given the emergency, they are looking to award funding to cover six months of expenditure. They expect most funding will be between £10,000 and £100,000. But they will consider larger awards or longer timeframes by exception.

They are looking to fund COVID-19 projects and organisations that either:

- Support people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- Support communities most likely to face challenges because of the COVID-19 lockdown measures
- Have the resources, connections, expertise or knowledge to be able to help communities through the pandemic.

They can also help if you’re struggling financially because of COVID-19 and can help make up for some of the losses, so you can keep helping your community through the pandemic and continue to support them after.

They are also looking for organisations to be people-led, strengths-based and connected as much as possible too.

They ask organisations who are not looking for COVID-19 related funding to not to submit an application at this time. All their resources need to be focused on helping communities through the pandemic.

Tel: 0207 211 1998 Email: Londonandsoutheastteam@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

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**National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) – Digital Survey - *UPDATED***

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has made the need for organisations to understand and make use of digital more pressing than ever before.

Because of this, NLHF are working with partners to better meet the new and emerging needs of the heritage sector. They also want to help organisations develop the skills that will build their resilience long term.

Making use of digital means that staff, volunteers and communities can continue to stay connected. But it also means many heritage organisations are having to upskill more quickly than ever before.

NLHF have also recently launched a survey that will help them discover more about your organisation’s current digital support needs.

Tel: 020 7591 6000 Email: enquire@heritagefund.org.uk

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**National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) – Heritage Emergency Fund**

NLHF has launched a Heritage Emergency Fund to support the UK heritage sector as an immediate response to the COVID-19 crisis.
The Fund will be available over the next three-six months as short-term funding to stabilise operations and manage unforeseen risks. Grants of between £3,000–£50,000 will be available.

NLHF will be investing where it is needed most:

- Short-term funding for organisations delivering heritage projects or running previously funded projects, and safeguarding heritage sites the fund previously invested in to ensure they are not lost to the public
- A select number of key strategic investments where heritage is identified as at greatest risk. This could include grant increases to funded projects that are currently underway

Decisions on awards under the Heritage Emergency Fund will be made as quickly as possible to support the sector. Awards will be made on the basis of a set of criteria to identify those with the greatest need. They will also need to meet the following three requirements:

- Organisations that have received funding in the past and are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant
- Organisations with limited or no access to other emergency initiatives from other funding bodies and Lottery Distributors
- Organisations where there is limited scope to repurpose existing funding for a project

Guidance around applying for money through the Heritage Emergency Fund is now available.

The key thing to know is that applicants must be:

- Not-for-profit organisation, and
- A current or previous recipient of a grant directly from them, and
- An owner, manager or representative of heritage, or have an evidenced track record in delivering participatory heritage activity

Tel: 020 7591 6171 Email: southeastcontact@heritagefund.org.uk

National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) – Other Support and Future Plans

In addition to the Heritage Emergency Fund, NLHF are also supporting the heritage sector by:

- Enabling organisations that have received grant funding and are currently delivering projects to delay or change the way the projects are delivered
- Providing bespoke advice and support via the local teams and in some cases, via the specialist network of mentors

NLHF is also accelerating the provision of their £1.2m Digital Skills for Heritage initiative to help the sector through the crisis and beyond. This will include support for organisations to run activities and events, reach audiences, engage volunteers, share content and fundraise online.
For the longer term, to help with recovery from the current crisis, they have invested £4m in two Enterprise Development programmes for heritage leaders across the UK, and Business Support Programmes in all four countries. More information will be available in due course.

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Email: southeastcontact@heritagefund.org.uk

**Sport England - Community Emergency Fund - *UPDATED***

Sport England has set up the new £20 million Community Emergency Fund as part of a £195 million package to help the sport and physical activity sector through the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. It is specifically targeted at organisations, including those not currently supported by Sport England, who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short-term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to the following organisations:

- Local sports clubs
- Voluntary and community sector organisations that deliver or enable sport and/or physical activity, including organisations that are not solely or primarily sports organisations and have an important role to play in keeping people active, that may need support for other parts of their organisation to remain open
- Small charitable trusts that do not qualify for financial help elsewhere
- Regional or county level organisations or leagues that have already paid out funds for activities that are now cancelled and are not able to claim funds from elsewhere

The fund has been developed to help community sport and physical activity organisations meet their obligations, in particular fixed costs, which are no longer supported with revenue as a result of coronavirus. This might cover expenditure on:

- Rent
- Utility costs
- Insurances
- Facility or equipment hire
- Core staffing costs (including casual workers) that cannot be met elsewhere by other government funds
- Retrospective losses dating from 1st March 2020

Some examples of the sort of things the funding can help with are:

- Support a boxing club to pay for their utility bills and other costs for their facility when no activity is taking place
- Support a local league who have paid for equipment to run a competition which is now cancelled and therefore will not receive the money the players would have paid

Priority will be given to organisations that work with under-represented groups.

