

April 2020 Funding Gazette



We hope you'll find suitable sources of funding for your organisation or your project.

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Welcome to our April Funding Gazette

Firstly, I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and staying safe during these difficult times. If you need any help and support with covid-19 related issues for your company don't hesitate to contact me on cath@cya.org.uk or ring me on the usual office number 01900 603131. You can also reach Juan on juan@cya.org.uk

Important

It is important to contact your current funders to highlight what you are doing during this time and to make sure you can continue to use the funding that you have been allocated – drop them an email outlining your current services and how you are reaching the children, young people and families that you are supporting and what your short term plans are to cope with this pandemic.

We have spoken to most of our funders are they are supportive of the plans we have in place but some services such as the outdoor activities have ceased during this period so we have notified them of the intention to furlough staff from 6th of April 2020.

Some funding may have restrictions if you cannot provide the service you may not be able to draw down the funding – talk to the funders and get clear facts and don't assume you can just continue to use the funding if you are no longer providing a service to your intended audience.

Furloughing staff

If your staff cannot provide a service during this time -even if it is a different service you need to consider making use of the Covid-19 funds from HMRC to retain your staff. We have information here in this and I am happy to talk through with any organisations -we are not the experts but have already done this with a number of our staff.

Looking ahead

Don't take your foot off the fundraising pedal during these times and if you have spare time now is the time to undertake funding applications so that when things settle down, which they will, you have the funding in place to pick up and run with your normal services. The stock markets have been rocked by this pandemic and many trusts and foundations will have a reduced income going forward and many are choosing to support organisations who are providing lifesaving services during this time. When this period is over we may find the fundraising landscape a very different place at a time when demand for your services may be at an all time high.

Other national third sector agencies are predicting a very hard road ahead for the charitable sector and many organisations may not survive the crisis. Now is the time to do your cashflows for all your project -remember much of your funding might be restricted and has limited ways in which it can be used. Prudent organisations may have reserves set aside to get them through the next few months.

Cumbria Youth Alliances services continue in relation to fundraising during this time

We are still offering to support organisations with funding applications by email and phone and can talk things through with you if you send us a zoom invitation. We can help you source suitable funding sources- we can provide you with a list of funders that might support the work that you are doing. We can check bids remotely and providing your with any stats etc that will strengthen your bids.

This edition

Most of the funding activity in this edition focusses on the COVID-19 funding opportunities and we will do a normal funding gazette later in the month highlighting all the funding opportunities that are available to support organisations working with children, young people and families here in Cumbria.

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LATEST FUNDING INFORMATION – APRIL 2020

Cash flow has been a growing cause for concern within the sector for a number of years. As a result of the Coronavirus, many organisations are now in an extremely precarious position, often having to deliver additional services with fewer volunteers and staff members, while having to cancel fundraising activities. Below is a list of emergency funds for charities and social enterprises that are experiencing difficulties. It will be updated as new opportunities are identified, so please do contact us if you are aware of any funds that should be included.

- [COVID-19 Resource Hub for Charities and Social Enterprises](#)
- [Charity Bank's response to COVID-19.](#)

UK wide funds

- [National Emergencies Trust](#)
The National Emergencies Trust (NET) has launched an appeal to raise funds for local charities and grassroots organisations that have been impacted by Coronavirus. The trust is planning to distribute grants through a network of local community foundations. Organisations in need of funding will need to apply directly to a community foundation, not to the NET.
- [John Lewis Partnership Community Support Fund](#)
The John Lewis Partnership has launched a £1m Community Support Fund. Individual Waitrose shops will decide how to use their share to support their local community. It is not yet clear whether charities and other organisations will be able to apply for a grant, so we recommend checking the John Lewis website for updates.
- [National Lottery Community Fund](#)
All National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) funding decisions in the next six months (up to £300m of funding) will be devoted to responding to the COVID-19 crisis. The NLCF will prioritise existing grant holders and applicants with activities specifically geared to supporting communities through this crisis, and helping organisations overcome liquidity issues caused by COVID-19.
- [Arts Council England](#)
Arts Council England (ACE) has made £160m of emergency funding available to organisations and individuals who will need it during the COVID-19 crisis. It has also changed the funding requirements for individuals and organisations currently in receipt of funding.
- [CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#)
The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has launched a £5m Coronavirus Emergency Fund to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK affected by the impact of COVID-19. Grants of up to £10,000 are available. You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas.
- [Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund](#)
The Leathersellers' Company has launched a fast track application process for one-off grants of up to £3,000. It could be particularly useful for funding small projects or to cover unexpected costs arising from COVID-19. Applications are open to UK registered charities who support:
 - the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless;
 - provision of food and essential supplies;
 - victims of domestic violence;
 - nursing care to vulnerable patients.

