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### 1. Business Support

#### 1.1 Northumberland County Council Business Support Hub

Northumberland County Council continues to operate its 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 continues to provide 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 North of Tyne Growth Fund

Support is available for businesses looking to expand or establish new operations. The North of Tyne Growth Fund is a £4.6m programme of investment part-funded by ERDF supporting SME growth. A grant of up to 30% of expenditure could be available, for small or medium size businesses planning capital investment of at least £134,000, expanding or establishing in Newcastle, North Tyneside or Northumberland.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 1.4 Northumberland Covid Business Response Programme (NCBRP)

The Northumberland Covid Business Response Programme (NCBRP) is a new service for SMEs who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. The Project is funded by the North of Tyne Combined Authority and is being delivered by Advance Northumberland on behalf of Northumberland County Council and the Northumberland Business Hub. The programme has two distinct areas of delivery in helping eligible businesses in the county as they look to adopt to new market opportunities and new ways of working and engaging with customers.

- **DIGITAL ADVANTAGE** - This support programme will enable SMEs from across Northumberland to introduce digital tools into their day to day business activity. These tools include e-commerce websites and proactive digital marketing campaigns to expand and reach new customers and build digital capacity within the business base across the County. Also businesses in the hospitality industry could have the chance to create a bespoke apps fully funded for their business
- **BUSINESS ADVANTAGE** - This area of the programme provides access to 12 hours 1-2-1 coaching or consultancy for businesses looking to explore new methods of business delivery, increase productivity or become more resilient. The Business Advantage Service is open to Large businesses and SMEs across the County.

Each of the support strands has defined eligibility criteria and SMEs are able to register their support through the newly launched NCBRP website.

For further information [click here](#)

### 2. Communities, Charities and Voluntary Organisations

#### 2.1 Funding Available for Projects that Benefit the Local Community

Charities, community groups and social enterprises that can demonstrate that their aims have identifiable public benefit in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham including Hartlepool can apply for funding to the Sir James Knott Trust. Small grants of up to £1,000 can be applied for at any time, larger grants average around £4,500 the trustees meet to consider applications three times a year. For applications over £10,000, the project will probably require a visit from an independent assessor or a member of the Trust Staff Team. The closing date for applications in the next round is the 1st March 2021.

For further information <http://knott-trust.co.uk/>

#### 2.2 Funding Available to Help Community Businesses Raise Community Shares Capital

Community businesses that want to raise community shares capital that can support their recovery, or expand their business in response to Covid-19 can apply for grant funding of up to £5,000 and matched equity investment of up to £25,000 through the Power to Change ReBoost Fund. A total of £375,000 is available. Expression of Interest can be submitted at any time. Those successful at this stage can submit their applications by one of the following deadlines: 6th January 2021 and the 3rd February 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 2.3 Grants to Cover Running Costs for Small Charities

The Marsh Trust supports around 300 charities every year and focuses on providing funding which could help small organisations pay for various running costs, such as volunteer expenses. The Trust aims to build long-standing relationships with successful applicants and, subject to an annual review, continue its support over time. Applicants must be a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales or the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator. This does not include Community Interest Companies (CICs). Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 2.4 Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund for Charities & Social Enterprises

In response to the coronavirus, Social Investment Business have launched a Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund for social enterprises and charities which have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. The £25 million fund provides emergency loans of between £100,000 to £1,500,000 without requiring personal guarantees and charging no interest fees or interest for twelve months. The initial £25 million has been provided by Big Society Capital, with loans backed by the Government's existing Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. The closing date for applications is 11.59 pm on the 31st January 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

### 3. Young, Vulnerable, Elderly and Disadvantaged

#### 3.1 Funding to Alleviate Mental Health Issues

The Gamesys Foundation is a newly formed charity, set up by the Gamesys Group to alleviate Mental Health Issues. Funding is available to charities and other not-for-profit organisations with an income of more than £50,000 who support individuals suffering from mental health issues, as well as those who focus on research in the mental health field. The Foundation will also consider funding for other types of organisation so long as they can be proven to have an impact with regard to mental health, support, and treatment. Funding comes from both corporate contributions and employee initiatives. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount and applications can be made at any time.

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#### 3.2 Funding of Up to £10,000 Available to Tackle Social Deprivation

Registered charities exempted or excepted organisations can now apply for up to £10,000 of funding for core costs and charitable activities that benefit the residents of Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and Teesside. The funding is being made available from the 1989 Willan Charitable Trust which, with the help of the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, distributes up to £500,000 each year. The closing date for applications for this round of funding is the 15th February 2021 for consideration at the March meeting of Trustees.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 3.3 Funding for Hospices and Palliative Care Organisations

Charitable hospices and palliative care organisations in the UK which provide excellent care to patients and their families can apply for grants of between £15,000 and £125,000 towards the cost of capital projects. The Wolfson Foundation will award funding to new build, refurbishment or equipment projects which should provide increased access to services for new and existing users, improve the quality and range of services, and aim to improve the financial stability of the organisation. Match funding is required for projects costing more than £50,000. There is a 2-stage application process and the next stage 1 closing date is the 5th January 2021. Applications successful at this stage will have until the 1st March 2021 to complete the stage 2 application.

