



## **Coronavirus (Covid-19) VCFSE Funding Sources Local, Regional and National February/March 2021**

### **Local and Regional Coronavirus VCFSE Funding Sources**

#### **Cheshire East Council - Covid-19 Community Response and Recovery Grants**

The aim of the Covid-19 Community Response and Recovery Grant is to support not for profit organisations (which for the purposes of this document shall include voluntary and community groups, registered charities) to adapt to new ways of offering support to communities both during and following the pandemic as well as being able to maintain and continue to offer services once Government Restrictions begin to be lifted.

Project criteria has now changed in line with new guidance on TTCE.

The vision of the Test Trace Contain Enable (TTCE) Programme is to control, minimise or eliminate community transmission of COVID-19 by reducing the rate of infection, and enabling people to live a safer and more normal life. The projects funded through the Covid-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund will be expected to contribute to this vision.

The list below provides some examples of costs and services that will be covered by this grant.

- Mental Health Projects, including adults, children and those socially isolated.
- Digital Inclusion Projects, including families, older people and those socially isolated.
- Providing essential/emergency support during evenings and weekends, including meals, food and essential supplies, fuel.
- Alleviating food or fuel poverty for vulnerable people including food banks, debt management and emergency assistance.
- Projects which contribute to the continual control, minimisation or elimination of the community transmission of COVID-19 by reducing the rate of infection and enabling people to live a safer and more normal life.

**Applications for up to £5,000** from will be considered from organisations for local projects, meeting local need.

**Applications will be considered up to £10,000** but we expect the following to be demonstrated:

- A wide geographical footprint being covered for the proposed project.
- Connectivity with other established related projects.

**Applications for up to £20,000** from organisations but we expect the following to be demonstrated:

- A collaborative application from two or more organisations working together on the proposed project.
- Longer term sustainability of the proposed project.

**Deadline: on a rolling basis.**

For further information and to apply please visit:

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/connected-communities/community\\_funds\\_and\\_grants/covid-19-community-response-and-recovery-grant.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/connected-communities/community_funds_and_grants/covid-19-community-response-and-recovery-grant.aspx)

## **Cheshire Community Foundation (CCF) COVID-19 Response Fund – Short Term Response Funding for Smaller Charities**

The programme supports 'those who are suffering hardship as a result of the short and long term economic and social consequences caused by COVID-19'. Priority will be given to funding local, smaller voluntary and community organisations who are reaching the most vulnerable or at greatest risk of negative social, health or economic impacts.

This programme covers projects across the whole of Cheshire and Warrington for people of all ages.

Cheshire Community Foundation have been able to re-open this grant making programme, for a third time, thanks to further funding provided by the Department of Culture Media and Sport and the National Emergencies Trust.

**Maximum grant size is £2,000.** The programme will fund;

Supporting organisations to continue to adapt to the pandemic - with a focus on developing and enhancing services, capacity building or organisational development.

Preventing problems emerging or getting worse in the prevailing conditions and support people to emerge from the crisis and lead thriving lives going forward.

If organisations are able to meet the programme criteria above, CCF will also be able to consider a contribution towards the financial stability of your organisations as long as you are able to continue to directly support people experiencing hardship as a result of the crisis. Funding up to a maximum of 50% of the total grant requested can be considered as part of your application.

**Funding will continue to be targeted at:**

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- Organisations working to combat hardship including economic, social or health impacts continuing to be impacted by the pandemic.
- Organisations that support the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure that their health and wellbeing is maintained including those who are supporting people continuing to self-isolate.
- Organisations in support of activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services, particularly emergency or health and social care provision, or compliment their response.
- Organisations supporting people or communities who have been disproportionately affected. For example, projects could include, but are not limited to:
  - Support for vulnerable people including children and families and older people in their homes, providing food parcels and medicines, whilst this is still required.
  - Non-perishable food and essential living and baby items for distribution to families and individuals in need, due to financial hardship.
  - Funding for community groups that are linked into local hubs to coordinate the above.
  - Training for new volunteers supporting vulnerable people.
  - Increased hours for part time frontline workers to deliver increased services.
  - Equipment to help adapt service delivery.

**For further details and to apply please visit:**

<http://cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

## **Cheshire Community Foundation (CCF): Small Grants Programme (Bi-monthly)**

The CCF small grants programme is particularly interested in supporting smaller charities (with a turnover of less than £300,000) and to assist local grass roots organisations that support one, or more, of the following priority areas:

- Disadvantaged and vulnerable people affected by the covid-19 outbreak.
- Homelessness
- Disadvantaged and exploited young people, with a preference for prevention and early intervention projects.
- Education and skills (for ages 3 to 18)
- Community support – to include support for older people

Applications from not-for-profit groups and organisations supporting disadvantaged people across Cheshire and Warrington of all ages can be submitted on a rolling basis – and will go to a panel bi-monthly.

**Apply for up to £2,000.**

For eligibility enquiries please email [grants@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:grants@cheshirecommunityfoundation.org.uk)

**Deadline:** Bi-monthly 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November but if there are urgent covid-19 applications needing to be reviewed responsively.

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## Cheshire Police Crime Commissioner – Safer Communities Fund

The Fund is fully funded by monies taken from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act and represents the PCC David Keane's commitment to ensure that this money is re-invested into our communities for the benefit of Cheshire residents.

Applications are members of the community can bid directly to this fund for initiatives that prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, open to community, voluntary or third sector organisations including Parish Councils.

Applications must support the objectives within the Police and Crime Plan. Projects will be located within Cheshire and must focus on local needs. The key funding areas will be:

- Youth (Engagement, Intervention and Diversion)
- Drugs (Education and reduction in substance misuse)
- Rehabilitation (Education, development of skills, training, volunteering, and mentoring)
- Vulnerability
- Emergent need (response to local need and demand)

All projects must engage with the local policing team. In most cases this will be your local dedicated PCSO.

