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1. Business support

1.1 Government extends Coronavirus job retention scheme cut-off date

The Government has confirmed that thousands more employees across the country will now qualify for support through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) after the eligibility date was extended to 19 March 2020. The CJRS is part of a package of measures announced by the Chancellor to protect individuals and businesses, including support for the self-employed and steps to give businesses access to cash to pay rent, salaries or suppliers. Through the CJRS, employers can claim a grant covering 80% of the wages for a furloughed employee, subject to a cap of £2,500 a month HMRC expects the scheme to be fully operational during the week commencing 20 April 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

2. Welfare support

2.1 Morrisons Foundation - COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund

The Morrisons Foundation has been established to support local good causes across Great Britain. The Foundation Trustees have pledged support for the Homeless Support Fund, aiming to fund charities caring for the homeless during the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak and ensure help gets to those who need it most. There is a total of £500,000 for this fund. Awards up to £10,000 are available. However, smaller requests will allow more charities to be supported from the fund. Applications can be made at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

2.2 £8m COVID-19 Adoptive Families Support Fund

The Education Secretary has announced that up to £8 million will be available to adoptive families as the Government expands the scope of the Adoption Support Fund to meet needs arising from the outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19). Local authorities and regional adoption agencies will be able to use to £8 million fund to pay for activities such as virtual peer to peer support, access to helplines, couples therapy and online counselling.

For further information [click here](#)

3. Charities, Voluntary and Community organisations

3.1 £100m to Support the UK's Social Sector Organisations During Coronavirus Crisis

Big Society Capital has announced new measures to include a new £25 million Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund to provide social enterprises and charities with emergency loans with no fees or interest for 12 months. Smaller, emergency loans will also be made available on the same no fee, no interest for 12 months basis to small businesses and social enterprises in more deprived areas, by ensuring the Community Investment Enterprise Facility (CIEF), administered by Social Investment Scotland, can effectively access the CBIL Scheme. A further £50 million which Big Society Capital will reprioritise and repurpose over coming months to address emerging funding needs among social enterprises and charities, either through the Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund or alternative funding vehicles as appropriate.

For further information [click here](#)

3.2 The National Lottery Community Fund – COVID-19 Response (England)

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced that its Awards for All England funding programme will remain open to all applications but, for the next six months, will prioritise applications from voluntary and community groups that need help to respond to Covid-19. Grants of between £300 to £10,000 will be available to existing grant-holders and is available to help with costs such as running costs, equipment, one-off events, staff and training costs, and transport etc. Applications which involve the community in the design, development and delivery of the projects will be more likely to succeed. Groups may hold up to a maximum of two awards within a 12-month period. Applications will be dealt with more quickly than normal and can be made at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

3.3 Good Finance

This toolkit contains information, resources and tools designed to support charities and social enterprises navigating COVID-19.

For further information [click here](#)

3.4 Charity Excellence Framework

The Charity Excellence Framework (CEF) platform has been updated to include Coronavirus assessments and all toolkits. There are free fundraising guides, and free funding finders other funder lists on the fundraising page.

For further information [click here](#)

4. Tourism and Heritage

4.1 National Lottery Heritage Fund - Heritage Emergency Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) has set up the £50 million Heritage Emergency Fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The funding is for organisations that cannot secure funding from other sources. The Heritage Emergency Fund is designed as short-term funding to support the immediate actions required to stabilise operations and manage unforeseen risks. Applications will be accepted from 15 April until 30 June 2020

For further information [click here](#)

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

Funding will provide immediate financial support to Destination Management Organisations (DMOs) that are at severe risk of closure due to the pandemic. DMOs provide expert advice and guidance to local businesses and are a crucial part of developing and promoting English tourism. Eligible DMOs will now receive financial support through a new £1.3 million scheme launched by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The funding will ensure that DMOs can continue to provide critical business support and start to prepare for recovery. 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. The funding will last until 30 June 2020 and is repurposed from the Discover England Fund.

For further information [click here](#)

5. Sport and Leisure

5.1 £195 Million Package to Help the Sport and Physical Activity Sector Through Coronavirus (UK)

Sport England is making up to £195 million of funding available to help the sport and activity sector cope with the short and long-term impact of the coronavirus. The emergency package is made up of a £20 million Community Emergency Fund; £5 million for existing partners who are facing specific financial difficulty; £55 million to fund new and innovative ways to keep people active, and to help organisations get back to business after coronavirus; and £115 million rollover of current funding into 2021/22 for over 100 selected partners who already have funding commitments. To help cashflow concerns, Sport England will also consider requests from partners to release six months of this coming year's funding (50% of awards) so that additional funding will be available sooner.

For further information [click here](#)

6. Support and call for local businesses

6.1 The Government and NHS are seeking solutions to support the response to COVID-19

Please find details of all of the current opportunities along with details of grant funding available for businesses who can provide solutions to the challenges we are currently facing.

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.

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