

Funding Insight



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National Emergencies Trust Announces First New Charity Partners to Enhance Support for At Risk Groups (UK)

The National Emergencies Trust (NET) has announced plans to distribute £12 million from its Coronavirus Appeal to a range of charity partnerships offering support to some of the UK's most at risk groups.

Just over £2 million of funding will be distributed in a first wave to Disability Action NI and LGBT+ Consortium to support these disproportionately impacted groups which the NET believes may not have received adequate support through the pandemic.

Funding will support helpline services and organisations providing specialist advice and hands-on support to at risk individuals.

Decisions on how these onward grants will be awarded will be made by people with lived experience of the issues faced.

Further funds to be distributed to additional partners and consortia will be announced in the coming weeks.

Useful Links:

[Disability Action Website](#)

[LGBT+ Consortium Website](#)

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<https://nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk/first-new-charity-partners-to-enhance-support-for-at-risk-groups/>

Broadband for Rural Communities (UK)

Business and residents in some of the hardest-to-reach places in the UK are eligible for additional funding towards the cost of installing new gigabit-capable broadband to their premises when part of a group project. Two or more businesses applying together can use vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections. Vouchers are offered as part of the Government's Rural Gigabit Connectivity programme and only apply to new broadband connections. The scheme will end on 31st March 2021.

The Gigabit Voucher Scheme is seen as a great opportunity for businesses to get access to full fibre connections, which can provide a huge leap forward in connection speeds.

Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 30Mbps can use vouchers to support the cost of installing new gigabit-capable connections. Applicants will need to check the [Voucher Scheme Terms & Conditions](#) to ensure they are eligible to apply.

This offer applies to Group projects i.e. where two or more residents and/or SMEs get together to combine their vouchers towards the shared cost of installation. Single connections are not eligible for additional funding.

Eligibility for a rural gigabit voucher can be checked by looking up your postcode in the [postcode search](#). The search lists suppliers active in your area and your chosen supplier will be able to advise and support your eligibility and guide you through the process.

The scheme will end on 31st March 2021.

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<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/rural/>

Independent Age Grants Fund (UK)

Independent Age, which promotes independent living amongst older people has launched a £2 million Independent Age Grants Fund to help smaller charities across the UK working with older people hardest hit by the Coronavirus.

Initially, Independent Age will begin by supporting work with two groups of older people, who can too easily miss out:

Older people living in particularly complex and challenging situations. This can include older people that may have no network of family, friends or community to call on; have a disability or long-term health condition; be caring for a dependent adult with learning disabilities or dementia or be facing other circumstances that make it harder to manage at this challenging time.

Older people in danger of being out of sight and out of mind. Independent Age are looking to help organisations connecting with older people who are very isolated and most at risk of missing out on the help available from government or charities that serve a very wide client group. They may be part of an isolated, neglected or very poor community, be facing stigma or discrimination or have needs which make it hard for them to access services, perhaps because they are homeless, live with HIV or are hidden from view in an abusive relationship.

To be eligible to apply the applicant organisation must be registered as a charity with The Charity Commission for England and Wales, The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). The applicant organisations must have at least one paid member of staff (part-time is fine) and an annual income of £1 million or less (averaged across the last three financial years).

The applicant organisation must be already working with older people in one or both of the two priority areas above. Organisations that do not specialise in work with older people are welcome to apply – but you must already be providing services for older people as part of their work.

The funding will be made available over four separate funding rounds. In each round Independent Age will make £500,000 available.

Charities are able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000.

The closing date for the final round of applications is 9am on the 11th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility](#)

[Guidance](#)

[Apply](#)

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<https://www.independentage.org/community/grants-fund>

Funding to Support Disabled Children and Children with Life Limiting Conditions During the Coronavirus Pandemic (UK)

In response to the coronavirus, the True Colours Trust have adapted their small grants scheme for the next funding round.

Through the Small Grants UK- Covid-19 Support programme, funding of up to £5,000 will be available to help smaller charities to adapt their services to enable them to continue or resume supporting disabled children, children with life limiting conditions and their families safely during the pandemic.

This might include normal running costs of programmes which are resuming, or adaptations to existing services to allow them to take place safely.

Proposals for the following areas of work will be considered:

- Activities for disabled children, children with life limiting conditions and their families
- Adaptations to services including PPE, digital service provision and physical changes to spaces to be Covid-19 compliant.
- Siblings' projects
- Bereavement Support
- Respite which supports the whole family
- Support for children/families who are shielding or unable to return to school
- Specialised play equipment / access to play and leisure

Trustees will prioritise applications from organisations:

- which support a high proportion of children and families from BAME communities
- which operate in areas of high deprivation or areas which are experiencing a second lockdown
- whose annual income in 2019/20 was under £350,000

The deadline for applications is 5.00pm on the 21st September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Form:](#)

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<https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small-grants-uk-orig/small-grants-uk/>

School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

The Institute of Physics has announced that UK schools, colleges or home school groups can apply for grants of up to £600 for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5 - 19. Grants can support a wide range of projects such as school-based science weeks, extracurricular activities, science clubs, careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer.