**Express Grant – apply for up to £1,000**

**Main Grant - apply for up to £5,000**

For further information please visit: <https://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-i-do/making-cheshire-safer/proceeds-of-crimecommunity-fund/>

## CWP Improving Maternal Mental Health VCSE Small Grants Programme

As part of the Cheshire & Merseyside Women & Children's Services Partnership, partners have secured funding to further develop and enhance the work of grass roots voluntary and community groups on women's peri-natal mental health across the sub-region.

The funding will support very local activity to support women and their families who are expecting a child or have recently given birth. They may have been affected by social isolation due to Covid-19.

### Funding Available

There is £20,000 allocated for each Place (Cheshire East Local Authority Area) in Cheshire and Merseyside.

We expect that grants will range **from £1,000 - £5,000** each however they can be for more. Please contact Cheshire East CVS on [advice@cvsce.org.uk](mailto:advice@cvsce.org.uk), 01270 763100 if you wish to apply for more than £5,000.

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The fund wants to support projects that will provide some or all of the elements below:

- **Mental health / wellbeing peer support for women**
- **Mental health / wellbeing peer support for partners**
- **Improved well-being by offering knowledge, advice and understanding of mental health.**
- **Signposting and supported navigation into services**
- **Expansion of social networks to increase wellbeing.**

**Deadline: 5pm on Friday 5th March 2021**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.cvsce.org.uk/improving-maternal-mental-health-vcse-small-grants-programme>

## **Knutsford Fund – Small Grants Programme (bi-monthly)**

The overall Impact that we are aiming to achieve in Knutsford is as follows:

- To improve mental health and wellbeing - particularly at an early intervention stage
- To tackle poverty and disadvantage for people of all ages
- To build stronger communities
- To increase education skills and employment opportunities

Priority activities for the fund (agreed in consultation with a range of community groups and stakeholders in Knutsford) are those which:--

- Support lonely, disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable people of all ages
- who lack access to volunteering opportunities,
- employment and skills support,
- regular transport,
- befriending services,
- peer support,
- social activities and key public services and who want to feel more valued and improve their overall mental health and wellbeing.

with particular emphasis on supporting:-

- Disadvantaged and vulnerable people affected by the covid-19 outbreak
- Lonely isolated older men
- New mums
- Young people
- Carers (of all ages)

The geography of the fund will cover projects supporting beneficiaries in the four Knutsford wards of Nether, Norbury Booths, Over and Bexton and extend to the rural areas surrounding Knutsford town - including Tabley, Lower Peover, Tatton, Ollerton and Chelford where people rely on services delivered in Knutsford.

**Apply for up to £2,000.**

**Bi-monthly deadline dates: 15th April, 15th June, 15th August, 15th October and 15th December.**

If there are urgent covid-19 applications needing to be reviewed responsively, these will process these more urgently.

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## **Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund**

The Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund is offering grants of up to £3,000 to community groups responding to Coronavirus crisis within a 10-mile radius of Manchester Airport.

In response to the ongoing impact, the Covid-19 pandemic is having on society, its trustees have agreed its next round of funding will be dedicated to organisations helping communities through the crisis.

The Community Trust Fund will continue to operate as normal throughout the year, but will prioritise:

- Organisations supporting people who are at high risk from Covid-19
- Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of Covid-19
- Organisations with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of Covid-19

**Deadline: 5pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Details on how to apply and the full criteria can be found at**

[www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk/community/working-in-our-community/community-trust-fund)

## **NHS Charities Together – Stage 2 Community Partnership Grant**

As the Lead Charity on behalf of regional NHS Charities, Alder Hey Children's Charity are hosting an Open Call for implementation proposals, for funding through NHS Charities Together Stage 2 Community Partnership Grant.

They would like to support delivery across Cheshire and Merseyside which deliver against one of these 3 priority areas:

### **1. Community Outreach**

Community-based outreach activities to effectively engage with deprived and otherwise hidden communities.

### **2. Mental Well-being**

Place-based solutions to improve mental well-being.

### **3. Healthy at Home**

Piloting "Healthy at Home" models of support delivered through Community Partners.

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A key aim of this grant is to demonstrate that effective partnerships between the NHS and its community partners result in meaningful improvements to health outcomes for patients – especially in communities impacted by Covid-19. Project implementation will be through VCFS / Community Partners, with clinical input and expertise provided ‘in-kind’ through NHS Trusts.

**The deadline for submission is: 5pm Friday 19th March 2021.**

Bids are expected to be submitted at a place level (Covering all Cheshire East) so together different partners need to have a conversation about a Cheshire East Bid.

**Contact Cheshire East Social Action Partnership for further information on**

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## **Rotary – Wychmalbank (Nantwich)**

During the current pandemic, the Rotary Club have created a short form here for you to easily apply for support from the Rotary members. The Rotary review submissions regularly and try to help local charities where they can.

The Rotary Club are still meeting weekly and if you would like to deliver a short presentation about your Charity, they are welcoming local charities. If you'd like to present your charity email [wychmalbankrotary@gmail.com](mailto:wychmalbankrotary@gmail.com) to introduce your charity.

**Deadline: none stated**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

**<https://www.wychmalbankrotary.org/apply-for-help>**

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## **National Coronavirus funding sources for VCFSE**

### **7 Stars Foundation**

UK charities with a turnover of less than £1.5 million per year and who are working with at-risk young people affected by the covid-19 crisis will be able to apply for **unrestricted grants of up to £2,500.**

The 7stars foundation offers grant funding across three streams:

1. **Project grants** to charities aligned to our funding priorities and age ranges.
2. **Shine Bright funding** for regional charities during the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. **Direct grant funding to individuals** supported by outreach/social/care workers or legal professionals (applications must be submitted by the supporting professional).

The funding can be used for overheads, salary costs, and/ or wherever else the organisation needs to ensure its survival and sustainable services in the future. The funding is being made available through the 7Stars Foundation. To apply, applicants are encouraged to email the Foundation.

