

Coronavirus Funds

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COMMUNITY RADIO FUND
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted until 5pm on the 14th January 2021.
Details:
Community radio stations that are facing severe financial difficulty and are at risk of closure due to the Covid-19 crisis can bid for grants to meet their urgent needs. Due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19, an additional £200,000 has now been made available for a third funding round in 2020-21 to support community radio stations which are taking steps to tackle loneliness and isolation within their communities. Applicants must be community radio licensees in the UK, and be on air by the time applications are considered. There is a maximum grant amount of £7,500 available in this round. Applications can be submitted until 5pm on the 14th January 2021.
How to apply:
https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund

TECH FOR GOOD DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
Deadline:
The fund will open for applications on the 7th January 2021. See website for deadline.
Details:
Not-for-profit organisations in the UK will be able to apply for grants of up to £70,000 to use technology to explore different approaches to delivering better services during the Covid-19 crisis. Over £1 million will be available to individual not-for-profit organisations or those working in partnership to define, test and develop user-centred digital solutions to create more impact for the people they work with. Applications that aim to adapt or re-purpose existing technology are also eligible for funding. The programme aims to fund a portfolio of digital projects at different stages of development, and will support a range of digital interventions. The funding is being made available through the Tech for Good digital development fund 'Build' programme which is being supported by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Comic Relief.
How to apply:
https://www.phf.org.uk/news/paul-hamlyn-foundation-and-comic-relief-launch-tech-for-good-digital-development-fund-build/

COVID-19 HYGIENE GRANT
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
In response to Covid-19 the Asda Foundation has stopped its usual grant making activities and launched its Covid-19 Grants. The Hygiene grant is focused on personal hygiene dignity, supporting residents/patients in facilities, who are struggling and unable to provide their own toiletries either through lack of funds or access to family support. The fund is open to applications from care homes, hospices, hospitals and homeless shelters. The maximum grant available is £500.
How to apply:
https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE FUND
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
The Department of Health and Social Care has made £5 million available to support voluntary and community sector (VCS) mental health providers which are experiencing an increase in demand for their services due to coronavirus. Through the Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund,

small and large grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 are available to help increase mental support for people with and at risk of developing mental health problems.
How to apply:
https://amhp.org.uk/mental-health-response-fund/

TIME-TO-SHINE C-19 RESILIENCE PROGRAMME
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
In response to the coronavirus pandemic, a new £10 million Grants Programme will be launched to provide support to 200 small-medium charities and social enterprises within the social sector. The Rank Foundation's Time to Shine Covid-19 Resilience Programme will offer immediate, short-term and urgent grant funding to organisations primarily within their network, RankNet, that are facing unprecedented demand for services, or those who have suffered a significant reduction in income due to the pandemic. In addition, organisations will take part in the Time to Shine Leadership Programme to create new jobs within the social sector and to help build resilience. The Foundation has received £5 million in match-funding from the Government's Community Match Challenge scheme.
How to apply:
https://rankfoundation.com/dcms-funding-scheme/

THRIVING COMMUNITIES FUND
Deadline:
Applications will be accepted until midday on 8 th January 2021.
Details:
The Fund will support local voluntary, community, faith & social enterprise projects that bring together place-based partnerships to improve and increase the range & reach of available social prescribing community activities – especially for those people most impacted by COVID-19 & health inequalities. The funding is for activities that will increase social connectedness and help communities cope with the impact of COVID-19. The projects will work with the communities most impacted by the COVID pandemic inc. Black, Asian & ethnically diverse communities & will help to: Strengthen range of social prescribing activities offered locally; Enhance collaboration & networking between local organisations; Enable social prescribing link workers to connect people to more creative community activities & services. Grants £25,000-£50,000.
How to apply:
https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/thriving-communities-fund#section-1

COMMUNITY BUSINESS RENEWAL FUND
Deadline:
There is a very short applications windows (3 hours) as high demand is anticipated. Round 2 – Tuesday 12 th January 2021, 10am-1pm & Round 3 – Tuesday 2 nd March 2021, 10am-1pm
Details:
Power to Change announced that it will launch a new fund to support community businesses & affected by the Covid crisis. Community businesses will be able to apply for grants of £10,000-£20,000 to adapt & evolve to the changing circumstances; & to remain financially viable. There are no restrictions on how the grants and they can be used to cover core staffing costs, contribute to meeting capital costs of adapting community businesses & ensuring that they can continue to provide the vital support to local people. Priority will be given to applications from areas of England facing high levels of deprivation, organisations supporting & led by disabled people and Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME)-led or BAME-supporting businesses.
How to apply:
https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-renewal-fund/

COVID-19 EQUINE RESCUES EMERGENCY FUND
Deadline:
The deadline for the third round of applications is the 15 th January 2021.