Grants may be used for the following purposes: materials/resources; transport; marketing and publicity; other purposes deemed appropriate by the judges; and supply cover (in certain circumstances).

The Institute of Physics is interested in proposals that look at:

- particle physics
- astronomy
- space and nuclear physics
- energy
- transport
- information and communications
- design and promotion
- built environment.

Previous projects to receive funding include:

- Ampleforth College for a visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Observatory.
- St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water-propelled rocket.

The closing date for applications is the 1st November 2020 (for projects taking place in the following spring term).

Useful Links:

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http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund Closing Date Announced (UK)

Tesco's Bags of Help Covid-19 Communities Fund will be closing to applications on the 18th September 2020.

The short-term fund is open to registered charities, voluntary and community organisations, schools, health bodies, Parish, Town and community councils, social enterprises, local authorities and social housing organisations across the UK.

Grants of £500 are available to organisations that have experienced:

- Increased demand – a holiday hunger club needs more resources to support children through the summer months or a food bank whose stocks are running low and needs an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock.
- Disrupted services – a local charity setting up a delivery service to replace its monthly lunch club, or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries.
- New services – a health focused charity having to set up a new online patient service requires new IT equipment or a mental health charity developing a new service.

The Fund is set up to support organisation need rather than fund specific projects.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

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<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

Music for All Extends Application Deadline to 1st November 2020 (UK)

Grants are available to UK based community groups and schools who would benefit from a “helping hand” to bring music to their community and fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes.

The funding which is being made available by the charity Music for All, can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. Grants of up to £2,500 are available, but due to increased demand most awards will be for less than this amount.

UK based community music groups and educational organisations are eligible to apply. Applicants are encouraged to look for other sources of funding to add to the amount needed to deliver the project.

Examples of projects funded:

- Belham Primary School: Used a grant from Music for All to purchase instruments and resulted in 137 out of the 180 children learning violin, guitar, ukulele or recorder. This compares to 6 months earlier when only a handful were learning just the recorder.

Funding of up to £500 is also available to individuals who do not have the means to access musical instruments and lessons.

Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the deadline for applications has been extended for this bidding round from the 1st July 2020 to the 1st November 2020.

Useful Links:

[Individual Grant Application Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Community Project Funding Instructions and Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

The British Film Institute Audience Fund (UK)

The British Film Institute Audience Fund awards money from the National Lottery to support audience-focused film activities across the UK. The Fund awards two types of awards:

- Project awards support culturally ambitious, national proposals that increase audience diversity
- Organisational awards support experienced organisations offer activities to find new audiences to engage with film
- Organisational awards are now closed to applications and no new call is planned.

The Project awards scheme, is currently open to legally constituted organisations with UK-based experience of film distribution, exhibition and audience development activities. This can include:

- film distributors
- cinemas, including chains or consortia
- film festivals
- film and video archives and collections
- arts organisations with experience of film curation

Project awards support clearly defined, time-limited national proposals which aim to increase audience choice and engagement, with a focus on 16 to 30-year olds. It is expected that most projects will be in the region of £20,000 to £50,000 with a limit of £200,000.

Funding can be used to cover all costs directly relating to the specific proposal. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For any questions relating to the fund or application, please contact audiencefund@bfi.org.uk

Useful Links:

[Fund Guidelines](#)

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<https://www.bfi.org.uk/get-funding-support/bring-film-wider-audience/audience-fund>

Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools (UK)

The Woodland Trust has thousands of free tree packs to give away to community groups and schools. The trees are available for planting on an area that is accessible to the public so that it can be used and enjoyed by others. If applying as a school, trees should be planted on either the school grounds, land the school has arranged regular access to or in an area that is publicly accessible.

Applications for a tree pack for a community group need to:

- State that the land is accessible to the public
- Make sure the local community is aware of the plans to plant and is happy for the project to go ahead.
- Be an application for up to 420 trees in each application cycle or season.

There are two delivery periods per year in November and March, when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting. Tree packs can consist of:

- Hedging to make a natural screen or connect existing woodland to help wildlife stay on the move
- Copse to create a mini forest school classroom or a peaceful spot that's an oasis for birds
- Wild harvest an array of fruits and nuts
- Year-round colour for beautiful blossoms, bright berries and stunning autumn displays
- Working wood to fuel a log burner in 7-10 years, or to carve or weave willow
- Wildwood to establish food and shelter for wildlife
- Urban trees for residential areas with limited communal space

Applications are currently being accepted for trees to be delivered in March 2021.

Past recipients include:

- Community Garden and Allotment in Barry.
- South Glamorgan and Bellsquarry Primary School.
- Livingston where pupils have planted dozens of apple trees to create a community orchard in Bellsquarry Wood.

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

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<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

Magic Little Grants 2020 (England, Scotland and Wales)

Online fundraising platform Localgiving, together with the Postcode Community Trust have announced that this year's Magic Little Grants grants programme is open for applications. Small charities and community groups can apply for grants of up to £500 to support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise.

To be eligible applicant organisations will need to have an annual income of below £250,000 or be in their first year of operation. A total of 900 grants will be available.

