

Funding options for charities during the Covid-19 pandemic

There is a recognition that at this time the expectations and demands for services from charities are increasing rapidly and that this sits alongside the issue of reduced income, as many of the community fundraising options have been cancelled or postponed due to the social distancing measures.

As a general rule most funders are being flexible around activities and outcomes and are allowing organisations to change models of delivery and utilise funds for alternative priority support projects during the Covid-19 pandemic. They are also flexible with reporting deadlines and some are changing/minimising reporting formats at this time. If you haven't heard from your funder and have a report due or wish to use your funds differently contact your funder for advice.

We have tried to pull together some useful information into one source about new funds that are available at present (this may not be all the funds available). In addition, you should check:

SCVO's third sector COVID Hub

SCVO's third sector COVID Hub has list of independent trusts and funders offering specifically targeted COVID funds. This list is [here](#) and updated regularly.

NCVO

NCVO is pulling together a range of advice around financial planning and funding at this time. This can be found [here](#)

UK Wide Funds

National Emergencies Trust Information about the appeal can be found [here](#). They are distributing funds through Community foundations follow the link to find your local community foundation and how to apply:
<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network>

National Lottery Community Fund have made several announcements about how they are going to prioritise funding at this time further information can be found here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates>

Charities Aid Foundation has launched its Coronavirus Emergency Fund. This will provide grants of up to £10,000 to charities, social enterprises and other community groups to help them to continue to deliver much needed support within their communities. THIS IS A RAPID RESPONSE FUND SO APPLY EARLY. Organisations with a charitable purpose and activities, with an income of £1million or less in the last financial year. CAF will not fund individuals or groups of individuals who have recently come together in their communities. More information [here](#). If you need further information and advice email: [**CAFemergencyfund@cafonline.org**](mailto:CAFemergencyfund@cafonline.org)

Standard Life Foundation has provided information to existing award holders about award flexibility in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are also working with existing applicants given that some may want to revise their original application. Standard Life has also made funding available for any work directly related to the pandemic and its impact on finances and living standards. Details [here](#) and funding guidance [here](#).

Steve Morgan Housebuilder Redrow's founder has also pledged £1m a week to charity, joining the list of celebrities and business people offering their support <https://stevemorganfoundation.org.uk/morgan-pledges-1million-a-week-to-charities-hit-by-coronavirus/>, you can [apply here](#).

Cadent Foundation Charities and community groups can apply for individual grants of between £100 and £100,000 as a new foundation, funded by the UK's biggest gas network Cadent, open for applications [here](#).

Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) has launched a fund to support sight loss organisations which are providing vital services to blind and partially sighted people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Further info and application can be accessed [here](#).

English Funds

Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland have launched the Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund. Grants will be given to local charities and community organisations across Tyne & Wear and Northumberland in two stages: response, then recovery. Further info can be found [here](#).

Scottish Funds

Scottish Government Funding has announced millions of pounds of funding to deal with the impact of COVID-19 in communities. The first announced fund is the **Third Sector Resilience Fund (Scotland)**. This is a £20m emergency fund open to charities, community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises affected by or responding to COVID-19. [Eligibility here](#).

Foundation Scotland have launched the Community Resource and Resilience Fund which aims to support local charities and grassroots organisations respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and recover from its impact. Organisations can apply for emergency funding - from £1000 to £5,000 focussed on immediate community needs. Funding guidance is [here](#). Online application [here](#).

Faith in the Community Scotland Rapid Response Fund which has been established so that faith groups can offer immediate support to families as the COVID pandemic unfolds. The online application is [here](#).

Youth Scotland's Action Fund has been established to help youth groups and youth workers meet the needs of young people in response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. The purpose of this fund is to enable youth groups to purchase essential items that will enable them to continue working with young people throughout this period. Maximum award £500. Details of application are [here](#).

Scottish Refugee Council has set up a COVID-19 Response Fund to provide essential support to refugees including food and mobile phones. More information [here](#).

The Family Recovery Initiative Fund offers one-off grants to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. The fund can support a variety of activities including set up costs, running costs, training, events, marketing, travel, activities and networking. **Max grant is £1,500.** More [here](#).

Another Source of Info

Ian McLintock has also put together a list of more than 50 sources of charity funding, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/coronavirus-charity-funding-announcements-ian-mclintock/>

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