- [The Yapp Charitable Trust](#)
The Yapp Charitable Trust has invited small UK charities affected by the impact of COVID-19 to apply for grants of up to £3,000. Registered charities in England and Wales, with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000, can apply for funding for core costs and staffing.

International funds

- [Facebook Small Business Grants Program](#)
Facebook is offering \$100m in cash grants and advert credits to up to 30,000 small businesses in over 30 countries. There is very little information available at present, but charities can [sign up to be alerted](#) when details are released.

Lloyds Bank Foundation ran a webinar on Tuesday 24th March to help small and medium charities communicate internally and externally in a crisis.

The webinar covered

1. **Communicating within your organisation** – key tips and tools for managing your staff, volunteer and service user communications when face-to-face time is limited or not possible.
2. **Communicating with decision makers** – how to engage with local/sector networks and ensure that the groups you are supporting and your needs as charities are articulated, and feed into the Covid-19 response.
3. **Communicating with funders and supporters** – How to ask for and get the support you need as the crisis develops.

Here is the link to the recording of it <https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/our-impact/news-and-blogs/crisis-comms-webinar-2020> - this takes you to our website and then onto the recording from there, the slides are also on the webpage too.

Regional funds

Please note that many of the organisations below will also be distributing grants on behalf of the National Emergencies Trust.

- [Cumbria Community Foundation](#)
The Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund has been set up to assist groups and organisations that are supporting people affected by COVID-19. The fund will prioritise 'charitable projects across the county that are supporting people affected by the virus, helping to keep them safe and supported in their homes and reducing pressure on the NHS'. There is no maximum or minimum award amount, but the foundation aims to offer smaller grants (circa £250) to community-based groups and larger grants (over £1,000) to organisations offering district or county level support. See next page for more detailed information.

Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund Guidance to Applicants

The Cumbria COVID-19 Response Fund aims to support local activities that are helping communities affected by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. It will offer local charitable and community organisations funding to support emerging challenges faced within local communities as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus.

Who will benefit from support from these organisations?

- Vulnerable people who are required to self-isolate
- Older people (over 70) who are isolated, vulnerable and/or self-isolating
- People with disabilities and/or underlying health difficulties
- People returning home from hospital, who require additional help
- Homeless people
- People experiencing poverty as a result of the pandemic including low income families • Local communities requiring additional support

The Fund will only support activities directly relating to challenges emerging from the Coronavirus outbreak. Types of activity the Fund will prioritise:

- Providing groceries, household essentials and delivery of medicines to vulnerable people who are self-isolating
- Coordination of volunteers and charitable effort to support vulnerable people self-isolating
- Direct and immediate practical support for vulnerable groups • Support to enable prompt and safe discharge from hospital
- Enabling and encouraging vulnerable people to use and access technology to keep them connected to the outside world
- Reaching out to isolated older and vulnerable people by telephone and social media to support positive mental health.
- Initiatives to reduce isolation and vulnerability • advice and guidance and emotional, mental health and bereavement support
- enabling charitable groups to work remotely and adapting services.

Running costs for organisations will be supported, including staff costs, volunteer expenses and transport costs. Small capital costs are also eligible, providing the capital items are directly linked to supporting the below groups.

Who can apply?

This Fund is for small voluntary and community groups with charitable aims. Applicants must be based and working in Cumbria.