For further information [click here](#)

### 4. Arts, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

#### 4.1 Funding Available to Enhance the Cultural Impact of Arts Organisations

Nesta, the innovation agency, has announced changes to its Cultural Impact Development Fund, which offers investment up to £150,000 for arts and culture organisations. The Cultural Impact Development Fund, which was previously a loan fund, will now include grants up to 50 per cent of the total investment. The £3.5m Fund has been restructured to make it more responsive to the economic shock of COVID-19 and aims to offer more flexible financial support to organisations as they adapt. The fund has been specifically designed to offer flexible finance to arts and culture organisations working with the people and communities in greatest need.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 4.2 National Lottery Grants for Heritage Opens for Phase 1 Applications

The National Lottery Grants for Heritage programme has reopened for applications for small and medium project funding applications. This is the first of two phases. (Phase two will open in February 2021) There is a total of £10 million for phase one with grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 or £10,000 and £100,000. Applications will be assessed within eight weeks and proposals will then be discussed at the next decision meeting. This is a rolling programme. There are no deadlines.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 4.3 New Project Funding & Loans to Support the Heritage Sector

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has resumed accepting small and medium project funding applications and launched an interest free loans pilot. The aim is to help the UK's heritage sector respond to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Phase one will see the National Lottery Grants for Heritage programme reopen to applications for grants of between £3,000 and £100,000 as well as offering loans of between £50,000 and £250,000. Phase 2 will start in February 2021 and heritage organisations will be able to apply for grants from £100,000-£250,000 and £250,000-£5 million.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 4.4 £1.4 Million Funding to Develop Local Social Prescribing Activities

The National Academy for Social Prescribing and Arts Council England have announced the launch of a new £1.4 million Thriving Communities Fund, established to develop local social prescribing activities across England. Funding will encourage partnerships led by voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise groups and organisations working in the arts, nature, sport, financial wellbeing, and health and care to increase social prescribing activities that benefit their communities and provide support for people impacted by Covid-19, particularly Black, Asian and ethnically diverse communities. Grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 will be available and partnerships will need to provide 20% match funding. The deadline for applications is 12pm on the 8th January 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

### 5. Transport, Recycling, Environment, Energy and Industry

#### 5.1 Funding for Innovative Technologies to Improve Work Opportunities for Low-Paid Workers

Funding is available for innovative ideas that use new technologies to create better work opportunities for low paid and insecure workers. The Resolution Foundation has brought together leading charitable foundations and social investors such as the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, Friends Provident Foundation, Accenture, Ufi VocTech Trust and Trust for London, to launch the £1.3 million Workertech Partnership to provide seed funding and support for ventures that use technology to improve workers' pay, prospects, power and career choices. Organisations can register their interest at any time, with investment decisions made quarterly.

For further information [click here](#)

### 6. Education, Employment & Training

#### 6.1 Funding to Make the Chemical Sciences More Inclusive and Diverse

The Royal Society of Chemistry has announced that the Chemistry Inclusion and Diversity Fund is open for applications. Through the Fund grants of up to £5,000 are available to individuals and organisations with ideas that will help make the chemical sciences more inclusive and diverse. Funding greater than £5,000 may be considered for one project each year. There are twice-yearly assessments and the deadline for the current funding round is the 1st March 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 6.2 Funding Packages for Science in Schools Days

The Royal Institution will open its 2021 Science in Schools grant scheme for applications from primary and secondary schools/academies on the 4th January 2021. The annual programme aims to support student's education in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM), meet continuing professional development requirements (CPD) for teachers, engage families, and raise funds for schools by providing funding packages worth £800 for Science in School Days activities. These include two school shows for students, a CPD session for teachers, and one community show to generate support for science in the home. Priority will be given to disadvantaged schools.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 6.3 Funding for Special Schools and Colleges

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to special schools and colleges for children and young people with special educational needs. The funding is available for projects that are focused towards helping pupils to develop skills which would help them to gain employment or live independently after leaving school or college. The funding is being made through the Wolfson Foundation's Special Schools and Colleges grants programme. There is a 2-stage application process and the next stage 1 closing date is the 5th January 2021. Applications successful at this stage will have until the 1st March 2021 to complete the stage 2 application.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 6.4 Science and Chemistry Equipment Grants for Schools

Teachers at primary or secondary schools can apply for a grant of up to £1,000 towards the purchase of equipment to support the delivery of Primary Science or Chemistry lessons. Bids are invited for the purchase of items of equipment that cannot be purchased through a school's mainstream teaching budget and which would enrich the learning experience of students. The funding is being made available through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Enhanced Equipment grant scheme and the next deadline for applications is 15th February 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 6.5 Grants for Chemistry Outreach Projects in Schools and Colleges

The Royal Society of Chemistry is making grants of up to £1,000 available to schools, colleges and universities to fund students in the development of the practical chemistry skills and experience. To be eligible for funding through the Royal Society of Chemistry's Partnership of 3 grant scheme, the projects should bring together at least three different partners to benefit in the delivery or attendance at a chemistry centred outreach activity. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated at quarterly meetings throughout the year. To be considered for the next evaluation meeting applications should be submitted by the 15th February 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

### 7. Rural, Agricultural and Horticultural

#### 7.1 Zoo Animals Fund Application Deadline Extended

The deadline for applications to the UK Government's £100 million Zoo Animals Fund has been extended until the 29th January 2021. The fund will provide grants of up to £730,000 to zoos and aquariums to help their additional support in caring for their animals and essential maintenance following a drop in income caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Funding will also support rehoming costs in the event that zoos need to downsize or potentially close, and is open to those zoos which have already received support through the £14 million Zoo Support Fund. The scheme will run until the end of March 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

#### 7.2 Funding to Support Charitable Equine Welfare Organisations

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help small and medium-sized charitable equine welfare organisations which have experienced unprecedented financial and operational challenges as a result of the coronavirus crisis. The Petplan Charitable Trust has joined together with World Horse Welfare and the National Equine Welfare Council (NEWC) to create a Covid-19 Equine Rescues Emergency Fund to help smaller equine welfare organisations whose primary focus is the rescue and rehoming of equines. Priority will be given to NEWC members and those smaller organisations that have not received emergency funding from other emergency funds. The average grant is expected to be around £2,500-£3,000. The deadline for this round of applications is the 15th January 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

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- 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.
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