**Deadlines:**

**April 30th for June funding review.**

**July 31st for September funding review.**

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**October 31st for December funding review.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://the7starsfoundation.co.uk/apply>

## **Alpkit**

Alpkit welcome any applications from individuals and groups supporting grass-roots direct action projects that tackle issues such as the community response to COVID-19, diversity & inclusion in the outdoors, participation, education, conservation and protection of our natural environment and health & well-being.

Examples include:

- Being active in your local community to help elderly or vulnerable people
- Minimising the impact of self-isolation for those in quarantine and need access to food, medicines, or social care
- Supporting foodbanks and increasing the number of meals on wheels deliveries to support the elderly
- Supporting those who are homeless or in temporary accommodation

Individuals or organisations can apply for **grants of £500**.

There is an online application form to apply and trustees meet bi-monthly. Please apply at least 3 months before the start of a project so that the trustees have time to consider it at their next meeting.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://alpkit.com/pages/foundation#apply>

## **Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants**

These project grants are for individual artists and practitioners, community and cultural organisations, museums, and libraries to apply for.

**Deadline: National Lottery Project Grants is open all the time, there are no deadlines.** The fund has a budget of £75 million available until March 2021.

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

## **Asda Foundation - Covid-19 Grants - Hygiene Grant**

In response to Covid-19 the Asda Foundation has stopped its usual grant making activities and launched its Covid-19 Grants. The Hygiene grant is focused on personal hygiene dignity, supporting residents/patients in facilities, who are struggling and unable to provide their own toiletries either through lack of funds or access to family support.

The fund is open to applications from care homes, hospices, hospitals and homeless shelters. **The maximum grant available is £500.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

## **Aviva Community Fund**

In response to the Covid-19 Aviva are temporarily opening the Fund to projects that will ensure not-for-profit organisations can adapt or maintain critical services and infrastructure in response to the impacts of COVID-19.

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The two key funding areas are:

- Financial capability and inclusion: giving people the tools to become more financially independent
- Community resilience: tackling inequality and improving environments to build more connected, more resilient communities

**Apply for up to £50,000**

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/start-crowdfunding>

## **Awards for All – The National Lottery Community Funding**

Awards for All continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. The National Lottery can support organisations with grant funding up to £10,000 to

- continue to deliver activity – whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity
- change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges

In order to support communities to thrive they aim to: build strong relationships in and across communities; improve the places and spaces that matter to communities; help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

The grants can be used to fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. A total of £40 million is available this year.

**Deadline: apply at any time.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

## **Barrow Cadbury Trust – The Connect Fund**

Following Covid-19 the trust has re-focused the Connect Fund's priorities across three main areas to support work that will best prepare the infrastructure of the social investment market to respond to the needs of charities and social enterprises in a challenging recovery phase.

The focus areas are:

- **Equality and diversity** - to support work that addresses diversity and inclusion in the social investment sector as well as issues of inequality in the social investment market.
- **Business support development** - to support projects that prepare infrastructure organisations to provide appropriate business support into the recovery phase and further our understanding about what the sector needs to adapt and be resilient to future shocks.

The Connect Fund supports organisations operating in England only.

Organisations applying must be:

- A voluntary sector infrastructure organisation; membership body; umbrella organisation; sector, place-based, or equalities network; a community foundation.

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- Or a social investment fund manager or advisor.

The organisation must be incorporated and registered as a charity, social enterprise or have social purpose clearly incorporated into the articles of association.

Applications from BAME-led, Disability-led, LGBTQ+-led, and Women-led infrastructure and intermediary organisations are particularly welcomed.

**Deadline: applications accepted on a rolling basis.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.connectfund.org.uk/apply/>

## **BBC Children in Need Grants**

**Small Grants 2020 – Up to £10,000 per year and Main Grants 2020 - Over £10,000 per year**

Grants can be used to support children and young people aged 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse, or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The work they fund make differences in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Funded organisations achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

**The deadline for both programmes is 11.30am on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**For further information on the Children in Need Small and Main Grants visit:**

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/covid-19-funding-streams/>

## **BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme**

The BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme which supports children and young people up to the age of 18 living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family is currently open for applications from referral organisations that will be able to apply for grants on behalf of families or young people.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who are part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs. The referrer's organisation should also be able to administer and supervise the grant on our behalf. Organisations can apply to become a referral organisation to help assess and administer the emergency essentials funding.

The funding can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Electric cookers
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Fridges, freezers, and fridge-freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing

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For further details visit:

[www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/](http://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials/)

## British Red Cross – Hardship Funding for Individuals

The Hardship Fund was created by the British Red Cross with partner Aviva to help those most financially impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

Official Referral Partners register people with us for support.

The fund then provides short term financial help for people who cannot afford the essentials:

- Food and toiletries
- Somewhere safe to sleep
- Access to a telephone and the internet
- Fuel to keep the lights on, cook or stay warm

Our network of Referral Partner organisations registers people for cash assistance. They can request a one-off payment of £120 or a three-month grant.

People registered for the three-month grant will receive £360, paid in monthly instalments of £120 each.

Families with children or other dependants can receive up to three grants, for a total of £1,080 over the three months.

**Deadline: None stated**

For more information visit: <https://hardshipfund.redcross.org.uk/>

## Childs Charitable Trust

The Childs Charitable trust has introduced an Emergency Funding programme to support charities that are experiencing financial difficulties because of the current pandemic. The trust particularly welcomes applications from Christian based organisations. The fund is only open to charities who already meet the Trust's normal grant funding criteria.

**Deadline: 28th February 2021**

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://childscharitabletrust.org/funding/>

## Climate Action Fund - round 2 - The National Community Fund

The Climate Action Fund (CAF) is supporting communities across the UK to take action on climate change. These communities will demonstrate what's possible when people lead in this work. With National Lottery funding, they'll work together, share their learning and be active participants in a broader movement of change.

