

Funding e-bulletin - COVID-19 Special

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This Covid19 Special Edition covers resources and grants we are aware of at this point in time. It is expected to be the last COVID-19 edition as less grants are becoming available. Any future relevant information will be shared through our usual monthly Funding Bulletin.

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1. Business Support

1.1 Northumberland County Council Business Support Hub

Northumberland County Council has an established 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. The North East Covid-19 Economic Response Group continues to support businesses plan for economic recovery.

For further details [click here](#)

1.3 COVID-19 £50K North East Business Rebuild Fund

'Blumilk £50k North East Business Rebuild Fund' aims to help North East businesses in financial difficulty to continue to engage with their customers and keep up staff morale following the Covid-19 outbreak.

For further information [click here](#)

1.4 The Prince's Trust and NatWest Enterprise Relief Fund

The Prince's Trust and NatWest have launched a £5million grant fund for young entrepreneurs affected by coronavirus. The Fund is available to entrepreneurs aged 18-30, who can apply for grants and tailored support from today. In conjunction with these grants, the initiative will also offer one-to-one support and guidance to applicants who need it.

For further information [click here](#)

2. Communities, Charities and Voluntary Organisations

2.1 Funding to support local housing projects

UK registered charities, Community Land Trusts and housing co-operatives can apply for funding of between £10,000 and £50,000 for local housing projects that will support the most vulnerable and strengthen local communities.

For further information [click here](#)

2.2 Co-op Local Community Fund

This is an annual fund which opens for applications once a year. The funding aims to help communities to come together, co-operate and have a positive impact on community wellbeing – physically and virtually. Projects or events must take place that benefit the local community, and will still be running after November 2021. They must also meet the Co-operatives values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. No minimum or maximum amount of funding is specified. The funding will be made in two payments: April 2021 and November 2021. The deadline for applications is 28 June 2020 (midnight).

For further information [click here](#)

2.3 Food Charities Grant Fund

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to frontline food aid charities that are unable to meet an increased demand for food from vulnerable individuals as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. The closing date for applications is the 6th July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.4 Covid-19 Support Fund UK Insurance and Long-Term Savings Industry

The Covid-19 Support Fund will work in partnership with the Charities Aid Foundation, and a network of partners, including the National Emergencies Trust. 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, and issues where there is the greatest need.

For further information [click here](#)

2.5 Funding for Specialist Women's Organisations

Rosa, which is a grant making charity that funds grassroots women's organisations to help to make the UK a fairer, safer place for women is making grants of up to £10,000 available to specialist women's organisations across the UK through its Covid-19 Response Fund. There is no deadline for applications.

For further information [click here](#)

2.6 Funding for Projects that Support the Armed Forces Communities

Grants of up to £10,000 are available through the Armed Forces Covenant Trust's Forces Communities Together Programme, looking to support 6 months projects that are enjoyable and engaging; and encourage social interaction between people from Armed Forces communities. It is important that the projects supported should be able to take place while restrictions relating to the pandemic are ongoing. The closing date for applications is noon on the 30th June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.7 Aviva Community Fund

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. The closing date for this funding round is the 28th July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2.8 Coronavirus Emergency Fund Charities Aid Foundation

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](#)

3. Young, Vulnerable, Elderly and Disadvantaged

3.1 Coronavirus Community Support Fund National Lottery Community Fund

The fund which is being administered through the National Lottery Community Fund has two key objectives. To increase community support to vulnerable people affected by the Covid-19 crisis; and to reduce temporary closures of essential charities and social enterprises. Charities and not for profit organisations will be able to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 or for grants above £10,000. Decisions on funding will be made within weeks. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

3.2 BBC Children in Need - Covid-19 Next Steps Grant

BBC Children in Need have launched the Covid-19 Next Steps Grants programme. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of up to £80,000 to deliver support for children and young people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Projects need to commence in September 2020 and can last for up to 18 months. The deadline for applications to this programme is the 1st July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

3.3 Independent Age Grants Fund Independent Age

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. The funding will be made available over four separate funding rounds. In each round Independent Age will make £500,000 available. Charities working with older people will be able to apply for grants of up to £15,000. The next closing date will be at 9am on the 2nd July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

3.4 Small Grants Scheme The Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Small Grants Scheme to support 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 between £1,000 and £10,000. Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

3.5 The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to UK registered charities or organisations that are exempt from registration with projects that address specific categories set out by the Trust each year. The next round of funding will be aimed at supporting disadvantaged and vulnerable people aged 60 and over affected by the crisis. UK registered charities with an income and expenditure of £1,000,000 and over will be able to apply for grants of £1,000 to continue their much-needed support. The next round of funding will be open for applications from the 1st of July 2020 through to the 31st July 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

3.6 Covid-19 Response Fund Clinks

Clinks will be distributing £275,000 on behalf of Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and the Ministry of Justice in recognition of the continued challenges presented to voluntary organisations at this time. The funding is available to organisations with an existing relationship with HMPPS with under £500,000 annual income who are delivering, or have a track record of delivering, services to support people in prison, through-the-gate and in the community.

For further information [click here](#)

3.7 Emergency Funding for Mental Health Services Affected by Coronavirus National Survivor User Network

Emergency grants of up to £1,000 are available to user-led organisations and smaller unconstituted voluntary groups in England in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Grants of up to £2,000 may be considered. Applications can be made at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

4. Animal welfare

4.1 Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme

Pet rescue organisations which rehome and rehome pets or provide temporary support for pets to remain with their owners can apply for up to £10,000 or up to 30% of total annual expenditure.

Funding must have a direct impact on animal welfare and can be used to cover vet bills, boarding costs, food, salaries of animal care staff, utilities and consumables. Priority will be given to organisations whose medium-term survival is at risk. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

For further information [click here](#)

4.2 Zoo Support Fund

Zoo support fund has announced a new £14 million fund to support Zoos and Aquariums in England in response to financial losses incurred due to Covid-19. Establishments covered by the Zoo Licensing Act will be able to bid for grants of up to £100,000 through the Zoo Support Fund.

For further information [click here](#)

5. Technology and Research

5.1 Funding to help Charities deliver better services through technology

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation and Comic Relief have announced a new digital funding strand to help charities and not-for-profit organisations deliver better services for their communities through technology. The £230,000 Explore programme will provide grant funding of £5,000 for individual organisations or £7,500 for collaborative projects. The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 22nd June 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

6. Sport, Leisure and Tourism

6.1 Covid-19 Heritage at Risk Fund Historic England

Historic England has launched a second emergency fund to support the heritage sector recovery from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. Grants of up to £25,000 will be available to address problems such as damaged roofs, masonry and windows, to repair scaffolding to prevent structural collapse, or commission surveys necessary to inform urgent repairs. The deadline for expressions of interest is midnight on the 28th June 2020. Those successful at this stage will be informed by the 27th July 2020 and invited to submit a full application by the 31st August 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

6.2 Active Together Programme Sport England

Sport England has committed another £1 million to combating the impact of coronavirus by match funding money raised by sports clubs and community activity groups through the fundraising platform Crowdfunder. Once 25% of the crowdfunding is met, Sport England will confirm the match funding – up to £10,000 – and can distribute the money within seven days of being raised.

For further information [click here](#)

Looking for funding?

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.

To access Northumberland County 4 Community you must register some basic details.

Northumberland County Council funds this service, and partners and community users can access this free of charge. Registration will give you immediate, free and unrestricted access to the comprehensive database of funding opportunities and business advice services. You can browse or search for funding, generate reports, access news items in full and set up alerts to receive updates regarding suitable funding opportunities.

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