Details:
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help small/medium-sized charitable equine welfare organisations which have experienced unprecedented financial & operational challenges as a result of the coronavirus crisis. The Covid-19 Equine Rescues Emergency Fund helps smaller equine welfare organisations whose primary focus is the rescue and rehoming of equines. Priority will be given to NEWC members & those smaller organisations that have not received emergency funding from other emergency funds. Average grant is expected to be around £2,500-£3,000.
How to apply:
https://petplancharitabletrust.org.uk/covid-19-equine-emergency-fund/

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND
Deadline:
The closing date for this funding round is the 19 th January 2021.
Details:
Small charities and constituted community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000 for projects that build more connected, more resilient communities and give people the tools to become more financially independent. <i>In response to the Covid-19 Aviva are temporarily opening up the Fund to projects that will ensure organisations can adapt or maintain critical services and infrastructure in response to the impacts of COVID-19.</i> Projects must still relate to one of Aviva's key funding areas.
How to apply:
https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding#criteria

YOUTH COVID-19 SUPPORT FUND
Deadline:
Further details, including eligibility and how to apply, are due to be announced soon.
Details:
The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport has announced an emergency funding package to protect the immediate future of grassroots and national youth organisations. £16.5m will be available through the Youth Covid-19 Support Fund for grassroots youth clubs, uniformed youth groups, and national youth and umbrella organisations across the UK. The funding will be allocated from the government's £750m package of support, of which more than £60m has already been provided to organisations working with vulnerable children and young people.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-165-million-youth-covid-19-support-fund

ROSA COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
Rosa, a grant making charity that funds grassroots women's organisations, has announced plans to build a Covid-19 response fund that gives multi-year grants to specialist not-for-profit organisations led by and for Black and minoritised (BME) women across the UK. Rosa aims to raise a minimum of £1 million for this fund to meet the holistic needs of disadvantaged BME women and girls who have been hardest hit by the pandemic such as those with disabilities, older women, LGBTQ+, homeless women, and survivors of gender violence. The Fund will provide a tailored and responsive support package including the opportunity to join an online platform, access online training, take part in smaller discussion groups, and more.
How to apply:
https://rosauk.org/2020/11/24/rosa-builds-next-phase-covid-19-response-for-bme-led-womens-organisations/

COVID WORKFORCE FUND
Deadline:
No deadline specified.

Details:
The Department for Education has announced a short-term Covid Workforce Fund to support schools and colleges facing financial and staffing pressures due to the Covid-19 pandemic in England. Schools and colleges will be able to reclaim costs incurred over the course of the current half term, if they meet the following conditions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial: Schools will first need to use any existing financial reserves, as we would typically expect when facing unforeseen costs. They will be eligible for this additional funding once they have used these down to a level at 4% of the annual income. Colleges' eligibility will be based on their cash position set out in the November financial return. • Absence rates: Mainstream schools and colleges must be experiencing a short-term teacher absence rate at or above 20%, and/or a lower long-term teacher absence rate at or above 10% - costs can only be claimed when incurred above this rate. • Absence rates: Special schools and Alternative Provision schools must be experiencing a short-term teacher absence rate at or above 15%, and/or a lower long-term teacher absence rate at or above 10%, to be eligible - costs can only be claimed when incurred above this rate.
Claims for support staff absences will be on an exceptional only basis, where necessary in keeping schools and colleges open. In special/AP schools, there will be greater flexibility for claims for these staff. Claims can include the cost of bringing in supply teachers but also other options such as paying additional hours for teachers who are part time (provided these teachers are happy to temporarily increase their hours, and full consideration is given to their workload and wellbeing). Funding will apply to the current half term and will be backdated to 1 November 2020. Guidance on the claims process will be published shortly.
How to apply:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-funding-to-support-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-pandemic