Suitable for community-led partnerships there are two types of funding in this round - development funding and full awards.

**The maximum grant size for development funding is £150,000. For full awards, the maximum available is £1.5 million.**

**Deadline: 5pm on 8 April 2021 for your initial idea. If you get to the next stage, they expect the rest of the application process to take six to eight months.**

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**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-round-2>

## Comic Relief Capacity Building Grants

Charities, voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and CIC's in England which have been negatively impacted by Covid-19 can apply for grants of **up to £1,000** to help them rebuild their capacity to meet the needs of their local community.

The funding is being made available through the Comic Relief's Capacity Building Grants Scheme and will support projects within their four strategic themes and can be used for a wide range of activities, such as:

- training.
- increasing delivery capacity through additional volunteer recruitment.
- and developing strategies to help rebuild and move forward such as fundraising strategies and developing new delivery plans.

To be eligible, applicants will need to have an annual income of less than £250,000.

**Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/comic-relief-apply-for-capacity-grant/>

## Clothworkers' Open Grants Programme

The Clothworkers' Open Grants programme will award grants to UK registered charities, CICs, and other registered UK not-for-profit organisations (including special schools). Grants are awarded towards capital projects which are defined as:

- **Buildings:** purchase, construction, renovation, or refurbishment.
- **Fittings, Fixtures, and Equipment:** this includes but is not limited to office equipment/furniture, sports/gym equipment, digital/audio visual equipment, garden equipment, specialist therapeutic (excluding medical) equipment. It does not include equipment for one-off use, or which will be given to service users for personal use on a permanent basis.
- **Vehicles:** This includes a minibus, car, caravan, people-carrier, or 4X4. We are unlikely to fund the total cost of a new vehicle.

The programme wants to fund organisations that support people in the following areas:

- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Disadvantaged minority groups
- Disadvantaged young people
- Domestic & sexual abuse
- Homelessness
- Older People
- People with disabilities
- Prisoners and ex-offenders
- Visual impairment

**Deadline: Ongoing**

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A decision will be made within eight weeks for grants and projects less than £10,000 or within six months for grants over £10,000.

**For more information and to apply visit:**

[www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/](http://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/)

## The Dulverton Trust

The Dulverton Trust is looking for applications from organisations working to produce significant impact in one of the following priority areas:

- youth opportunities,
- general welfare,
- conservation,
- preservation,
- Africa, and
- Peace and humanitarian support.

Grant-making will be focused on:

- charities which meet their funding criteria and are well-placed to support vulnerable communities through this crisis (previous grant recipients will be prioritised, but the Trust may consider new charities to them as an exception)
- supporting charities with which the Trust have an existing relationship to overcome funding challenges caused by the COVID-19 crisis

Charities and Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs) with an annual income of between £200,000 and £10 million (but preference is given to charities with an income of £5 million can apply for grants of **between £25,000 – £35,000**

Application process: Applicants first need to complete an online eligibility quiz

Deadline: Ongoing

**Contact information: Tel: 020 7495 7852 Email: [grants@dulverton.org](mailto:grants@dulverton.org)**

**For more information and to apply visit: [www.dulverton.org](http://www.dulverton.org)**

## The Edward Gostling Foundation Fast Track Small Grants Programme

The Foundation provides grants to other charities that support people of all ages living on low incomes who have a physical and/or mental disability or long-term illness. Themes:

- Health and Wellbeing – the funder is looking to support partner charities in providing access to community facilities offering support services that maintain, improve and advance the health and welfare of people living with disabilities and/or long-term illnesses.
- Independent Living at Home - the funder is looking for charity partners that need funding to support people who wish to remain living in their own home for as long as is practically possible.
- Respite – the funder is looking for partner charities providing facilities in the UK where either the person living with a disability and/or long-term illnesses or the individual caring for them can go to access sports and leisure activities or simply enjoy fun, friendship and the opportunity to socialise and share with others who may be in a similar situation.

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- Transition – includes projects that provide a journey through education, training or personal development into employment, long-term volunteering, or other meaningful day time activity, leading to independence, affordable housing and/or supported living.

UK registered charities with less than 6 months of free reserves can apply for grants of **up to £10,000**.

Deadline: Ongoing

**Contact information: Tel: 01753 753 900 Email: [info@edwardgostling.org.uk](mailto:info@edwardgostling.org.uk)**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

**[www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/content/apply-grant-0](http://www.edwardgostlingfoundation.org.uk/content/apply-grant-0)**

## **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

The Foundation launched its new strategy earlier this year and is now providing unrestricted **core and project grants** for work in the following areas:

- **Our Natural World** - Ensuring that the natural world is restored and protected, and that people benefit from that recovery.
- **A Fairer Future** - Contributing to a just and anti-racist society, where those most likely to have their rights denied have those rights protected, as well as the opportunity to speak and be heard, and have the freedom to express their creativity.
- **Creative, Confident Communities** - Strengthening the bonds in communities, helping local people to build vibrant, confident places where they can fulfil their creative, human, and economic potential.

**The minimum grant size is £30,000 for three years or longer.**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

**<https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/applications/>**

## **The Fat Beehive Foundation – Small grants for websites and digital products**

The Fat Bee Foundation has launched to support and amplify the work of small charities providing much needed services. The charity will provide grants of **up to £2,500** to help small charities build websites and digital products which will enhance their work and consequently provide social good.

Priority areas they are looking to support include charities that support people in the following areas:

- Environmental protection or climate change mitigation
- Human rights
- International development
- Equality and Diversity
- Social justice / Refugees / Housing
- Education
- Art & culture
- Health and wellbeing
- Prisoner rehabilitation

**Deadline: 5pm, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.fatbeehivefoundation.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

## **FCC Community Action Fund**

FCC Communities Foundation awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. FCC was previously known as WREN.