Applications are currently being accepted with a closing date of 31st July 2020.

Tel: 0345 8508 508
Email: funding@sportengland.org
Alpkit Foundation

Alpkit Foundation is a charity that helps people Go Nice Places Do Good Things and recent global events call for a shift in focus.

They will help those most urgently in need and welcome applications from grass roots projects for cash awards of up to £500 that respond to the Coronavirus crisis. For example:

- Provide more support for food banks
- Increase the number of meals on wheels deliveries to support the elderly
- Help those effected by coronavirus and need access to food, medicines or social care

Alpkit welcomes any applications from individuals or organisations serving those affected by the coronavirus across the country.

It is a small funding pot (this funder has generally donated around £60,000 a year), however they urge applicants to get in touch, and say Trustees are available at a moment’s notice to approve applications and can respond very quickly if needs be.

Contact

Antonio Carluccio Foundation

In light of the current crisis, the Antonio Carluccio Foundation is extending its current level of grants for 2020 to £500,000.

Antonio established The Foundation before he died. Amongst his core objectives was the idea to support hospitality related training and development, to promote a better understanding of food origins and nutrition and to make direct support available for organisations working to feed those in need.

Coronavirus makes the need in some of these areas enormous and as a result, they are extending their grants for 2020 to £500,000. Charities working in these areas are invited to apply for grants up to £10,000.

Antonio’s vision was to support organisations worldwide. In the current crisis it is the intention of The Foundation to focus efforts in The United Kingdom and Italy, Antonio’s birth country.

Email: trustees@theantoniocarlucciofoundation.org

Barclays Foundation

Barclays Foundation has committed £100m to help tackle the impact of coronavirus. It will be giving out half of the £100m in the form of direct funding for charities, while the other half is a commitment to match employees’ donations, including senior figures in the corporate pledging a third of their salary.
Barclays said charities in the US, India and others will receive part of the funds, and that local programmes where Barclays employees live and work will be prioritised.

Focus will be on charities supporting vulnerable communities hit by the social and economic consequences of the crisis, helping elderly and vulnerable people and supporting NHS staff and other key workers.

Details of the programmes are as follows:

Component 1 - Charity Partners Programme:

- £50 million fund
- Disbursed principally in the UK, but also in some of international markets such as the US and India, in part reflecting where the most significant colleague population centres are
- Funding deployed via partnerships with trusted charities who can have a direct and immediate impact on the communities they wish to help in those geographies
- Funding to be targeted at programmes as local to major locations as possible – the places where colleagues live and work, and where they can potentially help directly
- The money will be used to help disadvantaged people (those suffering from social and economic deprivation as a consequence of COVID-19), the elderly and vulnerable communities most at risk from COVID-19, and to support NHS staff and other keyworker communities

Component 2 – Employee Matched Donations Programme:

- £50 million commitment
- Barclays will match an individual colleague’s donations to charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19, and in alleviating the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis
- A colleague may select a charity of his or her choice for their donation and matching programme, provided the charity is officially registered, and is engaged in supporting communities impacted by COVID-19
- Un-utilised corporate funds (any balance of the £50 million) at the end of 12 months would be deployed to the Charity Partners Programme so that Barclays meets its overall public commitment of a £100 million contribution to COVID-19 Community Aid

**BBC Children In Need - Main and Small Grants programmes – Update - *NEW* **

**BBC Children In Need** want to do everything they can to help disadvantaged children and young people affected by the coronavirus outbreak. They are currently funding over 3,000 local charities and projects working with young people right across the UK, alongside the Emergency Essentials programme, which provides vital support to families in crisis. These projects have their full support at this difficult time.

They have been listening to current grantees, sector leads and working with other UK funders to understand how they can best support disadvantaged Children and Young people affected by Covid-19. As a result, they have identified the ways in which they will be focusing their funding over the next few months. Resources, interventions and support will not only provide vital emergency support to ensure children are clothed, warm and fed, they will also ensure that families and children are able to stay connected, continue to learn, improve their safety and to combat isolation and loneliness.
To achieve this, CIN will:

- Increase the capacity of the current Emergency Essentials programme, across the UK. This programme is already available and capacity has now been increased.
- Extend the range of critical and important items that they fund through UK-wide programmes to include those that support learning, communication and interaction (including with vital support services). They will do this from 4th May. Please check the website for further details as they will be providing updates on how to access the available resources prior to this.
- Open a grants programme within the next few weeks, which provides funding to support organisations to respond, adapt and innovate in response to the short, medium and longer-term impact of Covid-19. This programme will be available to current grantees and new applicants. They will be providing more detail on the website about the criteria and process for this grants programme within the next 2 weeks.
- Continue to work with UK funders, government departments, sector experts and young people to ensure funding is joined up and is focused on where it is most needed.