Localgiving members will be able to complete the 10-minute application process via their charity account on the Localgiving website.

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.

Applications can be submitted at any time until the 31st October 2020.

Previous projects funded include:

Flamingo Chicks, who received a grant to provide sensory kits for disabled children to attend dance classes.

Featherstone Rovers Foundation, who received a grant to deliver a range of activities to encourage more young people to try Rugby League.

Happy Wanderers Ambulance Organisation who received a grant to provide free transport for older people and wheelchair users to access local physical activities.

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

£200 Million Fund to Transform Water and Wastewater Services (England and Wales)

Ofwat has established a £200 million Innovation Fund to encourage innovations that will transform water and wastewater services in England and Wales.

The fund can be accessed directly by the seventeen larger water and wastewater companies, and small water 'new entrant' sewerage companies through two types of competition during 2020-25:

- a £2 million 'Innovation in Water Challenge' for small projects up to £250,000. The first rounds will open for entries in January 2021;
- and a £40 million main competition for larger, strategic projects involving cross-water company collaboration.

The first round will open for entries from April 2021.

Ofwat is now identifying an innovation fund partner to help it run the competitions and will release further details in the autumn.

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<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/pn-11-20-ofwat-drives-forward-plans-on-its-innovation-fund-and-competitions/>

Maintenance Grants for Churches (England and Wales)

Churches can apply for grants of up to £500 (excl. VAT) towards the cost of building's maintenance services. The grant will cover up to 50% of the cost of works.

Churches are only eligible to apply for a Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grant if they book one of the following services through the Maintenance Booker website:

- Rainwater goods maintenance;
- Lightning protection system repairs;
- Asbestos removal;
- Masonry repairs and high-level maintenance.

The National Churches Trust accepts applications from listed and unlisted churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age, as long as they are open for regular public worship and are located within an area covered by Maintenance Booker services.

The funding is being made available through the National Churches Maintenance Micro-Grant Programme and applications can be submitted at any time. There are no application deadlines.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Application Form](#)

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<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/preventative-maintenance-micro-grants-apply>

Lloyds Bank Foundation Launches New Infrastructure Fund for Charities (England and Wales)

As part of their response to Covid-19, the Lloyds Bank Foundation has launched a new Infrastructure Fund. A total of £480,000 is available to support local and regional infrastructure organisations that provide organisational development support to and advocate for small and local charities.

The Foundation anticipate making 16 one-off grants of £30,000. Grants will be available for core costs and can be used over 1-2 years. 25% of the grants for this programme will be ring-fenced for infrastructure organisations that are specifically supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic-led charities and that are led by members of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.

The funding will also be focused on areas in England and Wales particularly hard hit by Covid-19. (Please click on link below for details).

The closing date for application submission is 5 pm on the 9th October 2020. The application form is available on the Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales (link below)

Useful Links:

[Eligible areas in England and Wales](#)

[Application Guidance](#)

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<https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/covid-19/infrastructure-fund>

Funding to Improve the Health Outcomes for Mothers and Babies from Deprived Areas or BAME Backgrounds (England)

Voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in England can apply for funding of between £200,000 and £510,000 for projects which improve health outcomes for mothers and babies from preconception to two and a half years of age in deprived areas or from BAME backgrounds.

This new round of the £3.3 million VCSE Health and Wellbeing Fund has been launched with the theme of 'Starting Well' to support community projects which prevent obesity, reduce smoking, and improve perinatal mental health and learning and development amongst mothers and babies.

Projects must:

- have run for at least 3 years
- develop or expand services for children from preconception to 2-and-a-half years old, so they receive the best possible start in life
- be focused on improving health outcomes in black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities or areas of high deprivation (including urban, rural and coastal areas).

The fund is open to applications from charity-run projects aimed at:

- improving perinatal mental health
- reducing the percentage of babies born with low birthweight
- increasing babies being breastfed
- obesity prevention and support
- reducing smoking or encouraging smoke-free homes
- improving learning, speech and language development
- improving immunisation rates and reducing rates of preventable disease

Applicants are strongly encouraged to join one of the "Meet the Funders" webinars on either the 8th or 10th September 2020.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 30th October 2020.

Useful Links:

[Information Pack](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vcse-health-and-wellbeing-fund-applications-2020-to-2021>

Arts Impact Fund (England)

Arts Council England has announced that loans of between £150,000 and £600,000 are available to entrepreneurial arts and cultural organisations. The aim of the loans is to increase the resilience of art and culture in England.

The loans can be used, among other things, to:

- Acquire new assets
- Improve built infrastructure
- Develop new ventures
- Scale up existing revenue streams.

The Arts Impact Fund is created and funded by Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Nesta. It's supported by the Arts Council with additional funding from the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. Unsecured loans are available with a repayment term of between three and five years with interest rates ranging between 3.5% and 8.5%.

Applications are accepted at any time.

Previous loans awarded include:

South East Dance - £350,000: The Brighton based dance agency will use the loan to bridge fundraising and allow work to start on its new hub The Dance Space. The new building will provide a rental income from its studio and office space, reducing the need for public funding and supporting its work with local artists and community development programme.

