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**COVID – 19 FUNDING
DIRECTORY FOR THIRD
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COVID – 19 Funding Directory for Third Sector Organisations

Introduction

The Third Sector, which includes charities, voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises are the backbone of support for communities across Scotland. They often have to work in uncertain funding settings and this has been exacerbated because of the coronavirus pandemic.

These organisations are being called upon to coordinate support across the sector and provide health and social care services to those affected by the impact of this pandemic. Additional finance and funding can provide much needed support for these organisations to support immediate needs, as well as long term needs for when we get back to normality.

Funding from a number of sources has been generated, or will be in the next few weeks. Below is an electronic directory of the funding that can be applied for, who can apply for it and links to guidance and criteria. This directory will be regularly updated to keep abreast of the funding opportunities out there. The most updated Directory can be found [here](#).

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GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL AND FUNDING SUPPORT

The Third Sector Resilience Fund

Opened 25th March 2020

The Third Sector Resilience Fund (TSRF) is a £20m emergency fund for charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations working in Scotland. The Fund will support organisations that already deliver services and products but find themselves in financial difficulties directly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The primary intention of the fund is to help third sector organisations to stabilise and manage cash flows over this difficult period.

The Fund will be delivered by **Firstport, Social Investment Scotland** and the **Corra Foundation** and will provide grants between £5,000 - £100,000. In addition, there will be up to a further £5 million available in fully flexible, 0% interest loans starting from £50,000. The fund will be complemented by specialist business advice from [Just Enterprise](#) to help grant recipients maximise the impact of the financial support.

To be eligible, interested organisations must be:

- a charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation based in Scotland and/or primarily delivering services and/or activities in Scottish communities;
- already delivering those products or services prior to March 2020;
- and needing funding to stabilise cash flows directly as a result of the impact of COVID-19, as opposed to pre-existing financial difficulties
- provide estimated monthly outgoings and the anticipated income loss over the next six months.
- provide a ballpark figure of how much funding is needed from TSRF to keep the organisation afloat until the end of July 2020.

Interested applicants are encouraged to read the Fund's **guidance notes** and **FAQs** prior to starting an application.

In order to apply, organisations must complete the **eligibility checker** to assess their suitability for the fund. Based on the answers provided, interested applicants will be directed to the correct application form depending on their needs or signposted to other sources of relevant funding and/or support.

There are two levels of funding available - up to £25,000 or £25,000 to £100,000. If you require funding above £100,000 there is an option to apply for a mixture of funding and loans. Applicants must only complete the application form that best matches your funding needs.

APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Step one: Applicants should complete the eligibility checker, which will determine whether their organisation meets the criteria for funding. The checker will also ask about the level of support required in order to connect you to the appropriate next stage in the process.

Step two: If the organisation is eligible, applicants will be asked to complete a brief application form. This will ask for more details about the organisation structure and size, and the additional financial challenges expected as a result of the pandemic. In the application form you will be asked about your current financial position including cashflow, restricted funding and reserves. It will be important that you have this information available. You will also be asked to provide the following supporting documents:

- Accounts - most recent, signed, independently examined/audited or management accounts or budget report if a new organisation
- Bank Statement - Must be in name of organisation (or branch) and dated within last six months
- Legal or governing document
- Other - e.g. Accounts if you are a branch of a charity

Grant application forms will also ask applicants to provide bank details to enable payments to be made as quickly as possible. The uploaded copy of your most recent bank statement will be used to verify these details.

In some circumstances the funder may need to contact you to discuss your application so please ensure the contact details you provide are for someone who is able to do this.

Step three: You will receive an automatic email acknowledging receipt of your application. They aim to assess all applications within 10 working days, and issue a decision as soon as possible.

Step four: You will receive an email advising you of the decision. If you are successful, the payments will be made direct to the bank account given in the application form.

MONITORING

Due to the nature of this support, if you are successful you will not be expected to spend valuable time and resources on lengthy reporting.

At a later date, depending on the level of funding an organisation has accessed, Firstport, Social Investment Scotland or the Corra Foundation will be in touch to request brief updates on how the organisation is doing. Confirmation will be sought that your organisation is still in operation and you may be asked for specific details such as number of staff in employment or monthly income levels.

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Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Open

The online service used to claim is now available [here](#)

About the Scheme

Under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all UK employers with a PAYE scheme that was created and started on or before 28th February 2020, will be able to access support to continue paying part of their employees' salary, for those that would otherwise have been laid off during this crisis.

This applies to employees who have been asked to stop working, but who are being kept on the pay roll, otherwise described as 'furloughed workers'. This is to safeguard workers from being made redundant.

The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will cover the cost of wages backdated to March 1st if applicable and is initially open for three months, but will be extended if necessary.

Employees You Can Claim For?

You can only claim for furloughed employees that were on your PAYE payroll on or before 28 February 2020.