Tel: 0345 609 0015  Email: pudseygrants@bbc.co.uk

The Book Trade Charity
The Trust has exceeded its fundraising target of £50,000 through a crowdfunder. Nearly 350 donations were made to fund a programme of hardship grants for booksellers affected by the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and economic downturn. The total has been matched by Penguin Random House, meaning over £100,000 is now available for hardship grants to booksellers, which The Book Trade Charity is administering.

Tel: 01923 263128  Email: info@booktradecharity.org

The Bring Joy Foundation
The Bring Joy Foundation has launched a campaign to support seniors who are socially isolated throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Donations can be made via justgiving.com/campaign/HomeIsolation. Funds will be distributed to local community groups and Home Instead Senior Care offices to supply craft materials, activities, communication tools and assistive technology to seniors to support them in their isolation. Grants are also available for seniors facing extra challenges during this time due to illness or disability. Local community groups, either registered or unregistered, that have had to suspend meetings can apply for this funding by clicking on the ‘Apply’ button on the homepage of the charity’s website.

Email: bring.joy@homeinstead.co.uk

Buttle UK – Chances for Children
During the current health crisis, Buttle UK is still fully operational, and committed to maintaining the distribution of its Chances for Children grants as closely to normal as possible. For many of the children and young people it supports, this 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 charity’s Chances for Children grants will, as always, 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 the crisis becomes clear. For example, due to restrictions placed on the UK population because of COVID-19 Butter UK will not be providing funding for leisure activities, family days out, counselling 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

Applications can be made in the usual way, via a support worker.

Contact Form

Clothworkers’ Emergency Capital Programme (CECP)

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 their normal program areas 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)
- They 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 the Open Grants Programmes

Key organisational eligibility:

- Income of less than £2 million per annum
- Work of the applicant organisation must fall within Clothworkers’ nine programme areas

Clothworkers fund the following types of charitable and not-for-profit organisations:

- Charities registered with the Charity Commission including Community Interest Organisations (CIO)
- Community Interest Companies (limited by guarantee without share capital)
- ‘Exempt Charities’
- Special Schools

Contact Form
Comic Relief
Some money raised through Sport Relief 2020 will go to frontline organisations and support for grantees will occur through adapting activities, reviewing time-frames, or re-budgeting remaining funds.

Comic Relief is committed to ensuring they support the sector to meet the needs arising from this crisis in the most effective and impactful way they can. They are working with other Funders to ensure a coordinated and sector-wide response in distributing emergency funding. Comic Relief will update their website and the FAQ's with more information over the next few days.

Contact Form

Crisis - In This Together - Emergency Grants Fund
Crisis, the national charity for homeless people, has set up ‘In This Together’ emergency grants programme in response to the emergency created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

The emergency grants are intended to support local groups who are financially affected by additional demands on their resources and who have expanded their provision to meet the current needs of those experiencing homelessness across the UK.

The following grants are available:

- Awards up to £5,000 for short-term responses to the coronavirus emergency (projects within three months), following a limited/fast-tracked application process
- Awards up to £50,000 to fund long-term needs and potential expansion or change in service delivery, following a full application process

Applications will be considered from local organisations across the UK (i.e. providing specific services in a set number of locations – not national or sub-regional) and registered charities who provide services to those experiencing homelessness.

- Funding to be restricted to assistance needed to cope with the impact of coronavirus, and not simply to meet wider funding gaps
- Funding could be to meet additional demand or reduction in staffing or other resources caused by impact of coronavirus

Crisis will review all applications for more than £5,000 at the end of each week and make a decision on which to fund for that week. Therefore, any application submitted will receive a decision early the following week.

Email: bestpractice@crisis.org.uk

The Dulverton Trust
The Dulverton Trust is prioritising grant applications for its June and October Board Meetings from charities that meet its guidelines and are either (a) well placed to deliver vital services to vulnerable communities affected by the current COVID-19 crisis (previous grant recipients will receive priority, but new applicants may be considered); or (b) charities with which it has
an existing relationship and need support to overcome funding challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis.

The trust supports UK charities/ CIOs registered with the Charity Commission or OSCR that are working to produce significant impact in youth opportunities, general welfare, conservation, preservation, Africa or peace and humanitarian support. When considering applications, the charity is keen to know whether applicants have already explored all the options for financial support, including government schemes and emergency funds before seeking funding from the Trust.