Autograph Media - £150,000: to set up a new commercial image licensing business specialising in race and cultural diversity. Autograph Media is the trading subsidiary of the visual arts charity, Autograph ABP, based in Shoreditch.

Live Theatre - £600,000: to launch a new commercial hospitality venture, making use of its capital assets to subsidise the work of the theatre in Newcastle.

Useful Links:

[More Successful Applicants](#)

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<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/arts-impact-fund>

Funding for Sanctuary Housing Association Residents Affected by Covid-19 (England)

Sanctuary Housing's Community Investment Fund provides grants for community initiatives which make a difference to the lives of Sanctuary residents in England, and is currently prioritising initiatives that are responding directly to the challenges of Covid-19.

Charities, community and voluntary groups, schools, and residents' groups can apply for funding to help with challenges affecting the lives of Sanctuary residents in communities during the pandemic, including (but not limited to):

- Job losses
- Mental health
- Money management
- Health and wellbeing
- Social isolation

Funding can also directly support community groups who need to change the way they engage with and offer support to Sanctuary residents due to the pandemic; examples include:

- Moving services online and telephone based
- Distributing activity or food packs for vulnerable families not able to access usual sessions and groups
- Setting up a community hub to connect residents to local support services
- Purchasing household cleaning products to allow support services to remain operational and safe for the public to attend
- Support with setting up a household and medication delivery service

Interested groups can discuss their project proposal with Sanctuary by contacting Joe Leighton in our Community Investment team on 01905 335163 or by emailing community@sanctuary-housing.co.uk

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<https://www.sanctuary-housing.co.uk/community-investment-fund>

Funding to Develop Digital Responses to Covid-19 (England)

Registered charities and community organisations that have been impacted by Covid-19 and who need emergency funding can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £60,000 to develop their digital, data and design capabilities to allow them to continue to deliver essential services.

This funding is a combination of direct grants and payment for support from digital agencies. The funding is being made available through Catalyst and The National Lottery Community Fund COVID-19 Digital Response.

Two funding streams are available.

The Discovery Programme

- This programme provides learning and development opportunities for nonprofits looking to progress their digital ambitions.
- Four weeks of funding and support, as part of a cohort of 8-10 organisations with a similar level of digital maturity, to understand and research the problem you are trying to address.
- Organisations will work with a digital partner to identify the needs and behaviours of your community, and how digital, data and design can best support them.
- Organisations will receive a £5,000 grant to cover the cost of one member of your team full time, or a number of people who, between them, are working on the programme for 20 days. This is to ensure you get the most out of the programme, and are able to complete all the key activities. It should also allow a couple of additional days' time at the end of the programme to help put into practice some of the next steps identified in Week Four.
- During this programme organisations will capture their learning in a report or, if appropriate, develop a brief for further digital/design/data support.

The closing date is the 7th September 2020.

The Development Programme

Organisations that can show they have already been through a Discovery process will be eligible to move directly to Development.

- 10 weeks of funding and support to build on the learnings from discovery and develop a solution to their validated problem area.
- The programme runs for 10 weeks: 1 week to get ready, 8 weeks working time, 1 week to wrap up.
- Organisations are invited to apply for up to £60,000, which will be a mix of grant funding and support from a digital agency/expert.

The closing date for applications is the 20th September 2020.

To be eligible applicants must be part of a formal or informal network of ten or more organisations.

Catalyst are especially interested in applications from:

- User-led organisations: organisations where the majority of the leadership (i.e. at least half of senior team and trustees) are from the communities the organisation serves.
- Organisations led by and for marginalised communities and those most affected by the COVID-19 crisis (particularly Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic; Deaf and Disabled; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and/or women-led groups)

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<https://www.thecatalyst.org.uk/covid-digital-fund>

Grants of up to £20,000 Available to Charities to Supporting Vulnerable People (Scotland)

The Bank of Scotland Foundation has announced that its Reach Programme has re-opened for applications from the 24th August until the 27th August 2020. Registered Charities in Scotland with an income less than £1.5 million per annum will be able to apply for grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 over one year to support vulnerable people through varying stages of their lives.

The funding is available for charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion. This can include:

Disadvantage

Examples include charities addressing primary disadvantages such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantages such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues.

Social Exclusion

Examples include charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

<https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/reach>

Bank of Scotland Foundation Reach Programme to Re-open for Applications (Scotland)

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 will be available to charities that can demonstrate they address disadvantage and social exclusion to ensure that the most vulnerable people are supported and provide them with opportunity and equality.

Examples include charities addressing primary disadvantage such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantage such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues; as well as charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

To ensure that the Reach programme supports a greater number of charities over the next few months, the eligibility criteria have also been expanded so that registered charities in Scotland which have been operating for a year or more, and have an income of less than £1.5 million can apply. The programme operates on a monthly deadline basis and the next funding round will be open for applications from 12 noon on the 5th October 2020 until 12 noon on the 8th October 2020.