Examples of types of groups that might access grant funds:

- Community emergency response groups, both formal and informal • Foodbanks
- CAB, Law Centres and other advice organisations
- Family Advice groups
- CVS and Volunteer centres
- Community transport groups
- Age UK and other organisations specifically supporting older people and people with disabilities
- Homeless support groups

Recently formed groups of local volunteers providing mutual aid in your community can also apply.

You will need to:

- demonstrate that your work is endorsed by the Local Covid-19 Hub, another charitable or statutory organisation e.g. parish council.
- demonstrate that appropriate safeguarding has been considered, and you ensure volunteers are following Cumbria CVS and County Council guidance on safeguarding.
- seek authorisation from another charitable organisation or statutory organisation, e.g. parish council, to hold funds on your behalf if you do not have a bank account. For further advice and guidance, please visit: <https://covidmutualaid.org>

We want to support community groups working together, particularly in smaller geographical communities. To ensure the voluntary effort is coordinated and joined up where possible, please contact your local Community Resilience Group:

- Allerdale.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk
- Barrow.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk
- Carlisle.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk
- Copeland.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk
- Eden.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk
- SouthLakeland.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk

How to apply Apply online using this link: www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/covid19-response-fund. We aim to process applications as quickly as possible. There are no deadline dates and the grants panel will meet on a regular basis. For more information, please visit our FAQs:

<https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/cumbriacovid-19-response-fund-faqs/>

Useful Links: [Apply to the Aviva Community Fund](http://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/)

<https://www.aviva.co.uk/services/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/>

Emergency grants are available to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK affected by the impact of coronavirus/COVID-19.

Fund Information

- Funding body: Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)
- Maximum value: £ 10,000
- Application deadline: None specified

Objectives of Fund

In this time of national crisis, CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) has launched this rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. The funding aims to help them to continue to deliver much needed support to communities across the UK.

This is intended as a rapid response fund, and CAF aims to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

It is anticipated that there will be a high number of applicants and CAF is therefore unlikely to offer a grant to all eligible organisations.

Value Notes

Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

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Who Can Apply

Applications will be considered from organisations with a charitable purpose and charitable activities.

This includes:

- UK registered charities (registered with Charity Commission, Scottish Charity Regulator or Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or as shown in the Charities Act 2010)
- Organisations registered with Companies House or the Public Mutuals Register, as a charitable or not-for-profit entity, eg Community Interest Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee and others
- Unregistered entities and social enterprises.
- To be eligible, applicants must have an income of £1 million or less in their last financial year.
- Priority will be given to:
 - Charities, and other organisations, whose established charitable activities are at risk of being severely reduced to the detriment of vulnerable groups.
 - Organisations that are having to deliver core services in fundamentally different or unusual ways in order to respond to the crisis and still reach their beneficiaries.

- Organisations that are deeply embedded with communities and have established networks to deliver their charitable activities.
- Organisations experiencing current cashflow problems, rather than concerns that future income will be reduced.

Restrictions

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Individuals, or groups of individuals who have come together recently to provide informal support services to their communities.
- Any organisation more than once. Only one application may be submitted per organisation.
- Funds to make grants or financial donations to other organisations or to individuals.
- Organisations that discriminate on the basis of age, race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or other unlawful basis.
- Organisations that are religious charities whose activities only promote the furtherance of their religion or only benefit their own religious members.
- Organisations that are political parties or campaigns.

Eligible Expenditure

This unrestricted funding can be used for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. Applicants must be able to describe how an emergency grant will improve the situation for their organisation and community.

How To Apply

The online application form is available on the CAF website.