Tel: 020 7495 7852  
Email: grants@dulverton.org

**Edward Gostling Foundation**

Due to the Covid-19 crisis it is clear that a number of smaller community charity partners will struggle to deliver their vital services to the most vulnerable in society. With immediate effect therefore the Foundation have taken the decision to suspend accepting applications from charities with a gross income in excess of £5M and to focus their limited financial resources on helping smaller charities providing front line community services.

They will do this by awarding grants of up to £10,000 to eligible charities with less than 6 months’ of free reserves. This funding can be used to support their core operating costs.

They like all of their grants to have a significant impact across one or more of their 4 life “themes” and to become one of their charity partners you will need to demonstrate how your project outputs meet their objectives in one or more of these themes. The themes are broad ranging and they support many activities within each. The themes are:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Independent Living at Home
- Respite
- Transition

**Contact Form**

**England and Wales Cricket Board - Emergency Support Programme**

The funding is intended to support cricket clubs and leagues during the coronavirus pandemic until normal recreational cricket activity can be resumed. The Programme has two separate strands:

- Emergency Loan Scheme
- Return to Cricket Grant Scheme (for clubs and leagues with the most pressing challenges)

Through the Emergency Loan Scheme clubs can apply for the following loan amounts:

- Clubs with a Junior Section (including All Stars Cricket/Dynamos Cricket): Between £1,000 and £5,000
- Clubs with an Adult Section only: Between £1,000 and £3,000
All loans will be interest free. Clubs will be issued with a repayment schedule and will repay the loan in equal quarterly instalments over a three-year period, commencing 24 May 2021, at the earliest.

Through the **Return to Cricket Grant Scheme** the following grant amounts are available:

- Clubs with an Adult Section only: Up to £1,000
- Leagues (Open-Age or Junior): Up to £2,000
- Clubs with a Junior Section (including All Stars Cricket / Dynamos Cricket): Up to £3,000

Cricket clubs that are affiliated to their County Cricket Board in 2019 or 2020 can apply for funding.

The funding is for covering any shortfall in essential day-to-day running and maintenance costs during the coronavirus pandemic. Applications for costs for a period of up to 12 months from the date of the scheme launch (17th April 2020) will be considered.

Applications for the **Emergency Loan Scheme** are accepted on a rolling basis.

Clubs and leagues wanting to apply for the **Return to Cricket Grant Scheme** need to contact their County Cricket Board in the first instance to discuss their situation and potential eligibility. If the County Cricket Board determines that the club or league has a reasonable case for a grant, an application form will be issued. The Return to Cricket Grant Scheme will close on 17th July 2020.

Email: grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk

**Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust - Covid-19 Response**

The Trustees of the **Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust** recognise the exceptional circumstances brought about by Covid-19 and are particularly concerned about the impact on those in need in the county of Sussex where the Trust is able to operate.

For organisations currently in receipt of funding and affected by the outbreak, please get in touch.

For organisations in need of immediate funds to respond to increased needs of beneficiaries in Sussex as a result of the outbreak, please use their Small Grant application form.

This is available regardless of the date of any previous application or current funding.

There is no fixed minimum or maximum for the sum sought in these urgent and exceptional applications, but please bear in mind the likely need will be far in excess of the sums available for support, and Trustees are keen to support as many people as possible during this crisis period which is of uncertain duration.

Tel: 07960 057742 Email: admin@ekct.org.uk

**Facebook Small Business Grants Programme**

The **Facebook Small Business Grants Programme** has been set up to help small businesses under threat of survival owing to the coronavirus pandemic.
The scheme aims to help businesses that are experiencing disruptions in their cash flow as the global COVID-19 outbreak continues.

Additionally, Facebook’s Business Hub, which was previously a resource just for Facebook employees and health experts, will now be available for all businesses to access.

The company has also pledged to create new ‘virtual training’ to support businesses operating during the coronavirus outbreak.

Facebook is offering US$100 million (approximately £84 million) in cash grants and advertising credits on Facebook’s ad platform for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses.

The funding is intended to help in the following ways:

- Covering operational costs
- Helping with rent costs
- Connecting with more customers
- Maintaining a strong workforce

Small businesses in over 30 countries where Facebook operates may be eligible to apply. Facebook is still working through eligibility details for the United Kingdom. Please sign up below for future updates. In the meantime, you can visit the Business Resource Hub for helpful resources.

**Fashion and Textile Children’s Trust**

Grants are available to help parents and carers (individuals) who have worked in the UK fashion or textile industry and whose household income has reduced as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. Parents and carers to apply for items their children will need for the year ahead. These can include essential clothing; baby clothing, equipment or bedding; children's bedroom furniture; essential White Goods; specialist items for children with additional needs, e.g. sensory toys, adaptive clothing or SEN adapted computers.