Useful Links:

[Hints and Tips Guide](#)

<https://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes/reach>

Funding to Help Save Grassroots Live Music Venues from Permanent Closure (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has launched a £2.2 million Grassroots Music Venues Stabilisation Fund to help save grassroots live music venues from permanent closure and to ensure they can re-open in a safe and sustainable way.

Permanent venues with a capacity of under 600 that were financially sustainable before Covid-19 can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 to help with sustainability until the 31st October 2020.

Applications from venues with capacities up to 1,000 will be considered on an exceptional basis if a significant grassroots focus can be demonstrated.

The Fund will be delivered through Creative Scotland with support from the Scottish Music Industry Association.

Applications can be made from 12pm on the 26th August 2020 until 12pm on the 3rd September 2020.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance](#)

[Cash Flow Template](#)

<https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/grassroots-music-venues-stabilisation-fund>

Funding to Provide Additional Infrastructure Support to Communities Affected by the Covid-19 Crisis (Bradford)

The Leeds Community Foundation are offering grants of between £15,000 and £25,000 for not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises providing new, or additional infrastructure support to communities as a result of the coronavirus pandemic in the Bradford Metropolitan District Area.

What is meant by the term infrastructure?

- playing a role in co-ordinating activity taking place across the district in response to the pandemic
- connecting people or organisations at a cross-district level to work together to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable people
- acting as “systems leaders” in a locality or within a particular community of people to ensure a coordinated response to needs arising as a result of the pandemic

Funding from the Covid-19 Strategic Infrastructure Grants can be used for activities which prevent further negative impacts on communities, and/or which focuses on relieving the adverse effects now faced by communities, such as:

- Applications working to combat hardship including economic, social or health impacts caused by the pandemic
- Applications that support the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure that their health and wellbeing is maintained including those who are self-isolating, community response co-ordination and informal groups responding to the crisis
- Applications in support of activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services, particularly emergency or health and social care provision, or compliment their response
- Applications supporting people or communities of interest who have been disproportionately affected.

Priority will be given to:

- the BAME community
- those who have not received smaller grant funding: namely gypsy and traveller communities
- applications that are building on co-ordinated responses that have arisen as a result of the pandemic.
- those where the approach taken can be embedded longer-term in the local system following the end of the grant period

Scale of Grants

- a minimum of 6-10 grants between £15,000 and £25,000 per grant will be made
- The grant must not represent more than 25% of annual turnover during the grant expenditure period (equivalent to 12.5% of turnover per annum). This means to apply for a grant of £25,000 for example, annual turnover must be £200,000 or above

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 8th September 2020.

<https://leedscf.org.uk/grants/covid-19-strategic-infrastructure-grants-bradford/>

Funding to Make London Greener (London)

The Mayor of London has launched a £650,000 Grow Back Greener Fund to make London greener, fairer, healthier and more resilient to climate change.

Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available for activities that enhance or create publicly accessible green spaces including parks, community gardens, and housing estates, for local people who have limited access, including BAME, lower income families and over-65s.

Applications are open to:

- registered charities including Charitable Incorporated Organisations
- formally constituted community groups
- Community Interest Companies
- Community Benefit Societies
- tenants and residents' associations, or Tenant Management Organisations (TMO)
- housing associations
- local authorities, but only where working in collaboration with local groups, schools or civil society organisations
- Applications must be from a formally constituted organisation, with an organisational bank account and able to enter into legal contracts.

Organisations can apply for a maximum of two grants for different projects, working at different sites and must have a minimum of 20% match funding. Both revenue and capital costs can be covered.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 5th October 2020. Projects should take place between November 2020 and June 2021.

Useful Links:

[Grants Guide](#)

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/london-grants/growbackgreener/#:~:text=The%20Grow%20Back%20Greener%20Grants,waterways%20and%20nature%20reserves.>

Funding for Small Community Groups Responding to Covid-19 (Oxfordshire)

Oxfordshire Community Foundation has announced that a new round of small grants to support COVID-19 response and recovery is now open for applications. Grants of between £250 and £2,000 are available to community organisations with a turnover of below £100,000 per year to support projects or running costs associated with responding to and recovering from COVID-19.

This could include:

- Supporting the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to maintain their health and wellbeing, in particular tackling educational disadvantage and homelessness.
- Activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services, particularly emergency or health and social care provision.
- Support for vulnerable people self-isolating, such as recommending of small community/befriending groups.
- Food insecurity, such as foodbanks, combating hardship caused by the pandemic, including child hunger.
- Community response coordination.
- Volunteer costs for new and existing organisations responding to the effect of the crisis.
- Additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community, or promoting digital inclusion.
- Additional support as required for emotional support, mental health and bereavement support.
- If grant funds allow, countering loss of income and fundraising directly linked to the pandemic.

Groups with a larger income working directly with beneficiaries in their immediate locality are also eligible.

The closing date for applications is the 9th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[General eligibility criteria](#)

[Terms & Conditions](#)

<https://oxfordshire.org/grants-2020/covid-19-small-grants/>

Step Change Fund Opens for Applications (Oxfordshire)

Registered charities, social enterprises and constituted community groups that are looking to transform the way they are organised and operate can apply for grants of £10,000 - £50,000. There is also the possibility of further funding up to £25,000 for follow-on projects.

