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1. Business Support

1.1 Northumberland County Council Business Support Hub

Northumberland County Council has established a Business Support Hub with a specialist team working hard to support businesses and employers through the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hub includes Government information and support available and is updated regularly.

For further information [click here](#)

1.2 North East LEP - Growth Hub

The [North East LEP Growth Hub](#) provides information and support for businesses, including a Covid-19 toolkit. A new North East Covid-19 Economic Response Group has also been launched to support businesses and plan for economic recovery.

For further details [click here](#)

1.3 £40m boost for cutting-edge start-ups

Innovative businesses and start-ups are set to benefit from a £40 million government investment to drive forward new technological advances. The competition aims to fast-track the development of innovations borne out of the coronavirus crisis while supporting the UK's next generation of cutting-edge start-ups – helping to build the businesses of tomorrow and propel their future prosperity.

For further information [click here](#)

1.4 Salesforce offers grants to ease Covid-19 pressures on small businesses

Forming part of a pledge Salesforce has made to small businesses and giving back to the community, the company is partnering with Enterprise Nation to offer grants to eligible companies, helping them through the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. The Salesforce small business grants programme aims to help firms that are suffering from the effects of the current restrictions placed upon business and the general population as a result of the pandemic. The programme will distribute a total of £670,000 in the form of 134 individual grants of £5,000 for each supported business.

For further information [click here](#)

1.5 Coronavirus large business interruption loans increasing to £200 million

The Government has announced it will increase the maximum loan size available through the Coronavirus large business interruption loan scheme (CLBILS) from £50 million to £200 million. The increase aims to help ensure those large firms which do not qualify for the Bank of England's Covid-19 corporate financing facility (CCFF) have enough finance to meet cash flow needs during the outbreak. This will be available from 26 May 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

1.6 Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus small business grant fund

The small business grant fund (SBGF) supports small and rural businesses in England with their business costs during coronavirus. Small businesses in England which pay little or no business rates are entitled to a one-off cash grant of £10,000 from their local council.

For further information [click here](#)

1.7 Future Fund opens to support high growth businesses impacted by Covid-19

UK-based companies can now apply for a convertible loan of between £125,000 and £5 million to support continued growth and innovation in sectors as diverse as technology, life sciences and the creative industries. The Future Fund is open to firms that have previously raised at least £250,000 in equity investment from third parties in the last five years. They will also need to have investors to provide funding to be matched by the Government, and have half or more of their employees based in the UK or generate at least half of their revenue through UK sales. The loans will convert to equity if not repaid.

For further information [click here](#)

2. Charities, Community and Voluntary organisations

2.1 Government's new £200m Coronavirus support fund for Charities

This £200 million fund is part of the £750 million in funding that the Government announced in early April 2020. It is administered by the National Lottery Community Fund.

For further information [click here](#)

2.2 Funding for voluntary organisations working in the criminal justice system

Voluntary organisations with an annual income of less than £500,000 can apply now for a grant of up to £5,000. The funding is to be used for activities and resources which help organisations deliver support to people in the criminal justice system during the coronavirus/Covid-19 crisis. There are no deadlines. Applications will be reviewed weekly from Monday 25 May 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.3 Funding available for projects that benefit the local community (North East)

Charities with community projects that can demonstrate that their aims have identifiable public benefit in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham including Hartlepool can now apply for funding. The funding has been made available by the Sir James Knott Trust and special consideration will be given to charitable activities that are known to have been of interest to Sir James Knott including military and maritime organisations, youth clubs, projects to help the elderly, education and training. Small grants of up to £1,000 can be applied for at any time, larger grants average around £4,500 and the trustees meet to consider applications three times a year. The closing date for applications in the next round is the 12th June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.4 Aviva community fund

Small charities and constituted community groups in the UK 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. 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. The closing date for this funding round is the 28th July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.5 Charities Aid Foundation (UK) - Coronavirus emergency fund (UK)

Smaller charities, not for profit organisations, social enterprises and unregistered community groups can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help them to continue to deliver much needed support to within their communities. The funding is available to help with core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. CAF will aim for grants to be paid to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

For further information [click here](#)

2.6 Childs Charitable Trust (UK) - Emergency funding

The Childs Charitable trust has introduced an emergency funding programme to support charities that are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of the current pandemic. The trust particularly welcomes applications from Christian based organisations.

For further information [click here](#)

2.7 Funding to support vulnerable groups affected by the Coronavirus (Tyne & Wear and Northumberland)

Small local charities and community organisations can apply for funding to support the most vulnerable affected by coronavirus across Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. Through the Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund, the Tyne & Wear Community Foundation and its partners will provide support in two stages: response and recovery. Initially, funding will be provided to organisations who have previously received support from the Foundation who are working with people aged 70 and over and those with pre-existing medical conditions who are most seriously affected by social isolation and illness caused by the virus.

In the recovery phase, the fund will support a wider group of local charities and community organisations.