Useful links

CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund:

https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=socialorganic&utm_campaign=GENCAMCVD1920

Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Enquiries, Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent. ME19 4TA

E-Mail: CAFemergencyfund@cafonline.org

News From Sport England

We're making up to £195 million of funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis. The package, which is a combination of National Lottery and government funding, is made up of the following:

- A £20 million Community Emergency Fund, which will be opened immediately for clubs and community organisations to bid into. Grants between £300 and £10,000 are available
- A £5 million pot for existing partners to bid into if they're facing specific financial difficulty
- An additional £55 million to support our sector during an ongoing period of restrictions, to fund new and innovative ways to keep people active and, when the period of restrictions is over, to help organisations get back to business and adjust to a different environment
- A £115 million rollover of current funding into 2021/22 to give long term certainty to over 100 well established partners who play a vital role in the delivery of sport and physical activity in England.

Alongside this, given cashflow concerns in the sector, we've also agreed to consider requests to release six months of the coming year's funding (50% of awards) to our partners, meaning additional funding will be available sooner. The package follows our recent decision to offer major flexibilities to those who currently receive funding – including the ability to change timings, key performance indicators, targets and conditions, and redirect money to new activity in response to coronavirus.

Our chief executive Tim Hollingsworth said he hoped the package would help the sector get through these “extremely challenging times. Sporting events are being cancelled, gyms and leisure centres are closed, clubs and community groups are not operating, and children and young people are all at home,” added Tim.

“This is impacting the sector financially in a significant way, although it is heartening to see huge amounts of innovation and agility, with many operators getting classes online in a matter of days to enable home workouts for example. As the body responsible for the growth of sport and physical activity at a grassroots level, we have an important role to play both in ensuring that we support those with short term cashflow concerns and immediate loss of income, as well as those facing medium and long term survival challenges and financial difficulties.

“We want the sector not just to come through this crisis but to be in a position to thrive again in the future and this package will ease the pressure on a huge number of the organisations who are central to that. We want the sector not just to come through this crisis but to be in a position to thrive again in the future”.

Tim Hollingsworth, Sport England chief executive

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Oliver Dowden, said everything is being done to support the sport sector and keep Britain active through these challenging times.

"This multi-million-pound package of public funding will not only help local sports clubs facing financial concerns but also encourage people to stay fit at home. When it is safe to do so, we want our brilliant community sport organisations to bounce back and we will work alongside Sport England and others to make that happen."

We're also working closely with local authorities and the organisations who run their leisure facilities and have been supporting this part of the sector to [access the government support](#) now available.

We'll continue to work to consider what support is needed during this period of closure, as well as the remobilisation phase where facilities will reopen.

More about the fund

About the package - £20m Community Emergency Fund

This aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need and builds on the success of similar previous funds such as our Flood Relief Fund.

It's specifically targeted at organisations, including those not currently supported by us, who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short-term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the impact of coronavirus. Organisations can apply for grants between £300 and £10,000. The types of organisations eligible include local sports clubs forced to close at short notice but who are facing ongoing costs around maintenance and utility bills, and voluntary and community sector organisations who deliver or enable sport and physical activity.

A specific example might be a grant to support a local boxing club pay costs for their facility when no activity is taking place, or a grant to support a league who have paid for equipment to run a competition which has now been cancelled.

Eligibility criteria

£5m Sector Partner Fund

We'll work with our sector partners, for example our network of Active Partnerships and national governing bodies, on bespoke measures that may be needed for any instances of immediate financial distress. This might include, for example, supporting a national governing body where they've had to cancel an event which would have generated vital income for the organisation.

£55m sector stimulation

We believe financial support will be needed to support and stimulate the sector while restrictions are being lifted, and that organisations will need help getting back to business and back to delivery. We also want to make sure we can quickly adapt to changes in the way society operates and that we can quickly accelerate good ideas where they emerge. Support may also be needed to re-engage front line staff, coaches and other volunteers to be ready to respond as activity habits return or change.

Details on how we propose to use this funding to support the sector for issues like this will be set out in the coming weeks.

£115m funding rollover for key partners

This will be for identified selected partners who have funding commitments that end on or before March 2021. It will be administered through a 'light touch process' that does not add extra burden at this challenging time. This will result in certainty of funding for well over 100 partners for the next two years and will allow these organisations to focus on the longer-term response to the enormous challenge that the sector now faces.