WORKERTECH PARTNERSHIP
Deadline:
Organisations can register their interest at any time, with investment decisions made quarterly.
Details:
Funding is available for innovative ideas that use new technologies to create better work opportunities for low paid & insecure workers. The £1.3m Workertech Partnership provides seed funding & support for ventures that use technology to improve workers' pay, prospects, power & career choices. The new programme builds on a successful pilot scheme, led by Resolution Foundation, which has already supported ventures that have helped hundreds of 1000's of workers. Applications are invited from charities, companies, CICs and cooperatives across the UK, with plans to build worker-focused platforms, apps and online tools - from accessing training, to amplifying workers' voices and assessing whether work sites are Covid-secure.
How to apply:
https://ufi.co.uk/latest/resolution-foundation-launch-workertech/

SYLVIA WADDILOVE FOUNDATION COVID EMERGENCY FUND
Deadline:
Applications can be made at any time.
Details:
Grants of up to £1,000 are available to small & medium-sized charities, CICs & registered societies which are struggling to manage the financial impact of Covid either because of increased demand for their services or from loss of income. The Fund will provide support to organisations which are in a critical position & operating in one of the following categories: education relating to non-domestic animals; visual & performing arts; medical research; relief of disability or severe illness; accommodation of those in need. Funding can be used to cover costs i.e., staff costs, other overheads, changes to working practices e.g. laptop purchase & PPE.
How to apply:
https://www.pwvsolicitors.co.uk/charity-grants/13-the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk

BRITISH MUSLIM COVID-19 FUND

Deadline:
Applications will remain open for as long as there are funds available.
Details:
Grants are available for charities, organisations and voluntary groups in the UK impacted by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of £250 to £5,000 are available. The Fund is split into two programmes: Small grants of £250 to £1,000 and Major grants of £1,000 to £5,000.
How to apply:
https://britishmuslimcovid19fund.co.uk/

SPORT ENGLAND THE RETURN TO PLAY FUND
Deadline:
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
Details:
<p>Sport England has launched a new fund that will support groups, clubs and organisations that have been impacted by restrictions brought in to tackle Covid-19 & is part of the organisation's overall response to the crisis. The Return to Play Fund is made up of three parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a £10m Small grants which will provide grants of £300-£10,000 to help sport and activity groups, clubs and organisations respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a Covid-19-safe environment; • a £5m Community Asset Fund that will provide grants ranging in value from £10,001 to £50,000 to help local sports clubs and organisations to adapt and open important places and spaces that can help them welcome back their local community safely; • and a £1.5m Active Together Fund which is a crowdfunding initiative will help sports clubs and organisations set up their own campaigns to help sustain them through the crisis. <p>The Fund will especially seek to support those groups/organisations working with audiences that Sport England have identified as finding it more difficult to be active at this time. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities; • People on lower incomes; • Those disproportionately affected financially as a result of the crisis; • Disabled people and people with long-term health conditions; • Those who are experiencing a greater burden of care responsibilities since pandemic began.
How to apply:
https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds

THE FOYLE FOUNDATION COVID SMALL GRANTS
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme supports smaller, grass-roots and local charities across the UK during the Covid-19 crisis. Organisations which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support can apply for grants of £1,000-£10,000. Funding can be used to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services.
How to apply:
http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/

SEAFARERS UK COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time
Details:
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on merchant seafarers, fishers & their families, Seafarers UK has created a COVID-19 Emergency Fund. The new fund is intended for distribution in 20/21, with 75% allocated to the international merchant seafaring community & 25% to UK coastal fishing fleets. Grants from Seafarers UK are offered to charities and other organisations providing frontline & support services to merchant seafarers, UK fishers and their families.

How to apply:
https://www.seafarers.uk/helping-you/grant-funding/

NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME

Deadline:

No deadline specified.

Details:

The government has announced £1b of funding to support children and young people to catch up. This includes a one-off universal £650m catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support they need to help all pupils make up for lost teaching time. The Government has also launched a £350m National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help. The £650m of universal catch-up premium funding will be available for all state-funded mainstream and special schools, and alternative provision. It will cover:

- primary, secondary & all through local authority-maintained schools, academies & free schools;
- local authority-maintained special schools;
- special academies and free schools;
- special schools not maintained by a local authority;
- pupil referral units;
- alternative provision (AP) academies and free schools;
- local authority-maintained hospital schools and academies;
- independent special schools.