The funding is being made available through the Oxfordshire Community Foundations Step Change Fund and will support work relating to mergers, systems and premises upgrades, training, marketing or research.

To be eligible applicants will have to have an annual income of between £75,000 and £750,000. The closing date for applications is midday on the 30th September 2020.

Useful Links:

[OCF Grant eligibility criteria](#)

[Step Change Fund full application guidance](#)

<https://oxfordshire.org/grants-2020/step-change/>

Older People's Community Grant (North Somerset)

Quartet Community Foundation offers the Older People's Community Grants scheme in partnership with St Monica Trust. The Trust's mission is to support and celebrate the lives of older people and the aim of the Community Fund is to keep people independent and living in their own community for as long as possible. This is achieved by helping individuals and families to buy the essential things they need or supporting them through a crisis.

The average grant award size is £5,000.

To be eligible for a grant from the North Somerset Older People's Community Grant Programme your work/activity must benefit older people in North Somerset. The project should aim to reduce social isolation.

The scheme is targeted at older people's organisations with charitable aims where a small amount of money can make a significant difference. Applicants must be based and working in North Somerset.

There are no limits to the size of organisation which may apply, however, priority will be given to smaller groups with an average income less than £500,000. Where an applicant organisation is holding significant financial reserves, it should be made clear why these reserves cannot be used to cover the cost of the activity.

This is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Guidelines](#)

<https://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/north-somerset-older-peoples-community-grant/>

Funding to Help Prevent Suicides and Reduce Self-Harm (Hampshire and Isle of Wight)

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Partnership has established a Suicide Prevention Innovation Fund to support community-based initiatives and activities that help to prevent suicides and reduce self-harm across Hampshire and the IoW.

Small voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, religious groups, 'Friends of' (or similar) groups, PTA groups and student groups can apply for grants of up to £10,000.

Projects should aim to reduce the number of suicides in high risk and under-represented groups including:

- men (particularly those aged 35-54)
- people who use mental health services
- people who have self-harmed.

Projects should seek to improve support and awareness across the community whilst aiming to alleviate the current and anticipated impact of the COVID-19 crisis.

Applications for the Fund will only be considered towards projects and activities that significantly meet programme principles. These are:

- Sustainability: beyond the initial guaranteed period of funding
- Added value
- Early intervention and prevention
- Evidence based (or to inform the evidence base)

Examples of what can be funded:

- Insurance
- Venue hire for regular meetings or events
- Materials for use in your project
- Publicity materials, including digital publicity
- Training
- Transport costs within the city for groups of members/attendees who have limited mobility
- Volunteer expenses
- Sports equipment
- Play equipment, including bouncy castles
- Health and wellbeing activities
- Employment and training activities
- Basic IT equipment
- Fees for services - like crèche facilities, guest speakers, artists, entertainers, etc., excluding professional fees
- AGM costs (including tea/coffee but excluding food)
- Activities where participants pay a contribution towards the cost of the project or sessions.

The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 14th September 2020.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/grants-funding/suicide-prevention-grant.aspx#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20Innovation,better%20engage%20citizens%20in%20services>

Funding for Projects that Encourage Sugar Intake (Suffolk)

Public Health Suffolk in conjunction with Suffolk Community Foundation are offering the opportunity to apply for grants to support projects that address the 10-point [sugar reduction](#) plan especially points 9 & 10 i.e. to:

- Work with early years services to promote healthier food and drink choices, from the point where solid foods are introduced
- Engage with children and young people to develop their own sugar reduction campaigns and initiatives.

The funder is very open to interpretation of meeting the sugar reduction plan and encourages young people to be creative. Projects supported will:

- Be child or young person led
- Show sustainability
- Target young people are aged between the ages of 5 – 18
- Use alternative methods to promote their work

Grants of up to £1,000 are available with a maximum of 10% to be spent on capital equipment. In addition, [Onelife Suffolk](#) are available to run assemblies and/or short workshops to help identify the ways of reducing sugar intake and to help kick start projects.

The funding is specifically targeted at PTAs or Friends of Schools/PRUs, or community group such as Brownies, Scouts and youth projects.

Apply at any time to this rolling programme.

<https://www.suffolkcf.org.uk/grants/sugar-reduction-fund/>

Funding Reminders

Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme Due to Re-open for Applications in September 2020 (UK)

The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme is due to re-open for applications in September 2020. The programme offers grants of up to £1,000 to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs for those children in most need.

To qualify for the programme:

- The breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- A limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have **either**:

35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals.

or

Schools 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. Schools can find out if this applies to their school by following the instructions which you can find [here](#).

- Additionally, if your school has received breakfast club funding from Gregg's or Magic Breakfast within the current academic year, your club will not be considered a priority for support.
- Only one grant per school in each academic year is available.