Tel: 07753 605367

**Fishmonger’s Company’s Fisheries Charitable Trust – Covid-19 Rapid Response Grant Programme**

To support the seafood supply chain in the face of widespread COVID-19 disruption, the Fishmongers’ Company have introduced two, exciting, rapid response initiatives.

The Fishmongers’ Company’s Fisheries Charitable Trust and Seafarers UK, with a group of trusted partners, have developed a £500,000 COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant Programme (RRGP).

The Rapid Response fund seeks to assist fishing and seafood businesses and food charities:

1. Seeking diversification opportunities for seafood and fisheries businesses
2. Promoting the consumption or sale of local seafood
3. Providing community meals using seafood

Recognising the need for cooperation among fish merchants, fishers and buyers, they will prioritise initiatives that demonstrate collaborative working among stakeholders.

Contact Form

**Greggs Foundation - Emergency Appeal**

Charities, community groups and schools who support some of the most vulnerable people in the communities urgently need support. The Foundation is providing urgent funding for emergency food parcels, hardship payments and small grants (average £500).

Email: info@greggsfoundation.org.uk

**Hope for the Young – COVID-19 Emergency Fund - *NEW***

Given the growing impact of coronavirus/COVID-19, they have launched an emergency relief fund to support young asylum-seekers and refugees during the pandemic.

The objectives of the scheme are to support the immediate health and well-being of young asylum seekers and refugees during the pandemic, and to help to relieve destitution and poverty in general.

Grants of up to £250 are available to support young people for up to 12 weeks during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Groups assisting young asylum seekers or refugees (up to the age of 30) who are vulnerable and in need of immediate financial support during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic are eligible to apply.

Grants can be used to cover essential costs such as:

- Food
- Medicine
- Essential toiletries
- Topping up gas and electric metres
- Pay as you go mobile phone credits and data

Grant payments will be allocated on a case by case basis depending on young people’s needs. For example:

- Regular weekly or monthly payments for food or mobile phone top ups
- A one-off payment to buy a mobile phone to help young people stay connected

Tel: 07448 155126 Email: Pamela@hopefortheyoung.org.uk
**ITF Seafarers’ Trust – Covid-19 Fund**

The ITF Seafarers’ Trust Covid-19 Fund is an extraordinary fund established for a limited period to provide grants to benefit seafarers and maintain seafarers’ welfare services in difficulties due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its financial consequences.

The fund has two main purposes:

- To facilitate fast grant payments for specific projects to alleviate hardship, stress and isolation of seafarers and their families
- to provide funds for the maintenance of seafarers’ welfare services during the period of instability caused by Covid-19 and the measures taken to combat the virus

Grants are for emergency needs arising from the unique circumstances created by Covid-19 that cannot be met by other means.

**Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust**

The objectives of the Trust are to donate to projects or activities encompassing one or more of the following areas:

- The benefit and protection of animals
- The relief of suffering in animals
- The conservation of wildlife
- The encouragement of a greater understanding of animals

Grants are normally in the range of £1,000 to £10,000, although smaller amounts may be considered.

Grants can be used towards revenue and capital costs. The Trust may pledge up to £35,000 for large capital building projects; this would only be released when all other funding is in place and the work is ready to commence.

The following eligibility criteria applies:

- Organisations must have received a grant from the Trust in the past
- The total available cash funds of the organisation are less than three months' projected expenditure

The Trust will fund the following activities:

- General running costs associated with the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of domestic, wild and exotic animals
- Feeding, capturing, neutering and releasing of feral cats
- Assistance with vets' fees and neutering costs of animals owned by those on low incomes
- Donations towards capital purchases involving land, buildings, vehicles, equipment and educational material
In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis the Trust is inviting emergency applications from charities that it has previously supported. It is no longer accepting any other applications until further notice.

Email: jsawt7@gmail.com

**John Lewis Partnership**

The John Lewis Partnership, which includes Waitrose, has today announced new measures to help its shops meet the needs of customers with a focus on the elderly and the vulnerable.

These include a £1million Community Support Fund to be distributed by Waitrose shops to local communities, and protected shopping time for the elderly and the vulnerable. The Partnership is also exploring offering online classes and advice from expert Partners to customers who are having to self-isolate at home. These could include craft classes and advice for expectant parents.

**Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Grants Programme - *UPDATED***

The Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Through the programme grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools throughout the UK to set up Breakfast clubs.

Priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals or that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Only one grant per school in each academic year will be available.