The £350m National Tutoring Programme will comprise of at least 3 parts in the 2020 to 2021 academic year, including:

- a [5 to 16 programme](#) that will make high-quality tuition available to 5-16-year old's in state-funded primary & secondary schools from the second half of autumn term 2020.
- a 16-19 fund for school sixth forms, colleges & all other 16-19 providers to provide small group tutoring activity for disadvantaged 16-19 students whose studies have been disrupted as a result of coronavirus - guidance setting out further detail of this element will be issued shortly.
- a [reception year early language programme](#) that will make training and resources available at no-cost to schools where additional targeted support for oral language would be particularly beneficial. Schools should register their interest to participate in the early language programme by the 30th October 2020.

How to apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-catch-up-premium>

TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time.

Details:

At the end of September, the Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund will close and in its place during October, November & December Tesco will be providing grants of £1000 to support projects focused on local children/young people. Type of projects funded could include:

- Mental Health support for children and young people – COVID-19 has had an impact on the health and wellbeing of children, particularly mental health.
- Outdoor activities – sport & green space provision for children & young people including use of green spaces support wellbeing through physical activities.
- Non statutory educational activities – to support, widen and rebuild educational support networks for children, web-based activities. Sport, exercise, and arts.
- Young carers– support for young carers as a result of current and continued isolation.
- Bereavement counselling – offering support to children that have lost family members and support networks due to COVID-19
- Child poverty – to support organisations that offer family support that are further impacted by COVID-19, which could include food/educational packs, free activities.
- Vulnerable at-risk children – the pandemic has impacted vulnerable children with challenging

home & family circumstances.

Other local good causes supporting children and young people will also be considered. Eligible applicants include charities, voluntary or community organisations, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers. Projects should last up to 12 months and can be a stand-alone project or discrete, self-contained part of a larger scheme, or part of a phased project. Funding can be used to cover 100% of project costs.

How to apply:

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/home/community-apply-bags-help-grant/#more-1742>

COMIC RELIEF'S CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS SCHEME

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time.

Details:

Charities, voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and CIC's which have been negatively impacted by Covid-19 can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to help them rebuild their capacity to meet the needs of their local community. The funding will support projects within their four strategic themes. To be eligible, applicants will need to have an annual income of less than £250,000. The grants can be used for a wide range of activities, such as:

- Developing better organisational governance through training of your trustees;
- Reviewing or updating your policies and procedures to take into account any new ways of working due to the crisis;
- Increasing your understanding of the needs of your beneficiaries both during and after the crisis and developing ways to best support them;
- Increasing your organisational delivery capacity through additional volunteer recruitment, staff training or new equipment to enable your organisation to deliver services in different ways;
- Developing strategies to support your organisation to rebuild moving forward (e.g. fundraising strategies, developing delivery plans, exploring how you can work in different ways etc.)

How to apply:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/comic-relief-apply-for-capacity-grant/>

ALPKIT FOUNDATION – GRASSROOTS SUPPORT NOW

Deadline:

Applications are now open and can be submitted at any time.

Details:

Grants of up to £500 are available to support projects that champion education, participation, environment, diversity & health. The Foundation are currently prioritising their funds to support projects that demonstrate an immediate impact on those affected by the Covid pandemic.

How to apply:

<https://alpkit.com/blogs/foundation/adapting-to-the-coronavirus-crisis>

MORRISONS FOUNDATION COVID-19 HOMELESS SUPPORT FUND

Deadline:

Applications can be made at any time.

Details:

The Morrisons Foundation Homeless Support Fund supports charities caring for the homeless during the COVID outbreak & ensure help gets to those who need it most. The funding is for homeless people who are particularly vulnerable to COVID because they are more likely to have underlying health conditions & are less able to access basic sanitation. Awards up to £10,000 are available. However, smaller requests will allow more charities to be supported from the fund.

How to apply:

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/>

ALLCHURCHES TRUST - HOPE BEYOND

Deadline:

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all the funding has been allocated.