For further information [click here](#)

2.8 Funding to support older people most vulnerable to impact of Coronavirus crisis

Applications are now being accepted for a new Fund that aims to support charities that are making a real and immediate difference to vulnerable older people during the coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis and beyond. Registered charities that have at least one paid member of staff (including part-time) and an annual income of £1 million or less can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000. A total of £2 million will be awarded in grants over four funding rounds, with £500,000 available during each round. The first deadline for applications is 4 June 2020 (9am).

For further information [click here](#)

3. Arts and Culture

3.1 Development grants for emerging artists (UK)

Professional and emerging professional musicians of all genres and disciplines can apply for a grant of £2,000 to £5,000 to help Musicians explore the use of remote, digital or online collaboration tools or performance spaces. Eligible musicians will be over 18 based primarily in the UK and be in financial need and without significant backing. The funding is being made available through the Help Musicians Fusion Fund and the deadline to apply is the 1st June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

3.2 Women Make Music grants programme (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support the development of outstanding women, trans and non-binary songwriters and composers of all genres and backgrounds at different stages of their career. The funding is available to promote community projects involving high-quality music creators, music creator residencies and live performances featuring new UK music. The funding closing date for applications is the 8th June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

4. Agriculture

4.1 Funding to support dairy farmers through Coronavirus (England)

Dairy farmers in England will be able to apply for government funding of up to £10,000 each to help them overcome the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The aim of the fund is to support those most in need due to a decrease in demand for their products. Eligible dairy farmers will be entitled to funding which covers 70% of their lost income during April and May 2020 to ensure they can continue to operate and sustain production capacity without impacting animal welfare.

For further information [click here](#)

5. Heritage

5.1 The National Lottery Heritage Fund (UK) - Emergency fund

In response to the coronavirus, the National Lottery Heritage Fund has created a £50 million Heritage Emergency Fund as part of a support package to help safeguard heritage sites and organisations. Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations to ensure stability and longer-term recovery by covering unavoidable, essential costs which cannot be met for up to four months. The deadline for applications is the 30th June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

6. Health and Social Welfare

6.1 £5 million loneliness Covid-19 grant fund

The Government has launched a major effort to tackle loneliness during the coronavirus outbreak and period of social distancing. The plan will aim to ensure that, for people of all ages and backgrounds, staying at home does not need to lead to loneliness. As part of this plan, national organisations working to tackle loneliness and build social connections are invited to apply for a share of £5 million. This fund will make grants of between £500,000 and £1,000,000.

For further information [click here](#)

6.2 £5 million funding to support VCS Mental Health providers affected by Coronavirus (England)

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. Applications can be made at any time and will be assessed every two weeks for an anticipated eight to ten weeks.

For further information [click here](#)

6.3 Grants to support Children's Health and Education (UK and Ireland)

The next deadline to apply to the DM Thomas Foundation central grants programme has been extended to the 22nd July 2020. The Foundation distributes a total of around £200,000 per quarter. Grants of up to £20,000 are available per year for up to two years. The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for one-off projects or for up to 2 years work.

For further information [click here](#)

7. Environment

7.1 Clean Growth Fund

The Clean Growth Strategy announced the government's ambition to provide up to £20 million to support a new clean technology early stage investment fund. The Clean Growth Fund aims to speed up the deployment of innovative clean technologies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, by making direct investments in companies seeking to commercialise promising technologies.

For further information [click here](#)

7.3 Grants to support action for marine conservation (UK)

Sea-Change provides grants of between £500 and £1,200 UK based, marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations. Sea-Change is particularly interested in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation. The next closing date for applications is the 30th September 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

7.3 Deadline extended for round 2 of Urban Tree Challenge Fund

The Urban Tree Challenge Fund has been developed in response to the Government's commitment to provide £10 million for planting trees in and around England's towns and cities. The initiative supports the Government's 25 year environment plan and contributes to its pledge to plant one million urban trees by 2022. In light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the Forestry Commission has extended the deadline for applications to 30 June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

8. Hospitality, Sport and Leisure

8.1 Check if you're eligible for the coronavirus Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grant fund.

The Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grant fund (RHLGF) supports businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with their business costs during coronavirus. If your business has a property with a rateable value of £15,000 or under, you may be eligible for a grant of £10,000. If your business has a property that has a rateable value of over £15,000 but less than £51,000, you may be eligible for a grant of £25,000.

For further information [click here](#)

8.2 Sport England launches £20 million community emergency fund (England)

Sport England has launched a new £20 million fund to help sports and community organisations delivering physical activities who are experiencing short term financial hardship or are ceasing operations due to the Coronavirus crisis. Awards will be between £300 and £10,000. In exceptional circumstances Sport England will consider awards of more than £10,000.

For further information [click here](#)

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Northumberland County 4 Community is a user-friendly and professional community funding database for Northumberland which has already helped secure millions of pounds worth of support to the area.

It is an online funding database and a step-by step process which enables you to identify and select funding schemes and awards that are appropriate to your project, and:

- a convenient one-stop-shop of funding information.
- an information source with thousands of funding schemes including grants, loans and awards from local, regional and national UK government, European funding, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors.
- content ranging from modest community funds at one end of the spectrum to major, multilevel European initiatives at the other.

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