During the Covid 19 schools’ shutdown, the Kellogg’s Breakfast Club Programme will prioritise schools who remain open to vulnerable children and the families of key workers

You can apply for an award at any date and you will hear within one month if you have been successful. Please note the fund may close if oversubscribed.

Tel: 0044 161 214 0940 Email: kelloggs@forevermanchester.com

**Magic Little Grants Fund 2020**

The Magic Little Grants Fund provides local charities and community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation.

The fund aims to support the work of organisations that are engaging hard-to-reach individuals, encouraging them to take part in physical activity to help improve their physical health.

It is expected that more than 900 grants of £500 each will be awarded in 2020.
Organisations who are not members of Localgiving will also benefit from an annual membership funded by Postcode Community Trust, which will provide them with access to Localgiving’s suite of online fundraising tools.

The funding is for local projects that support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants.

Grants can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include: facilities hire, kit & equipment, coaching qualifications, other volunteer expenses etc.

Applications which will predominantly cover the costs of one-off events or trips must provide details of how they intend to deliver a longer-term impact.

Applications can be made at any time and are reviewed on a monthly basis. However, groups should note that they could wait up to two months to receive an update on the status of their application.

The fund is 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.

Tel: 0300 111 2340 Email: help@localgiving.org

**Morrison Foundation - COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund**

The Morrison 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.

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 and will be assessed on a weekly basis. They will be accepted until the fund is depleted. After this time, homeless charities can apply to the established grant funding process.

Tel: 0845 611 5364

**National Zakat Foundation - Hardship Relief Fund**

The [Hardship Relief Fund](#) gives grants for basic costs and help with small debts to vulnerable Muslims in the UK who are unable to pay for basic living costs.
You can apply for help with:

- Basic Costs – like food, travel, clothing and monthly bills etc
- Small Debts – for money owed on credit cards, bank loans, and gas and electricity bills

Email: info@nzf.org.uk

**Power Partners - A community Investment Fund from UK Power Networks - *NEW***

**Power Partners** is a £300,000 per year grant scheme offering significant support for up to 40 organisations to combat fuel poverty, improve energy efficiency and support people in vulnerable circumstances.

In previous years the fund has supported improvements to energy efficiency of community buildings. However, in light of the Covid19 crisis, this round of the Power Partners funding has been repurposed to support organisations who have found new ways to help people facing fuel poverty, particularly during the current travel restrictions.

The fund is open to not-for-profit organisations in UK Power Network’s region.

Grants of between £2,000 and £20,000 are available for projects that deliver outcomes in the following two categories:

- Income maximisation for vulnerable households through face-to-face energy efficiency advice, including tariff switching and time of use tariff awareness; new registrations for the Priority Service Register; provision of energy advice training and support for frontline workers.
- CO2 and financial savings and energy efficiency improvements for popular community spaces achieved through the installation of insulation, low-energy lighting and appliances, heating upgrades or renewable technologies

The application deadline is midnight on 31st May 2020.

Tel: 0117 934 1422  Email: powerpartners@cse.org.uk

**Power to Change – C-19 Emergency Trading Income Support Scheme - *NEW***

The **C-19 Emergency Trading Income Support Scheme** is part of Power to Change’s £12 million emergency support package to provide both immediate and medium-term help for community businesses facing a loss of trading income through COVID-19.

This first pot of funding is available to current and previous Power to Change grantees, and to community businesses which are members of Power to Change’s strategic partners – Co-operatives UK, Locality and the Plunkett Foundation – all of whom played a key role in designing this response.

Later this year, they will be launching a recovery fund.
The C-19 Emergency Trading Income Support Scheme provides emergency finance in the form of small grants to community businesses in England, as a contribution towards trading income lost as a result of COVID-19.

The C-19 C-19 Emergency Trading Income Support scheme will open for applications in two rounds in May across two weeks.

- Round 1 opens 12th May 10am – the round will close when it reaches 150 applications. Around £3 million will be awarded to around 150 community businesses.
- Round 2 opens 19th May 10am – we will be awarding around £2 million to 100 community businesses.

Community businesses accepted on to the scheme will receive a grant of up to £25,000 to contribute towards trading income lost between April to June 2020 as a result of COVID-19. The grant size will be calculated based on the trading income from April 2019 – March 2020, and will be equal to 25% of trading income for that period or £25,000 – whichever is lower.

You can sign up to join a webinar on Wednesday 6th May at 1pm where you will be able to find out more about the fund and application process.

Email: powertochange@sibgroup.org.uk

Prince’s Trust and NatWest – Enterprise Fund - COVID-19 Relief Grants for Young Entrepreneurs

The Prince’s Trust and NatWest have launched a £5 million Enterprise Fund for young entrepreneurs whose businesses have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The Enterprise Relief Fund aims to help 18-30-year olds keep their businesses afloat during the COVID-19 crisis.