The FCC Community Action Fund provides **grants of between £2,000 and £100,000** to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

Only applications for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility can be accepted, you can check if you are located near an eligible site by clicking Apply and completing the pre-application eligibility check.

**There are 2 sites in Cheshire East.**

- **Northwich: - Lostock Works, CW9 7TD**
- **Crewe: - Maw Green, CW1 5NG.**

FCC can only accept applications from the following types or organisations:

- Registered Charity which operates a community facility
- A Church or Parochial Church Council
- A Parish or Town Council or a Management Committee or User Association acting on behalf of a Parish or Town Council
- A Local Authority
- A CASC Registered Sports Club

**Deadline: 2021- Round 2 Call for Applications opens on 17 March 2021 and closes at 5.00 pm on 2 June 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

## **The Fore Transformational grants for small charities and not-for-profit organisations**

From Spring 2021, The Fore is returning to its standard offer of **grants of up to £30,000**, which can be spread over up to 3 years. The Fore make unrestricted grants which have the potential to have a transformational impact on an organisation.

Transformational impact includes helping an organisation to become more sustainable, more efficient, to grow significantly or enabling an organisation to take a major step forward of some kind.

The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past.

Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.

**Deadlines: The Fore Summer 2021 Funding Round**

**Registration: 12th April 2021, 10am**

**Application Deadline for Registered Organisations: 3rd May 2021, 5pm**

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## Funding Decisions Announced: July 2021

For more information, please see <https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding>

### Foyle Foundation – Small Grants

The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Small Grants Scheme to support smaller, grassroots, 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**.

Funding can be used to **cover core costs or essential equipment**, to enable ongoing service provision, **homeworking**, or **delivery of online digital services** for charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services. Competition for funding is expected to be strong.

**Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

### Help the Homeless

This funder makes grants to UK registered charities for capital expenses that will assist people who are homeless in their return to mainstream society. Your charity must have an annual income of under £1 million and less than 6 months' running costs in reserves.

**Grants are generally for £5,000 and under.**

**Deadlines: The quarterly deadlines for applications for funding each year are: 15th March / 15th June/ 15th September/ 15th December.**

**For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>**

### Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund has now begun a phased reopening of their project grants scheme - applications are now open for grants of £3,000 - £10,000 and £10,000 - £100,000. Applications for larger amounts will begin from 8th February 2021.

The funder is particularly looking to fund projects with an emphasis on organisational resilience and inclusion, and their priorities are projects that:

- boost the local economy
- provide job creation and encourage skills development
- support local health and wellbeing
- encourage rebuilding community cohesion

Alongside the project grants stream, there is a new loan funding pilot, open to organisations who are current or previous recipients of HLF funding over £10,000 - if that applies to you, you could be eligible for an interest-free loan of up to £250,000 over up to 5 years.

**For more information and to apply, visit the Heritage Lottery website on:**

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/national-lottery-grants-heritage-2021-22>

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## Hilden Charitable Fund

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants of an average of £5,000 to causes working at community level in the UK and developing countries which are less likely to be able to raise funds from public subscriptions.

Current UK funding priorities are:

- Homelessness,
- Penal Affairs,
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees,
- Community-Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25.

**Deadline: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.hildencharitablefund.org/>**

## Hope Beyond Grants – The Allchurches Trust

In response to the coronavirus, the Allchurches Trust is making funding available to churches, Christian Charities, cathedrals and Christian denominational bodies to enable them to meet changing needs within their communities and to adapt to challenges and opportunities presented by the pandemic.

The Hope Beyond Programme are making grants of **up to £50,000** available to help religious organisations implement new ways of working and introduce new and/or enhanced support and activities to meet changing need.

The Programme will look to address three themes: the issues of **loneliness and isolation; growing community resilience and promoting mental and emotional health and wellbeing; and growing technological capability and resilience.**

Funding can be used for capital projects and some revenue costs.

**Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

**<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/hopebeyond/>**

## Masonic Charitable Foundation

Small and large grants are open to national and local charities helping to tackle some of society's most important issues through grants to local and national charities and partnerships with leading organisations in the sector. Including:

- **Children & Young People - disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the barriers they face.**
- **Later Life – supporting socially isolated and lonely older people**
- **Hospices – supporting hospices across England and Wales**

Small grants are for charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000.

These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range **from £1,000 to £15,000** and can be awarded over one to three years.

Large grants are for larger charities whose annual income exceeds £500,000. They are to fund projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials etc.

Large grants **start at £10,000 and usually range from £20,000 to £60,000.** They can be awarded over one to three years.

**Small Grants Deadlines: 4pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Large Grants Deadlines: 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

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For more information and to apply visit: <https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/>

## Matthew Good Foundation

The Matthew Good Foundation has launched a Grants for Good Fund to support small charities, not-for-profit groups and social entrepreneurs who are passionate about making a difference to people, their community, or the environment.

The Fund will share £10,000 between five shortlisted projects, which will be voted for by John Good Group employees. The project that receives the most votes will receive a grant of £3,500, second place £2,500, third place £2,000 with fourth and fifth place both receiving £1,000.

As well as established projects and charities, the Foundation are keen to hear from people with innovative ideas that need some funding to get their projects up and running.

To be eligible, applicants will have to have had an income of less than £50,000 in the last 12 months.