Employees hired after 28 February 2020 cannot be furloughed and claimed for in accordance with this scheme.

Employees can be on any type of employment contract, including full-time, part-time, agency, flexible or zero-hour contracts. Foreign nationals are eligible to be furloughed.

To be eligible for the grant, when on furlough, an employee cannot undertake work for, or on behalf, of the organisation. This includes providing services or generating revenue. Employers are free to consider allocating any critical business tasks to staff that are not furloughed. While on furlough, the employee's wage will be subject to usual income tax and other deductions.

Agreeing to Furlough Employees

Employers should discuss with their staff and make any changes to the employment contract by agreement. When employers are making decisions in relation to the process, including deciding who to offer furlough to, equality and discrimination laws will apply in the usual way.

To be eligible for the grant employers must confirm in writing to their employee confirming that they have been furloughed. A record of this communication must be kept for five years.

You do not need to place all your employees on furlough. However, those employees who you do place on furlough cannot undertake work for you.

How Much Can you claim?

You'll need to claim for:

- 80% of your employees' wages (even for employee's on National Minimum Wage) - up to a maximum of £2,500. Do not claim for the worker's previous salary.
- minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contributions on the subsidised wage

You can choose to top up your employee's salary, but you do not have to. Employees must not work or provide any services for the business while furloughed, even if they receive a top-up salary. Grants will be prorated if your employee is only furloughed for part of a pay period.

Claims should be started from the date that the employee finishes work and starts furlough, not when the decision is made, or when they are written to confirming their furloughed status. The way you work out your employees' wages is different depending on what type of contract they're on, and when they started work.

Who Is Eligible?

All UK-wide employers with a PAYE scheme that was created and started on or before 28th February 2020 will be eligible including:

- Businesses, including social enterprises
- Charities,
- Recruitment Agencies (agency workers paid through PAYE),
- Public Authorities

The employer must have a UK bank account.

Where a company is being taken under the management of an administrator, the administrator will be able to access the Job Retention Scheme.

How Do I Access It?

You will need to:

1. Designate affected employees as 'furloughed workers,' and notify your employees of this change. Changing the status of employees' remains subject to existing employment law and, depending on the employment contract, may be subject to negotiation.
2. Once the new online portal is live, employers must submit information to HMRC about the employees that have been furloughed and their earnings.

When Can I Access It?

HMRC are working urgently to set up a system to pay these grants. It is expected that the first grants will be paid within weeks, the aim is to get the system up and running before the end of April. If your business needs short term cash flow support, you may be eligible for a Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan (see below).

National Minimum Wage

Individuals are only entitled to the National Living Wage (NLW)/National Minimum Wage (NMW)/Apprentices Minimum Wage (AMW) for the hours they are working or treated as working under minimum wage rules.

This means that furloughed workers who are not working can be paid the lower of 80% of their salary or £2,500 even if, based on their usual working hours, this would be below their appropriate minimum wage. However, time spent training is treated as working time for the purposes of the minimum wage calculations and must be paid at the appropriate minimum wage, taking into account the increase in minimum wage rates from 1 April 2020. As such, employers will need to ensure that the furlough payment provides sufficient monies to cover these training hours. Where the furlough payment is less than the appropriate minimum wage entitlement for the training hours, the employer will need to pay the additional wages to ensure at least the appropriate minimum wage is paid for 100% of the training time.

Where a furloughed worker is paid close to minimum wage levels and asked to complete training courses for a substantial majority of their usual working time employers are recommended to seek independent advice or contact Acas.

What You'll Need To Make A Claim

Employers should discuss with their staff and make any changes to the employment contract by agreement. Employers may need to seek legal advice on the process. If sufficient numbers of staff are involved, it may be necessary to engage collective consultation processes to procure agreement to changes to terms of employment.

To claim, you will need:

- your ePAYE reference number
- the number of employees being furloughed
- the claim period (start and end date)
- amount claimed (per the minimum length of furloughing of 3 weeks)
- your bank account number and sort code
- your contact name
- your phone number

You will need to calculate the amount you are claiming. HMRC will retain the right to retrospectively audit all aspects of your claim.

When the Government Ends the Scheme

When the government ends the scheme, you must make a decision, depending on your circumstances, as to whether employees can return to their duties. If not, it may be necessary to consider termination of employment (redundancy).

Employees That Have Been Furloughed

Employees that have been furloughed have the same rights as they did previously. That includes Statutory Sick Pay entitlement, maternity rights, other parental rights, rights against unfair dismissal and to redundancy payments.

Once the scheme has been closed by the government, HMRC will continue to process remaining claims before terminating the scheme.

Income Tax and Employee National Insurance

Wages of furloughed employees will be subject to Income Tax and National Insurance as usual. Employees will also pay automatic enrolment contributions on qualifying earnings, unless they have chosen to opt-out or to cease saving into a workplace pension scheme.