Cash grants can be used to maintain core business operations during the crisis, as well as meet any existing financial commitments, such as paying for essential equipment or settling invoices from suppliers. Additionally, grants will support young people to diversify their business to respond to opportunities created by the crisis.

In conjunction with grants, the initiative will offer one-to-one support and guidance to anyone who needs it and who may be worried about their future.

To be eligible, businesses must have started up in the last four years and be run by someone aged 18 to 30. Young people who are in the process of starting a business and do not have any other source of income during the crisis are also eligible to apply for a grant.

Grants can be used to maintain core business operations during the crisis, as well as meet any existing financial commitments, such as paying for essential equipment or settling invoices from suppliers. Additionally, grants will also support young people to diversify their business to respond to opportunities created by the crises.

There is no set deadline for applications.

Please note that they are experiencing a high number of registrations and it make take bit of time to get back to you.

Tel: 0800 842842   Email: webinfops@princes-trust.org.uk
**PRS for Music - Emergency Relief Fund**

PRS for Music has announced an Emergency Relief Fund for artists (individuals) to mitigate the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Money will be available for all members of PRS worldwide providing they have been part of the organisation for at least two years and earned over £500 in that time. Grants will be allocated on an individual basis, with a maximum value of £1,000.

[Contact Form]

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**PRS for Music - Sustaining Creativity Fund**

The PRS Foundation is supporting artists, songwriters and composers to create and develop when they need it most. The PRS Sustaining Creativity Fund is designed for music creators experiencing hardship from loss of work due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The fund will help UK artists from any genre to continue their work using a new model to support music making. The aim is to allow creators to spend time writing, recording, collaborating, innovating and making creative plans.

Grants of £750 will be available, to be spent on anything that enables music creators to continue to create exceptional new music.

Please note, this is not an emergency hardship fund designed to immediately meet pressing and dire financial needs. Songwriters and composer members of PRS for Music requiring emergency hardship funding should consider the PRS Emergency Relief Fund and all UK-based music creators are eligible for the Help Musicians UK Coronavirus Financial Hardship Fund.

The deadline for applications is 11th May 2020.

Email: [exceptionalcircumstances@prsfoundation.com](mailto:exceptionalcircumstances@prsfoundation.com)

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**The Schroder Charity Trust**

The [Trust](mailto:info@schrodercharitytrust.org) supports education and young people, health, communities, environment & conservation, heritage, arts and culture, international development and the Armed Forces. Their grant making policy has been amended in the light of COVID-19.

Applicants with pending applications submitted before COVID-19 can update their outstanding application with a brief explanation of the impact on their charity, how their charity is responding to that impact; and how a grant from the Schroder Charity Trust will help with that response.

New applications are being accepted currently and a question specifically relating to the impact of COVID-19 on the charity and its beneficiaries has been included. Applications will be reviewed in June and results notified by end June.

Tel: 020 3170 5793 Email: [info@schrodercharitytrust.org](mailto:info@schrodercharitytrust.org)
**Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust - Hospice Fund 2020 – Funding for Core Costs - *NEW*\(^*\)**

The Trust offers funding once annually to hospices that are UK registered charities and members of either Hospice UK or Together for Short Lives.

In 2020, the Trust is accelerating its annual [Hospice Fund](#) programme, in recognition of the additional pressures many hospices are experiencing due to COVID-19 and the associated restrictions on normal activities. It has simplified the application process and amended its normal eligibility criteria.

The Trust will make one-off grants of up to £5,000 to support hospices’ core costs.

In order to focus the available funding on areas of greatest need, the Trust will only make awards to hospices whose current level of free reserves is equivalent to 12 months or less of their operating costs.

Subject to the volume of applications, the Trusts aims to convey decisions and initiate payments to successful applicants within three to four weeks of closing date.

The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 10\(^{th}\) May 2020.

Email: [donations@julesthorntrust.org.uk](mailto:donations@julesthorntrust.org.uk)

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**Standard Life Foundation - Coronavirus Pandemic - Fast Track - *NEW*\(^*\)**

This [Fast Track Fund](#) is for work directly related to the pandemic, addressing specific challenges and helping to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK.

The work the Foundation might consider in relation to the pandemic is rapid analysis of key issues, for example, self-employed workers, the food and hospitality or social care sectors. Modelling of new proposals such as enhanced sick pay, help with utilities, high cost credit payments, and changes to pensions.

Grants will range from £5,000 to larger amounts. Projects funded may last only a few weeks or months, but some may be longer.