**Deadline: Funding is awarded every three months and the deadline for this funding round is the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

For more information and to apply visit:

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

## Morrison's Foundation COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund

The Morrison's Foundation recognises that homeless people are particularly vulnerable to Covid-19 because they are more likely to have underlying health conditions and are less able to access basic sanitation. Homelessness charities are raising concerns that if someone is sleeping rough or in a crowded night shelter, it is impossible to self-isolate and maintain social distance, so help is needed more than ever before. In response to this, the Morrison's Foundation Trustees have pledged £500,000 towards the Homeless Support Fund. The fund is designed to support charities caring for the homeless during the coronavirus outbreak and ensure help gets to those who need it most. Registered charities that care for the homeless can apply for support to cover three broad areas:

- Outreach and support for rough sleepers, including provision of essentials
- Delivery of services in hostels and shelters
- Information and advice

To be considered for a grant from the COVID-19 Homeless Emergency Fund applicants should:

- Be registered with the Commission/OSCR for a minimum of one year and have filed their documents (i.e. Trustee's Reports and Financial Accounts) on time
- Work directly with homeless people and provide support of one (or more) of the areas the fund cover
- Accept payment electronically over the phone (i.e. by Credit Card or BACS)

Grants of **up to £10,000** are available, but the emphasis is on smaller amounts to enable as many charities as possible can be supported from the fund

Application process: There is an online application form

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**Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the £500,000 emergency fund is depleted**

**Contact information: Tel: 0845 611 4449**

**For more information and to apply visit: [www.morrisonfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/](http://www.morrisonfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/)**

## **NFU Mutual Community Giving Fund**

Charities, schools, and community groups can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the NFU Mutual Community Giving Fund. The fund is available in areas that are local to NFU operations in the UK.

In 2020, the Fund helped 49 community groups and charities across the UK, providing support for front-line charities dealing with the impact of Covid-19. The grants have funded equipment for a Search and Rescue team, an outdoor shelter for a community centre, PPE for a dementia support group and food parcels for vulnerable members of the community to name but a few.

Applications are likely to be more successful if they meet one or more of the funds priorities. These are:

- Connecting the community; reducing social isolation, providing opportunities, and encouraging resilience
- Providing care and support to vulnerable members of our community
- Relieving poverty; improving the health and wellbeing of our communities
- Advancing education and experiences for young people

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/responsible-business/nfu-mutual-community-giving-fund>**

## **Partnership Fund – The National Community Lottery Fund**

Not for profit organisations such as community organisations, charities, schools and social enterprises in England can **apply for grants of over £10,000 for up to five years** to the National Lottery Community Fund's Partnership Fund.

The aim of the fund is to help local organisations develop a more strategic approach to improving their community by developing and growing new and existing partnerships with other organisations. This can involve area-based partnerships or communities of interest.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, they are continuing to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. **They can support you and your partners to:**

- continue to deliver activity, whether you're supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity.
- change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.

**In order to support communities to thrive, they aim to:**

- build strong relationships in and across communities.
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

**Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.**

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**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england#section-2>

## **Persimmon Community Champions**

Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund good causes across the UK. Each of their 31 businesses and their PLC head office are giving away up to £2,000 every month – that is £64,000 a month available to fund local community initiatives. Persimmon Community Champions have supported thousands of community groups and charities over the years, but from 1st April for the foreseeable future, they want to focus on organisations that support the over-70s – a vulnerable group in society that Persimmon Community Champions feel need their support at this time. Community groups and charities can apply for grants of up to £1,000.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**Contact information: Email: [contact@persimmonhomes.com](mailto:contact@persimmonhomes.com)**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

[www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/)

## **Postcode Neighbourhood Trust**

**\*\*\*Next Round Opening 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 \*\*\***

The aim of Postcode Neighbourhood Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the North of England to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet.

**Dates:**

**Opening: March 1st until Closing: 15th March at 5:00pm**

**Opening: April 1st until Closing: 15th April at 5:00pm**

**Opening: May 3rd until Closing: 17th May at 5:00pm**

**For more information visit: <https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/>**

## **Power to Change – Community Business Crowdmatch**

This programme will help community businesses respond to the Covid-19 crisis, whether it is for launching new ideas to help your neighbourhood, help meet increased demand, save a community space, or help bridge a funding gap. For every £1 you crowd fund Power to Change will match fund every £1 up to £10,000.

The funder is particularly keen to support new and existing projects in more deprived areas of the country, and to work with Black, Asian, and ethnically diverse individuals and community business leaders across England.

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/community-business-crowdmatch>

## **Power to Change – Community Business ReBoost fund**

The ReBoost fund provides grant funding and matched equity investment. ReBoost will support smaller, and quick interventions focused on raising working capital for community businesses via community shares offers between November 2020 and April 2021.

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- Development grants – between £3-5k to prepare a recovery community share offer and be awarded the Community Shares Standard Mark
- Match equity investment – typically matching pound for pound up to £25,000 invested by the ReBoost fund.

**Deadline: open between November 2020 to April 2021**

**For more information visit: <https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-reboost-fund/>**

## **Power to Change – Community Business Renewal Fund** **\*\*\*Opening 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 10am – Closes at 1pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> March\*\*\***

The Community Business Renewal Fund provides grants to community businesses in England affected by the Covid-19 crisis to adapt, renew and rebuild their business so they can remain financially viable. The fund is aimed at organisations delivering services in their local community to support those who have been most affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

An unrestricted grant **between £10,000 and £20,000** to support your organisation to adapt and evolve to the changing circumstances. The funding could be used for **core staffing costs contribute to meeting capital costs of adapting your community business and ensuring that your community business can continue to provide the vital support to local people.**

Main priority areas are organisations supporting:

- **areas of England facing high levels of deprivation,**
- **organisations supporting and led by disabled people and**
- **Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME)-led or BAME-supporting businesses.**

The Community Business Renewal Fund is now closed for applications. The funder has two further rounds in 2021. Each round will have a short application window of 3 hours to apply as they expect a high level of demand.

**Opening and Closing Dates/Times:**

**Round Three – Tuesday 2 March 2021, opens at 10am- closes at 1pm**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

**<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/community-business-renewal-fund/>**

## **The Prince's Countryside Fund**

The Prince's Countryside Fund has **grants of up to £10,000** available for projects from across the UK which are working to create resilient rural communities thanks to support from players of People's Postcode Lottery and the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust.