Details:
Allchurches Trust offers charitable grants with income derived from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, a specialist insurance and financial services group. The aim of the Hope Beyond grants programme is to enable churches & Christian charities to meet changing needs within their communities as the longer-term impact of the COVID-19 crisis becomes clearer. Grants of up to £50,000 are available. Organisations cannot apply for a specific grant amount and instead are asked to provide information on the cost of the project and a high-level budget.
How to apply:
https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/hopebeyond/

THE UK INSURANCE COVID-19 SUPPORT FUND
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
The UK insurance & long-term savings industry has launched a Covid-19 Support Fund to support vulnerable and disadvantaged people affected by the crisis. The Fund aims to raise a total of £100m, with £82.6m already pledged in voluntary donations from firms across the sector. The key aim is to provide immediate relief to charities affected by Covid-19, as well as a longer-term programme of support for people, communities, & issues where there is greatest need, including:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based charities that are under unprecedented strain; • Charities supporting the most vulnerable – in particular, families and children living in poverty and older people in isolation; • Initiatives to promote wellbeing aSHINEnd mental health across society.
Of the donations so far, £20m is going to National Emergencies Trust to help them continue their vital work supporting community-based charities on the frontline tackling the Coronavirus crisis. The Fund is in partnership with the Charities Aid Foundation & a network of partners, including National Emergencies Trust. Umbrella charity organisations will be used to distribute funding.
How to apply:
https://www.covid19support.org.uk/

ALBERT GUBAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Deadline:
No deadline specified.
Details:
This is an extraordinarily difficult time for many people. The COVID-19 outbreak has led to those already facing disadvantage being put at even greater risk of poverty. We have seen that many charities have adapted or extended their services. In response to Covid-19, the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation has temporarily changed its priorities. <i>They will ONLY be accepting applications for the costs associated with the delivery of projects that are:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Either Foodbanks or Crisis Funds focused on the relief of poverty caused by the Covid-19 situation • Run by registered charities in England, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland • Entirely for beneficiaries in the above four jurisdictions.
How to apply:
<i>In order to enquire about a grant, please contact enquiries@theagfoundation.org</i>

NESTA ARTS & CULTURE IMPACT FUND
Deadline:
Applications can be submitted at any time.
Details:
The Arts & Culture Impact Fund sets out to achieve several objectives for the arts, cultural & heritage sectors:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide organisations with appropriate and bespoke repayable finance; • Develop the financial resilience of borrowers;

- Support organisations to better monitor, evaluate and communicate their social impact;
- Attract additional investment into the sector to help organisations thrive;
- Promote the wider positive impact the arts, culture and heritage have on society and support more organisations to benefit individuals and communities through their work.

The Fund offers repayable finance between £150,000-£1m with a repayment term of 1-10 years and interest rates ranging between 3%-8.5%. The following fees apply: 1% completion fee; 2% per annum, pro rata holding fee (minimum holding period is 6 months); & No early repayment fee.

How to apply:

<https://www.artsculturefinance.org/our-funds/arts-culture-impact-fund/>

LIVERPOOL FILM OFFICE FILM & TV DEVELOPMENT FUND

Deadline:

Mindful of the financial difficulties faced by many, staff are promising a responsive/streamlined service via online application portal & indicative 10 working days turnaround for decisions.

Details:

Liverpool Film Office has stepped up its support for regionally based producers, writers & other creative talent during the coronavirus pandemic by launching a £250,000 single project development pot. The new fund will support a wide range of feature film and TV content, including both scripted and factual programming, with development awards of £2,500-£25,000. It is open to established & start-up production companies based in and around Liverpool as well as to out-of-region producers looking to co-produce or collaborate with Liverpool-based talent. Priority will be given to diverse, high quality projects that commit to spending a significant proportion of their development budget within the local creative sector, and that have the greatest potential to move quickly into production in the city region once the market returns.

How to apply:

<https://www.liverpoolfilloffice.tv/development-fund/>

SUPPORT FOR THE ADOPTION OF PETS GRANT PROGRAMME

Deadline:

This is a rolling programme.

Details:

They support charities and not-for-profits whose main activity is either: the rescue & rehoming of pets or the provision of temporary support to ensure pets can remain with their owners. What do we fund?: Support Adoption For Pets funds projects which have a direct impact on animal welfare. In light of the current coronavirus situation, we will currently only fund: Vet bills; Boarding costs; Food; Salaries of (non-furloughed) animal care staff; Utilities and consumables. How much do we fund?: Up to £10,000 Or up to 30% of total annual expenditure, whichever is the lower amount. How often can we apply? At least 3 months must lapse between receiving funds and making a new application (under this programme).

How to apply:

<https://www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk/grant-programme/>