Organisations funded by Standard Life can apply, as can organisations they are already considering under their current funding round. The call is also open to organisations they have rejected in the past, including their last funding round.

There is no fixed deadline at this point, but the Foundation will close this open call when they have funded a number of projects they believe can make a difference.

Tel: 020 7618 1626  
Email: [enquiries@standardlifefoundation.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@standardlifefoundation.org.uk)

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**The Society of Authors - Authors Emergency Fund**

Applications are open to all professional authors (individuals) who are resident in the UK or British subjects – including all types of writers, illustrators, literary translators, scriptwriters,
poets, journalists and others – for whom author-related activities make up a substantial amount of their annual income. This applies to anyone eligible for Full Membership of the SoA although membership of the SoA is not a requirement.

Grants are likely to be up to £2,000 and designed to meet urgent need with the possibility of review as the situation continues.

Tel: 020 7373 6642

The Teaching Staff Trust

The Trust provides financial support when something unexpected has gone wrong for individuals that have worked within the educational sector for at least five years. The Trust is aiming to continue operations throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and applicants can include teachers, teaching assistants, nursery workers, caretakers and lunch supervisors. Grant payments can be used to help with bills, household costs, travel or other essentials.

Tel: 01322 293 822 Email: enquiries@teachingstafftrust.org.uk

Tesco Bags of Help - Covid-19 Communities Fund

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. Organisations that support vulnerable groups will be encouraged to apply for a grant of £500 to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects. Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish and Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and social housing organisations.

Please note that the Fund is now closing the application process in some areas (Lewes and Eastbourne are listed as of 1st May). Please do not apply if your area appears in the document, as unfortunately due to the high volume of applications they will not be able to assess your submission. They will be updating this information daily, so please do check back for future updates.

Email: tescencv@groundwork.org.uk

Turn2us - Coronavirus Grant Fund - *NEW*

The Turn2us Coronavirus Grant Fund has been set up to support people who have lost their income as a result of the Coronavirus and to meet their immediate basic household expenses.

Turn2us are able to provide a one-off crisis grant of £500 per household towards essential living expenses (food, bills etc) to help those who are in immediate financial difficulty due to the Coronavirus.

Contact Form
**Young Women’s Trust**
The Young Women’s Trust has set up an Emergency Fund in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The IFS has reported that young, low-paid women will be the worst hit during the Covid-19 lockdown as they’re more likely to work in a sector forced to stop trading because of the lockdown, such as in hospitality, retail or transport.

Young women can’t apply for funding themselves, but can be referred to the fund by Women’s Aid, Women’s Resource Centre, or Women for Refugee Women. The charity’s partners are identifying women who would benefit most from the fund, which will provide relief payments of £150 to young women ages 18-30 who are facing financial crisis and struggling to afford utilities, food, or rent.

Tel: 020 7837 2019 Email: contact@youngwomenstrust.org

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**Youth Music Network - Emergency Fund**
Youth Music have launched an Emergency Fund for music-making organisations affected by the coronavirus. Through this fund grants of up to £10,000 are available. Priority will be given to people and organisations in the most immediate need.

The Emergency Fund is designed to support organisations facing the following challenges:

- Cashflow
- Maintaining services
- Adapting services
- Children and young people

Tel: 020 7902 1060 Email: grants@youthmusic.org.uk
Coronavirus: need help?

Your community hub is here!
Coronavirus: need help?
Support for everyone in East Sussex

If you are struggling to cope with the effects of coronavirus, your community hub may be able to help. **No one in East Sussex will be left on their own.** But some people may be able to get the support they need from family, friends or neighbours instead.

**Get in touch with your community hub if:**

You’re struggling to cope with coronavirus because you’re alone, worried, unwell, short of money or can’t get medicine, food or other essentials
AND
There is no one living near you who you know and can trust to help

**Get in touch with your community hub if:**

Your GP has contacted you to say you have an extreme medical condition and you are getting food delivered to your home while you shield yourself for 12 weeks
AND
There is something else you need

**Consider NOT getting in touch with your community hub if:**

You have family, carers, friends or neighbours nearby who you can trust and rely on to help you (and who are not vulnerable themselves)

Contact your community hub:

**Eastbourne**
01323 679722
[www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/requestsupport](http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/requestsupport)

**Lewes**
01273 099956

**Hastings**
01424 451019
[www.hastings.gov.uk/my-council/covid19/help](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/my-council/covid19/help)

**Rother**
01424 787000, opt 4
[www.rother.gov.uk/community-support](http://www.rother.gov.uk/community-support)

**Wealden**
01323 443322
[my.wealden.gov.uk](http://my.wealden.gov.uk)

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