They are seeking innovative projects that build resilience through community-led solutions, from groups and organisations who are working in villages and hamlets with populations of less than 3,000 residents.

**Deadline: Apply by Friday 19th March 2021**

**Join their next grant-making webinar on Wednesday 3rd March at 12pm.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

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<https://www.princescountrysidedefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

## Ragdoll Foundation – Small and Main Grants Programme

The Ragdoll Foundation makes grants to arts & cultural organisations for work with children and young people. Their Open Grants Scheme has two strands:

- Small Grants: for small projects/pilot projects or for research & development to inform a new area of work - **grants can be for up to £1,500**
- Main Grants: for larger new projects, or to develop the scope or scale of existing work - **grants are generally for £5,000 - £25,000**

**Projects need to support the Foundation's key aims:**

- Demonstrate how the concerns of children can be heard through high quality arts engagement projects that put the child's or young person's voice at the centre
- Evidence the power of arts and creativity and their transformative power for children and young people
- Promote children's development through their imaginative thinking
- Promote equality of access to the arts and creative experiences
- Encourage innovative thinking and influence good practice
- Ensure effective evaluation of projects to promote sharing and learning

**Deadlines: Main Grants programme has a two-stage application process, with applications accepted on a rolling basis year-round**

**Small grants – deadline 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

## Rank Foundation – DCMS Covid-19 Response Programme

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Rank Foundation has launched a new DCMS Covid-19 Response Programme to provide support to 200 small-medium charities & social enterprises within the social sector. The Foundation will provide funding in two strands:

- the **Covid-19 Recovery Fund** will provide grants of up to £25,000 for RankNet member organisations with urgent and immediate financial needs because of the pandemic. Applications can be made at any time.
- In addition, organisations can take part in the match funded **Covid-19 Time to Shine Leadership Programme** which expands on the Time to Shine programme to create new jobs within the social sector and to help build resilience.

**For more information and to apply visit:** <https://rankfoundation.com/rank-launches-dcms-covid-19-response-programme/>

## Reaching Communities – The National Community Lottery Fund

With the COVID-19 pandemic still here, the lottery wants to continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. The funding can support you to:

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- continue to deliver activity, whether you are supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis, or undertaking recovery activity
- change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.

What the funding can be spent on:

- **direct costs associated with delivering activities in your community** - this can include project staff, materials, equipment, room hire, volunteer expenses and project evaluations
- **organisational development** - this can include business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance and leadership, tech or IT upgrades/purchases, developing and sharing impact and learning, and increasing capacity to support collaboration and partnership working
- **core/fixed costs to support the day-to-day running of your organisation** - this can include core salaries, rent, utilities, equipment
- the purchasing, refurbishing, or developing of land and buildings.

**Apply for £10,001 or more for up to 5 years**

**Deadline: On-going**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england>

## The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF)

The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF) is a new emergency loan fund which will provide repayable finance to charities and social enterprises who are experiencing disruption as a result of COVID-19 and is intended for such organisations who have an otherwise viable business model. It has been established to make the Government's existing Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) more easily accessible to these entities.

### Is my organisation eligible?

This Fund is only for UK charities and social enterprises which fulfil the eligibility criteria of both the Fund and CBILS – the full list of eligibility criteria can be found on the SIB website and includes:

- registered charities, community interest companies, community benefit societies – in line with Big Society Capital [governance principles](#).
- have a minimum turnover of £400k.
- have been trading for a minimum of two years.

CBILS eligibility that applies to the fund includes that organisations must:

- be UK-based.
- have a turnover of less than £45m (whole group).
- have a minimum 50% of income from trading (registered charities and further education colleges are exempt from this requirement).
- self-certify they have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

### What are the RRLF's key product details?

Key features of the product include:

- initially loans will be for between £100k and £500k.

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- these loans will be interest-free and fee-free to the customer for the first 12 months (in line with CBILS).
- the loan term will be a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years.
- interest will be charged at 6.5% per annum for years 2 and 3 (after principal payments start).

Applicants should also be aware that any monies received under the CBILS does not reduce the borrower's liability in any way – as with any loan product, the borrower remains 100% liable.

Applicants should also be aware that changes may be made to RRLF as the CBILS scheme evolves. It may take some time for these changes to filter through to the SIB website.

### **How can I apply and how long will it take?**

There is an [application portal on the SIB website](#) which is now live. The first page of the application is intended to give clear guidance on your likely eligibility. The aim is for the process to take 2-4 weeks from start to finish.

**Deadline: RRLF closes to new applications at 11.59pm on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund>

## **Rosa - The Women Thrive Fund**

The Women Thrive Fund is distributing grants of up to £40,000 to specialist women's organisations across the UK. Organisations should be working to enable women and girls to **improve their mental health and wellbeing and/or improve their financial resilience**. The fund responds directly to what women's and girls' organisations have told us throughout the pandemic: that declining mental health, increased risk of emotional trauma and increased poverty levels are their biggest concerns for women and girls across the UK.

Organisations can apply for:

- **Grants of up to £15,000** with a turnover of £200,000 inclusive
- **Grants of up to £40,000** with a turnover of £200,001 – £999,999.

They can also apply for an additional 25% of their grant request for work which will strengthen their organisation. Funding is available to spend until December 2022.

The funder is also hosting a series of 'how to apply' webinars with Smallwood Trust to give potential applicants the chance to ask questions:

- **February 25th, 10am.** [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **March 8th, 6pm.** [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **March 18th, 1pm.** [REGISTER HERE](#)

**Deadline: 25th March 2021**

**For more information and to apply visit:** <https://rosauk.org/funds/women-thrive-fund/>

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## The Schroder Charity Trust

The Schroder Charity Trust is an independent grant making Family Trust they are making grants of up to £5,000 available to support VCFSE in the following areas:

- Education and young people
- Health
- Communities
- Environment and conservation
- Heritage
- Arts and culture
- International development
- The armed forces

The Schroder Charity Trust continues to accept applications from charities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Charities registered in England & Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland are eligible to apply for up to £5,000.