The partners likely to be included here are established governing bodies, Active Partnerships and wider sector partners who play a pivotal role in getting and keeping the nation active. We'll get in touch directly with relevant partners to confirm next steps in the coming weeks.

LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Cumbria

[Support Cumbria](#) has been setup as a central point to help coordinate volunteering effort throughout the county. Via the website, you can register an interest to volunteer both individually and as an organisation.

A critical factor in the immediate future will be to help free-up as many NHS beds as possible, so identifying organisations who may have either human and/or physical resources to help do this, will be vital.

Support Cumbria is an official collaboration of partners across Cumbria who are working together to provide community support to ensure everyone has access to basic or essential services during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

COVID-19 Response Fund

Cumbria Community Foundation have setup a [COVID-19 Response Fund](#) for organisations and groups who are providing charitable activities in response to the impact of the pandemic in Cumbria. This could be towards running costs, including staff costs, volunteer expenses and transport costs, as well as small capital costs.

Social Enterprise UK

SEUK are hard at work lobbying to ensure the sector's voice is heard at a national level. On a practical level they are holding regular webinars with sector leaders on a range of issues, as well as publishing concise briefing reports highlighting some of the support and resources available to help social enterprises during this time.

[Support Webinars & Briefing Reports](#)

To ensure the government helps the sector get through this difficult time, SEUK are also carrying out a short impact survey. To do this effectively, they need as much data as possible, so we would encourage everyone to complete the survey.

[National Social Enterprise Impact Survey](#)

Community Interest Companies

The Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies (CICs) has promised their approach to registration and regulation will be as flexible and pragmatic as possible during this period.

They have specific and comprehensive plans in place to maintain services for CICs, as well as protect the welfare of employees during the COVID-19 outbreak.

To access the [Government information and support available to CICs](#)

To sign-up for Government Coronavirus (COVID-19) email alerts.
[Sign-up for Government updates](#)

Cumbria County Council



If you wish to receive local updates about how public services and local communities are responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak please subscribe to the alerts for your area:

- Allerdale
- Barrow
- Carlisle
- Copeland
- Eden
- South Lakeland

SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING

A full range of business support measures have been made available to UK businesses and employees.

Each of the links below can help you find what you are looking for. They are direct links to the official up-to-date GOV.UK information pages on the financial support packages available for businesses during this crisis, including advice on how to operate your business, support for your employees, for example workers' wage costs and information on changes to planning and regulations.

Small Business Grant Funding [see below for local information on how to apply]

- [Small Business Grant Funding](#) [see below for local information on how to apply]
- [Job Retention Scheme](#)
- [Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#)
- [Business Rates Holiday for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure](#)
- [Cash Grants for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure](#)
- [Business Rates Holiday for Nurseries](#)
- [Self-employment Income Support Scheme](#)
- [Statutory Sick Pay Rebate](#)
- [Support for Businesses Paying Tax](#)
- [Corporate Financing Facility](#)
- [VAT Deferral](#)
- [Deferral of Self-Assessment payment](#)

Small Business Grant Funding

When the Government first announced information about these grants, they said that eligible businesses would receive the money automatically - there was need to apply, but we've now been told that this is not the case in Cumbria. If you're entitled to these grants, and you're in Allerdale, Barrow, Copeland, Eden or South Lakeland, you must download and complete a form available from their website [see below for eligibility]:

- [Allerdale Borough Council](#)
- [Barrow Borough Council](#)
- [Copeland Borough Council](#)
- [Eden District Council](#)
- [South Lakeland District Council](#)

If you're in Carlisle, look out for the letter which will be sent to your business premises. More information available from their website:

- [Carlisle City Council](#)

What is the grant and am I eligible?

The Government is providing additional funding for Local Authorities to support small businesses that already pay little or no business rates because of small business rate relief (SBRR), rural rate relief (RRR) and tapered relief. This will provide a one-off grant of £10,000 to eligible businesses to help meet ongoing business costs.

You will be eligible if:

1. Your business is based in England* AND
2. In receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief as of 11 March AND
3. You are a business that occupies property



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