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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 will be 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](#)

### 1.5 Fund to Support Community Businesses Affected by the Covid-19 Crisis

Power to Change, the independent trust that supports community businesses in England, is launching a new £5 million package of support to enable community businesses affected by the Covid-19 crisis to adapt, renew and rebuild their businesses so they can remain financially viable and best serve their local communities during the pandemic's 'new normal'.

For further information [click here](#)

## 2. Communities, Charities and Voluntary Organisations

### 2.1 North East Supporting Young People and a Greener Economic Recovery Fund

This fund is open to applications from VCSE organisations with operations in the North East LEP area to help deliver short-term projects (by 31 March 2022). The objective of the VCSE Capital Grant programme is to support communities across the North East LEP area to recover from the Covid-19 crisis.

Grant awards will support either:

- New or enhanced community facilities that support the health and economic wellbeing of young people, particularly those aged 16-24 and from disadvantaged backgrounds who have been disproportionately and adversely impacted by the pandemic.
- Improve, through green infrastructure projects, our urban or rural environments, making connections to education, vocational learning, and employment opportunities through paid or voluntary positions.

Projects that meet both priorities are particularly welcomed. This capital grant programme is restricted to applications from VCSE organisations who are invited to submit applications of between £50,000 and £150,000, for either a 'stand-alone' project or a phase of work that forms part of a wider or longer -term capital investment scheme. Closing date: 12noon, 16 October 2020

For further information [click here](#)

### 2.2 Grants Available to Small Charities Working in the Developing World

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to small UK-registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working with the most vulnerable people in countries that are ranked in the bottom 50 of the UN Human Development Index (HDI) or if it is considered of high or moderate fragility by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). Up to two years funding is on offer for organisations with an annual income of £250,000 or less. The closing date for the next review of proposals is 5 pm on the 25th February 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

### 2.3 British Science Week Community Grant Scheme Opens for Application

The British Science Week Community Grant Scheme has re-opened for applications. The scheme offers £500-£2,000 grants to community groups that run their own science activities during British Science Week (5-14 March 2021) aimed at audiences who are traditionally under-represented and currently not engaged in science activity. The definition of groups that are underrepresented in science includes:

- people from ethnic minorities
- people with low socio-economic status, including people disadvantaged in terms of education and income
- people with a physical or mental condition or impairment
- people living in a remote and rural location, defined as settlements of less than 10,000 people
- girls and women.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 9th November 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

## 3. Young, Vulnerable, Elderly and Disadvantaged

### 3.1 Funding to Improve the Lives of Young People

Churches and Christian charities can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for projects focused on improving the lives of young people aged 18 and under across the UK. Through All Churches Trust Growing Lives Programme, religious organisations can apply for funding to help them run innovative, impactful projects that help young people to explore and grow in faith, get active, access training and work opportunities, develop life and leadership skills and feel less isolated. Applications will close at 12pm on the 30th October 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

### 3.2 Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless

Homeless charities can apply for capital grants of up to £5,000 for projects that aim to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. Typically, such organisations may operate small or medium-sized residential or training facilities to assist homeless people. To be eligible to apply, the charity must have an annual turnover of under £1million and with 'unrestricted reserves' of under six months. The closing date for applications is the 15th December 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

## 4. Arts, Culture, Heritage and Tourism

### 4.1 Garfield Weston Foundation's New £25m Culture Fund

The £25 million fund is designed to support mid to large scale cultural organisations in the UK to help them restart work, re-engage with audiences, adapt to changed circumstances and generate revenue. The fund is open to specialist or charitable organisations with a pre-COVID regular annual income of £500,000 or greater; smaller organisations will be able to apply for the regular grants programme via the Foundation's website as usual. Full details of the fund will be available when the fund opens. Applications will be accepted from 5 October until 9 November 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

### 4.2 The Prince's Countryside Fund Opens for Applications

The Fund is now accepting applications from locally-focussed, legally-constituted not-for-profit organisations who are working to create resilient rural communities across the UK in the wake of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Grants of up to £10,000 are available for up to one year. Projects must be completed within one year of their start date and no later than 31 March 2022. Some match funding is required. Groups are advised to apply early as a large number of applications are expected and the fund may close earlier than the published deadline. The fund does not fund individuals or private farm businesses, and cannot fund capital costs. The deadline for applications is midday on 3 November 2020.

For further information [click here](#)

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

### 5.1 Lloyd's Register Foundation - Digital Innovations Grant

The Lloyd's Register Foundation, Heritage & Education Centre is inviting applications for grant funding to harness emerging technologies to develop its heritage and education resources. The diversity of the Lloyd's Register Foundation's collection means that a variety of technologies could be used to further its educational reach and impact. Technology start-ups, universities and data interrogation organisations can apply for a Digital Innovations grant. A total of £100,000 is available to cover the costs of appraising and using associated resources, from both HEC's own collections and other collections worldwide – ensuring the technology or software could be used in an open source format for use by other relevant institutions. The deadline for applications is 11:59pm on the 28th February 2021.

For further information [click here](#)

### 5.2 Funding Available to Redistribute Surplus Food

Food companies in the UK can apply for funding of up to £50,000 to offset the cost of sending surplus food to good causes and thereby helping people in need. The funding is part of the FareShare £3million Surplus with Purpose Fund and can be used to cover the additional staff costs needed for packing and sorting edible surplus food, or in building, developing and managing new processes. It could also cover packaging and transportation costs, or lost income from the sale of surplus to animal feed or anaerobic digestion. Applications for funding can be submitted at any time.

For further information [click here](#)

## 6. Armed Forces

### 6.1 Funding for Local Projects to Support the Armed Forces Community

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects supporting Armed Forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area and the needs that have arisen as a result of Covid-19. The funding is being made available through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund's Force for Change programme. This year, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trust will be particularly welcoming applications for projects that help Armed Forces communities move to the 'new normal' while continuing to support local needs and reduce isolation. Applications can come from:

- An established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.
- An Armed Forces unit or base.
- A local authority.
- A school.

The closing date for applications for this funding round is noon on Monday the 30th November 2020.

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.

To register as a user - [click here](#)

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