For any queries please contact Forever Manchester on 0044 161 214 0940 or e-mail kelloggs@forevermanchester.com

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<https://forevermanchester.com/kelloggs-breakfast-club-programme/>

Grants to Cover Running Costs for Small Charities (UK)

The Marsh Christian Trust was founded in 1981 with the sum of £75,000 by its current Chairman, Mr Brian Marsh OBE. His aim was to create a sustainable way to give something back to society by supporting organisations and people who are making a difference.

The Trust supports around 300 charities every year and focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses, training days, equipment maintenance and other core outgoings. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time.

Applicants must be a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. This does not include Community Interest Companies (CICs). Charities will be working in the areas of:

- Arts and heritage
- Social welfare
- Environmental causes and animal welfare
- Education and training
- Healthcare

Charities must have been established for more than one financial year and able to provide a full set of their most recent Annual Report and Accounts, or the equivalent financial information if their annual income is under £25,000.

Grants are unrestricted and range from £300 to £2,000 with new applications at the lower end of this scale.

Applications are considered on the basis of the organisation's financial position, performance against charitable aims and objectives and the ratio of voluntary income against fundraising expenses.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Examples of the support given include:

- Core costs for Compaid, a digital skills centre in Kent that supports people with disabilities and sensory impairments
- Glassdoor, an organisation that offers shelter to the homeless in London.

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<https://www.marshchristiantrust.org/grants/>

Grants Available for SMEs Looking to Export (UK)

Applications are now open for UK businesses to apply for grants of up to £2,500 to attend international trade shows. The financial support is for UK SMEs to participate in overseas exhibitions and conferences that cover a range of sectors, from education to aerospace and creative to maritime. Successful businesses can use the grants to fund direct exhibiting costs, including stand costs and conference fees. 55 events comprise the list, ranging from the Aircraft Interiors Expo in Hamburg, to Cannes Lions Festival, to Summer Fancy Food in New York, and Mobile World Congress Shanghai.

The funding is being made available through the Department for International Trade's (DIT) Tradeshow Access Programme (TAP). Applications for the Tradeshow Access Programme must be made 8 weeks before the start of the event.

To be eligible for a grant, businesses must be based in the UK (excluding Isle of Man or the Channel Islands) and be a small or medium-sized enterprise, UK university, UK government funded centre of higher or further learning or UK government funded research organisation.

From 1st October 2017, the maximum number of grants available to individual companies is limited to 6. The grants can be taken in any market.

Contact one of the [local DIT International Trade Adviser](#) for further information about the programme.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tradeshow-access-programme>

University Liaison Grants Scheme (UK)

The Institute of Mathematics offers University Liaison Grants to university student mathematical societies as funding for activities to enhance their programmes for their members and to promote mathematics.

Grants of up to £400 can be used to support:

- Mathematical activities (such as putting on talks of mathematical interest, printing a mathematical newsletter or travelling as a group to IMA Early Career Mathematicians' conferences or places of mathematical interest)
- Supporting students participate in and attend the Tomorrow's Mathematicians Today Conference
- Careers activities
- Promotional activities (printing t-shirts, hoodies, pens, etc. including the IMA logo)
- Networking activities, quizzes etc.

Previous grants have been made to:

- IMA King's College, London to reduce the barrier that students felt existed between them and the teaching staff through a number of social events and to educate students with some useful skills not taught in the main course.
- The Students' Actuarial Society (SAS) at Heriot-Watt organised a number of events that included talks given by industry leaders like Scottish Widows and EY on the impact of Brexit and implementation of Solvency II.

University student mathematical societies are eligible to apply at any time.

Useful Links:

[Case Studies](#)

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<https://ima.org.uk/support/grants/university-liaison-grants-scheme/>

Comic Relief Community Fund Launched (England)

Comic Relief has launched its Community Fund. Grassroots community organisations with an income of less than £250,000 can apply for funding to help them develop their organisation through a Capacity Building Grant of up to £500 or to deliver projects through a Project Delivery Grant of up to £4,000.

The grants available to organisations whose work delivers on one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes:

- Children Survive & Thrive: projects that support children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life.
- Fighting for Gender Justice: projects that improve equality for women and girls and initiatives that help people affected by domestic violence, abuse or exploitation due to their gender or sexuality.
- A Safe Place to Be: projects that support people who are rebuilding their lives because of homelessness or forced migration.
- Mental Health Matters: projects that support good mental health in communities, improve access to support and tackle stigma and discrimination.

This new funding programme aims deliver long lasting community driven change.

Both funding programmes accept applications on a rolling basis and there are no application deadlines.

Administration of the local funding is being managed by community charity, [Groundwork](#)

Useful Links:

[Capacity Building Grant Guidance Notes](#)

[Capacity Building Grant Eligibility – Eligibility Check](#)

[Project Delivery Grant Guidance Notes](#)

[Projects Delivery Grant – Eligibility Check](#)

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<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/>

Funding Available to Support Schools Facing Unexpected or Imminent Failure (England)

Teaching schools, national support schools and multi-academy trusts can apply for funding through the Emergency School Improvement fund to support schools facing unexpected or imminent failure.

This can include primary schools; secondary schools; middle schools; all-through schools; alternative provision and special academies; maintained schools; and pupil referral units.