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**Contact information: email [info@schrodercharitytrust.org](mailto:info@schrodercharitytrust.org)**

**For further information and to apply visit: [schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage](https://schrodercharitytrust.org/homepage)**

## Sport England – Return to Play Grants

Sport England have launched a new £16.5 million fund to provide additional help to the sport and physical activity sector during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. The Return to Play Fund will support groups, clubs and organisations who've been impacted by restrictions brought in to tackle the disease, and is part of our overall response to the crisis that now includes more than £220m of government and National Lottery funding.

Especially seeking to support those groups and organisations working with audiences identified as finding it more difficult to be active at this time. These include:

- Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- people on lower incomes
- those disproportionately affected financially because of the crisis
- disabled people and people with long-term health conditions
- those who are experiencing a greater burden of care responsibilities since the pandemic began.

Three grant types are available, for applications

- **Return to play – Small Grants apply for between £300 and £10,000.**
- **Return to play – Community Asset Fund apply for between £10,001 to £50,000.**
- **Return to play – Active Together - matching crowd funded income of up to £10,000.**

**Deadline: Not specified**

**For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds#findtherightfund>**

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## Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme

Pet rescue organisations can apply for funding to help support rescues throughout the short- and medium-term impact of the coronavirus. Through the Support Adoption for Pets Grant Programme, charities and not-for-profit organisations which rescue and rehome pets or provide temporary support to ensure pets can remain with their owners can apply for funding of **up to £10,000** or up to 30% of total annual expenditure, whichever is the lower amount.

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.

**Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk/grant-programme/>

## Thomas Wall Trust – Grants for Registered Charities

The Trust will fund UK charities that have been registered with the Charity Commission for at least 3 years.

For a project or running costs for a charity that equips people (aged 11 and over) with the skills ready for employment.

Annual repeat funding for up to 3 years – subject to satisfactory annual reviews of progress and impact.

Grants of **up to £5,000** are available for UK charities registered with the Charity Commission for at least three years and that have an annual turnover that does not exceed £500,000.

**Deadline: The deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest form is Friday 30th April 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/>

## Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Small and Major Grants available through the Foundation. The preference is to fund front line organisations working directly with people in need. Small grant projects must have a focus on Community Support and major grant applicants must have a focus on Family Support. The Foundation do not support campaigning, organisational development, or capacity building.

The grants will fund:

- UK based small to medium sized local organisations with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts
- Revenue costs

Small Grants - Single year grants **between £2,000 and £10,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs**

Major Grants - Single year grants **between £10,000 and £100,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs or**

**Multi-year grants for a maximum of 3 years, not to exceed £100,000 in total over this period, for core costs, salaries, running or project costs**

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Deadlines: **Small Grants**- final decision within 8 weeks of the receipt of your application.

**Major Grants** – outcome decided at their Grants Committee meetings which in 2021 will take place in **January, April, July, and October**. There are no deadlines for these meetings.

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants>

## Volant Trust COVID-19 Response Fund

The Volant Trust is accepting applications from registered charities, community interest companies, community organisations or social enterprises in the UK and internationally that **demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic**.

Funding is available to **support running and core costs** as well as for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered.

There are no funding levels indicated at the award of grants will be at the discretion of the Trustees.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit:** <https://www.volanttrust.org/how-to-apply-covid-19>

## The Yapp Charitable Trust

The Trust only make grants for ongoing core funding to groups which support:

- Elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- Social welfare – people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- Education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally
- disadvantaged, whether adults or children)

Registered charities that have been formally established for a minimum of three years can apply for grants of up to £3,000.

Application process: There is an online application form

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**Contact information: Tel: 0191 389 3300**

**For more information and to apply visit:** <http://yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

## The Yorkshire Building Society - Coronavirus Response Fund

The Yorkshire Building Society's Charitable Foundation has launched a Coronavirus Response Fund to support registered charities that are helping local communities affected by the coronavirus. The Foundation is keen to support the needs of charities

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who may be impacted by the coronavirus crisis. During this time, they are relaxing their eligibility criteria so that donations to support running costs will be considered. Funding will support groups and activities that

- Help vulnerable people who are self-isolating.
- Ensure supplies for foodbanks and organisations, to alleviate the impact of children no longer receiving free school meals due to school closures.
- Help community response coordination, including volunteer costs.
- Cover additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community.
- Cover the loss of income for charities providing support for vulnerable groups

**Deadlines: 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December annually.**

**For further information and to apply visit:**

[www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation/index.html](http://www.ybs.co.uk/your-society/charitable-foundation/index.html)

## Youth Music Network - Funding for Music-Making Projects for Young People Facing Barriers

**Grants of between £2,000 and £30,000** are available to schools as well as other not-for-profit organisations to support music-making and music-making related projects for children and young people facing barriers.

Projects should be co-designed by children/young people, and support one or more of Youth Music's priority areas. These are:

- early years;
- disabled young people;
- young adults;
- youth justice system;
- young people facing barriers;
- and organisations and the workforce.

Funding is provided by the Arts Council England and the National Lottery. 10% match funding is required.

**Deadline: 5pm on the 1st April 2021.**

**For more information and to apply visit:**

<https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/fund-a>

## Other useful Funding & Social Investment Resources

[The National Community Lottery](#)

[Charity Bank](#)

[Charity Excellence Framework](#)

[Funding Central](#)

[Get Grants](#)

[Good Finance](#)

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**[Grants Online](#)**

**[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)**

**[NCVO \(National Council of Voluntary Organisations\)](#)**

**[Social Investment Business](#)**

**[Sport England](#)**

**[Turn2Us](#)**

If your Cheshire East VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise) group or organisation would like support to help find funding for a specific project or service area please email us on [enquiries@cesap.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@cesap.org.uk) for further details.

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