



Funding e-bulletin - COVID-19 Special

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1. Business support

1.1 Northumberland County Council Business support Hub

Northumberland County Council and Government are working together to support businesses through this challenging time. Our businesses are vitally important to our county. The council has established a Business Hub with a specialist team who will work hard to support businesses and employers. We will support those both during and after the current Coronavirus outbreak.

For further information [click here](#)

1.2 North East LEP - Growth Hub

The North East LEP has launched a new COVID-19 Economic Response Group which aims to support the local economy, build business resilience and get the region ready for recovery.

A North East COVID-19 Economic Response Group has been launched to provide maximum support for businesses in the immediate term and plan for long-term economic recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak. The North East Local Enterprise Partnership, CBI, North of Tyne and North East Combined Authorities have come together, with the support of industry, to ensure the North East has strong economic leadership that acts quickly and collaboratively to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19.

For further details [click here](#)

1.3 Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme

The Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) will support large businesses, with an annual turnover of between £45 million and £500 million, to access loans of up to £25 million. This scheme allows lenders to support businesses that were viable before the coronavirus outbreak but now face significant cash flow difficulties that would otherwise make their business unviable in the short term.

For further information [click here](#)

1.4 Enhanced loan support for UK businesses

The Government is taking further action to support businesses affected by the coronavirus crisis by bolstering business interruption loans for small businesses and announcing a new scheme for larger companies. To maximise the support available, the Chancellor is extending the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) so that all viable small businesses affected by COVID-19, and not just those unable to secure regular commercial financing, will now be eligible, should they need finance to keep operating.

For further information [click here](#)

1.5 £20 Million for ambitious technologies to build resilience following coronavirus outbreak

Businesses to help boost the UK's resilience to the long-term impact of coronavirus and similar future situations as a result of £20 million government funding. Grants of up to £50,000 will be available to technology and research-focussed businesses to develop new ways of working and help build resilience in industries such as delivery services, food manufacturing, retail and transport, as well as support people at home in circumstances like those during the coronavirus outbreak.

For further information [click here](#)

1.6 Corporate financing facility

This scheme helps large businesses affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) through the purchase of their short-term debt. This will support companies which are fundamentally strong, but have been affected by a short-term funding squeeze. It will also support corporate finance markets overall and ease the supply of credit to all firms. The scheme will be funded by central bank reserves – in line with other Bank of England market operations. It will operate for at least 12 months, and for as long as steps are needed to relieve cash flow pressures on firms that make a material contribution to the UK economy.

For further information [click here](#)

1.7 £5 Million relief grants for young entrepreneurs affected by coronavirus

The Prince's Trust and NatWest have launched a £5 million grant fund for young entrepreneurs whose businesses have been affected by the coronavirus outbreak. The Enterprise Relief Fund aims to help 18-30-year olds keep their businesses afloat during the COVID-19 crisis.

For further information [click here](#)

2. Charities and community organisations

2.1 Chancellor's £750m Coronavirus Funding Package for UK's Charities

Charities across the UK will receive a £750 million package of support to ensure they can continue their vital work during the coronavirus outbreak.

For further information [click here](#)

2.2 Barclays Launches £100m COVID-19 Community Aid Package

The financial institution has announced it is setting up The Barclays Foundation, which will initially provide a COVID-19 Community Aid Package of £100 million to charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19, and to alleviate the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis.

The package is made up of two components.

Component 1 - Charity Partners Programme

Component 2 – Employee Matched Donations Programme

Barclays has promised to set out further programmes to assist businesses and households in the coming days and weeks.

For further information [click here](#)

2.3 The National Lottery community fund prioritises projects

The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has announced its priority over the next six months is to get funding to groups best placed to support their communities. Groups that would like to submit an application that is not related to COVID-19 are still welcome to do so, however, NLCF anticipates the competition for funding will be greater than usual and there will be a delay in the funder's response. Potential applicants should check the NLCF website.

For further information [click here](#)

2.4 Community foundation response and recovery fund (Tyne & Wear and Northumberland)

Through the Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund, the Community Foundation and its partners will support local charities and community organisations across Tyne & Wear and Northumberland respond to the outbreak and recover from its impact. Grants will go to small, local charities and community organisations that have previously been supported by the foundation. Grants will be focussed on those who work directly with vulnerable groups or their carers.

For further information [click here](#)

2.5 Charities Aid Foundation - Emergency fund

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 Tesco bags of help - Communities fund to support local communities

Tesco Bags of Help has launched a new Fund in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The new 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 support vulnerable groups whose demand for services has been increased or disrupted, or who need to put new services in place. This might include stock for food banks, new home services for the elderly, increasing resources for children's activities, and help for hospices, homeless charities and women's refuges. The Fund is set up to support organisation need rather than fund specific projects and expects to make weekly awards. Applications can be made at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

3. Food distribution surplus

3.1 Emergency surplus food grants announced

Food redistribution organisations across England are to benefit from £3.25 million of government funding to help them cut food waste and redistribute up to 14,000 tonnes of surplus stock during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Fund will operate over three phases, with applications invited under phases 2 and 3, which are set to open on 9 April.