Applications can be made for short-term support while a longer-term sustainable solution is developed, for example through the support of a new academy sponsor. Applications can also be made for longer-term whole school support where no other sustainable solution can be found to address the school failure.

Schools or academy trusts seeking support through the emergency school improvement fund, should contact the relevant local authority or regional schools commissioner. If they agree that support through the emergency school improvement fund is necessary, they will agree which teaching schools, national support school or multi-academy trust should lead that support and submit an emergency funding application on their behalf.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/emergency-school-improvement-fund-non-capital>

New Fund Launched to Improve Business Digital Capabilities (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has introduced a loan at 0% interest rates that aims to help firms to spread the cost of investment over 3 to 5 years. This fund will enable businesses to meet the upfront business costs of investing in digital technology and skills. Created alongside delivery partner [Lanarkshire Enterprise Services](#) (LESL) loans will be made available to companies who wish to improve their digital capabilities and processes in areas such as cyber security, data analytics and software engineering. The loan also covers staff digital skills development as part of the Scottish Government's drive to improve economic productivity.

Loans of £5,000 to £100,000 for up to five years are available.

Applicant businesses must be located in Scotland and have been trading a minimum of 6 months. The purpose of the loan must be to improve digital capacity and or capability of the business

Applicants must be over the age of 18 and be a UK resident with the right to work in the UK.

Applicant businesses must meet the European definition of an SME i.e. employ fewer than 250 persons and have an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million euro, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million euro.

View the Lending Policy [here](#)

Applications are invited online via an [initial enquiry](#) form.

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<https://digitaldevelopmentloan.org/>

Grants for Local Environmental Projects Are Now Available (Scotland)

Volunteering Matters Action Earth empowers people in Scotland to take action and improve their local environment through volunteering. Any group of volunteers can apply for a Volunteering Matters Action Earth grant of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland's green spaces.

Grants can be used for plants, tools, materials and volunteer's expenses and activities funded could include, creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds or woodlands.

Projects supported must:

- involve practical outdoor activity in Scotland,
- make improvements to local green spaces,
- involve at least 15 volunteers giving a minimum of 5 hours each and be on a site accessible to the general public.

Applicants will need to provide evidence that they have permission to work on the site.

Applicants should note that grants are paid retrospectively with projects paying costs upfront and then claiming back expenditure by sending in receipts, feedback forms and a grant claim form within 4 weeks of the project end date.

Volunteering Matters can also offer [Action Earth Enhanced Grants](#) of up to £500 for projects which can demonstrate a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs. This can include people living with:

- Dementia
- A mental health problem
- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- Diabetes, cancer or cardiovascular disease
- Social isolation
- Or people in a hospital, hospice or care home

Apply at any time by first registering through the website. Please contact Robert Henderson before applying at

robert.henderson@volunteeringmatters.org.uk or call on 07808 860356.

Useful Links:

[Ideas and Links](#)

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<https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

Funding to Encourage the Adoption of Healthy Lifestyles (Wales)

The Welsh Government, Sport Wales and Public Health Wales have come together to deliver the Healthy and Active Fund (HAF) which aims to improve mental and physical health by enabling the adoption of healthy and active lifestyles across Wales.

Phase 1 will provide £5million of financial support, over a period of 3 years (April 2019 - March 2022), to projects that strengthen and develop community assets. Projects supported will reflect the aspirations of the Welsh Governments [Vision for Sport](#).

Priority will be given to projects that actively promote the reduction of inequality in outcomes for one or more of the following groups:

- Children and young people
- People with a disability or long-term illness
- People who are economically inactive or who live in areas of deprivation
- Older people and those around the age of retirement from work

Statutory and non-statutory bodies, as well as organisations that have the structure and capacity to deliver the objectives of the HAF are encouraged to apply. Collaborations between existing community assets, such as clubs, schools and workplaces are welcomed.

Funded projects will have demonstrated value for money and have a clear business case for the continuation of the project beyond initial funding. Clear evidence of partnership working and engagement with the local community in the development of proposals will also be required.

Details of how the HAF will operate, criteria and objectives will be shared at a series of roadshows across Wales; to register, follow the links below:

Merthyr Tydfil: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sioe-deithiol-y-gronfa-iach-ac-egniol-healthy-and-active-fund-roadshow-registration-49886416615?aff=affiliate1>

Caernarfon: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sioe-deithiol-y-gronfa-iach-ac-egniolhealthy-and-active-fund-roadshow-registration-50115417563>

Carmarthen: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sioe-deithiol-y-gronfa-iach-ac-egniolhealthy-and-active-fund-roadshow-registration-50115585064>

Cardiff: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sioe-deithiol-y-gronfa-iach-ac-egniolhealthy-and-active-fund-roadshow-registration-50115677340>

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[http://sport.wales/news--events/news--events/our-news/latest-news/healthy-and-active-fund-\(haf\)-launches-across-wales.aspx](http://sport.wales/news--events/news--events/our-news/latest-news/healthy-and-active-fund-(haf)-launches-across-wales.aspx)

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