For further information [click here](#)

4. Health and wellbeing support services

4.1 John Lewis Partnership - Community support fund

The Community Support Fund is making £1million available to communities across the UK. Teams in each shop will work together with their communities to choose the best way to use the fund. Help could include setting up additional local delivery services to support the self-isolating, the vulnerable, the elderly and those looking after them; delivering boxes of staples to local care homes and community groups and donating products to create care packages for customers to share with vulnerable neighbours.

For further information [click here](#)

4.2 The Elton John Aids Foundation's - Emergency fund (International)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Elton John Aids Foundation has announced the launch of a new Covid-19 Emergency Fund. The fund which operates worldwide is seeking to support community-based organisations to implement lifesaving interventions to help mitigate adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on HIV response efforts for key population communities around the world. The Fund is looking for applications from local community-based organisations, which have been awarded an Elton John AIDS Foundation grant since January 2017, for solutions lasting up to six months. The Fund is looking for proposed solutions in the range of \$10,000-\$50,000. The deadline for applications is 5.59 pm on the 23rd April 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

4.3 Thomas Pocklington Trust - Emergency fund for the sight loss sector

To support the essential role sight loss organisations, play in providing vital services to blind and partially sighted people, Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) has suspended its normal grant funding activities and set up an emergency fund for sight loss organisations. £500,000 of essential support will be available to sight loss sector organisations which are providing critical services for the physical and emotional well-being of blind and partially sighted people in these uncertain times. Grants will be available of up to £10,000 pounds or the equivalent of two months' running costs (whichever is less) for use over the next six months.

For further information [click here](#)

4.4 Standard Life Foundation - Fast track applications

Funding is available for work directly related to the pandemic, addressing specific challenges and helping to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK. The work the Foundation might consider in relation to the pandemic is rapid analysis of key issues, for example, self-employed workers, the food and hospitality or social care sectors. Modelling of new proposals such as enhanced sick pay, help with utilities, high cost credit payments, and changes to pensions. Grants from £5,000 upwards are available.

For further information [click here](#)

4.5 Crisis (UK) - Emergency grant

Crisis has established an emergency grants fund to support local groups who are financially affected by additional demands on their resources and who have expanded their provision to meet the current needs of those experiencing homelessness across the UK. Local organisations and charities providing services to those experiencing homelessness can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for short-term responses to the coronavirus emergency; and grants of up to £50,000 to fund long-term needs and potential expansion or change in service delivery.

For further information [click here](#)

5. Heritage funding

5.1 The National Lottery heritage fund (UK) - Emergency fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has put together a £50million fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 will be available to organisations which have received funding in the past or are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant. Priority will be given where there is limited or no access to other sources of support; where heritage is most at risk; and where an organisation is at risk of severe financial crisis due to COVID-19.

For further information [click here](#)

5.2 Funding to Help England's Tourism Organisations through Coronavirus Outbreak

Emergency fund to support England's local tourism organisations throughout the coronavirus outbreak. Funding will provide immediate financial support to Destination Management Organisations (DMOs) that are at severe risk of closure due to the pandemic. Under the scheme, DMOs will be able to receive up to £2,500 per month for two members of non-furloughed staff who provide crucial business support services and up to £5,000 to cover operating costs.

For further information [click here](#)

6. Theatre, music and the arts

6.1 Funding for theatre buildings under threat and at risk

Theatres at risk and in need of renovation can apply for grants of up to £25,000 from round two of the Theatres Trust's Theatres at Risk Capacity Building Programme Fund. Grants are available to those theatres on the Theatres Trust's Theatres at Risk Register as well as the community and campaign groups, and local authorities that support them. The aim of the Fund is to restore, reopen or revitalise the theatres and funding can be used for works such as business plans, funding strategies, surveys, structural inspections, governance reviews and viability studies. The programme is run by the Theatres Trust and supported by Historic England, the Pilgrim Trust, Swire Charitable Trust and individual donors. Organisations must have UK charitable or not-for-profit status and the deadline for applications is 12 noon on the 21st April 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

6.2 Youth Music Network - Emergency fund

Youth Music have launched an Emergency Fund for music-making organisations affected by the coronavirus. Through this fund grants of up to £10,000 are available. Priority will be given to people and organisations in the most immediate need.

For further information [click here](#)

6.3 Arts Council England - Emergency response fund for arts and cultural organisations

Due to the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Arts Council England has launched an emergency response fund for organisations outside of the National Portfolio. This funding has come from reallocation of the National Lottery Project Grants, developing your Creative Practice and Development Funds, for the 2020-21 period, and uses up almost all of their reserves. The main focus for this fund is ensuring the arts and culture sector can continue and survive during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Any applications should demonstrate how the development they want to undertake will enable the organisation to do this.

The deadlines are as follows:

- Round one: opens on 9 April 2020, with a deadline of 16 April 2020
- Round two: opens on 16 April 2020, with a deadline of 30 April 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

7. Sport and leisure

7.1 Sport England - Community emergency fund

This new fund aims to help community sport and physical activity organisations who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing 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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- Paying sick pay
- Paying tax
- Business rates relief
- Business support grant funds
- Support for the self-employed
- Support for small and medium-sized businesses
- Support for large businesses

Coronavirus support for business from outside government

Public bodies, organisations and charities have produced additional resources that may be useful to employers. For further information [click here](#)

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- 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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