Employers will be liable to pay Employer National Insurance contributions on wages paid, as well as automatic enrolment contributions on qualifying earnings unless an employee has opted out or has ceased saving into a workplace pension scheme.

Tax Treatment of the Coronavirus Job Retention Grant

Payments received by a business under the scheme are made to offset these deductible revenue costs. They must therefore be included as income in the business's calculation of its taxable profits for Income Tax and Corporation Tax purposes, in accordance with normal principles.

Businesses can deduct employment costs as normal when calculating taxable profits for Income Tax and Corporation Tax purposes.

If Your Employee Does Volunteer Work

A furloughed employee can take part in volunteer work, if it does not provide services to or generate revenue for, or on behalf of your organisation. Your organisation can agree to find furloughed employees new work or volunteering opportunities whilst on furlough if this is in line with public health guidance.

If Your Employee Undertakes Training

Furloughed employees can engage in training, as long as in undertaking the training the employee does not provide services to, or generate revenue for, or on behalf of their organisation. Furloughed employees should be encouraged to undertake training.

Where training is undertaken by furloughed employees, at the request of their employer, they are entitled to be paid at least their appropriate national minimum wage for this time. In most cases, the furlough payment of 80% of an employee's regular wage, up to the value of £2,500, will provide sufficient monies to cover these training hours. However, where the time spent training attracts a minimum wage entitlement in excess of the furlough payment, employers will need to pay the additional wages (see National Minimum Wage Section for more details).

Further Guidance

For more information on the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme please read the [guidance for employers](#). We have also published [guidance for employees](#).

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The Coronavirus Business Interruption Scheme

The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) is now available through participating lenders.

How smaller businesses can apply for the scheme - [CBILS FOR SMES](#)

ABOUT THE SCHEME

The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) provides financial support to smaller businesses (SMEs) across the UK that are losing revenue, and seeing their cashflow disrupted, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

HOW IT WORKS

British Business Bank operates CBILS via its [accredited lenders](#). There are over 40 of these lenders currently working to provide finance. They include:

- high-street banks
- challenger banks
- asset-based lenders
- smaller specialist local lenders

A lender can provide **up to £5 million** in the form of:

- term loans

- overdrafts
- invoice finance
- asset finance

CBILS gives the **lender** a government-backed guarantee for the loan repayments to encourage more lending.

The borrower remains fully liable for the debt.

The Big Four banks have agreed that they will **not** take personal guarantees as security for lending **below £250,000** under CBILS.

KEY FEATURES OF THE SCHEME

- Finance available up to £5 million
- Guarantee to the lender to encourage them to lend
- Government pays interest and fees for 12 months
- Finance terms for loans and asset finance facilities up to six months
- For overdrafts and invoice finance facilities up to three years
- No guarantee fees for SMEs. Lenders pay a fee to access the scheme
- Security - the Big Four banks have agreed not to take personal guarantees as security for lending below £250,000

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- Your application must be for business purposes
- You must be a UK based SME with an annual turnover of up to £45 million
- Your business must generate more than 50% of its turnover from trading activity
- Your CBIL backed facility will be used to support primarily trading in the UK
- You wish to borrow up to a maximum of £5 million

FIND OUT MORE

[CBILS for SMEs](#) – how smaller businesses can apply for the scheme

[CBILS: current accredited lenders](#) – lists of lenders already providing finance through CBILS

BUSINESSES FROM ANY SECTOR CAN APPLY, EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

- Banks and building societies
- Insurers and re-insurers (but not insurance brokers)
- Public-sector organisations, including state-funded primary and secondary schools
- Employer, professional, religious or political membership organisations
- Trade unions

The Scottish Government Coronavirus Business Support Fund

Stirling businesses can now apply for cash grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 as part of a new Coronavirus support fund.

These grants are for all small firms receiving the small business bonus or rural relief, and for leisure, hospitality and retail properties with a rateable value between £18,000 and £51,000.

Stirling Council will endeavour to pay all eligible businesses within 10 days of application.

The ratepayers of businesses located in a non-domestic property that is on 17 March;

- in receipt of the Small Business Bonus Scheme (SBBS);
- in receipt of Rural Relief; or
- eligible for SBBS but in receipt of Nursery Relief or Disabled Relief;

can apply to access a support fund and receive a one-off small business support grant of £10,000. This is only available if they were the ratepayer for a premises occupied for that business use on 17 March 2020.

A separate one-off grant of £25,000 is available to the ratepayers of businesses in the Retail, Hospitality, Leisure sectors operating in a premises with a rateable value of £18,001 or up to £50,999. This is the rateable value as at 17 March 2020 regardless of any subsequent reduction in rateable value due to an appeal. This is only available if they were the ratepayer for a premises occupied for that business use on 17 March 2020.

Eligible ratepayers can apply for a one-off grant payment as detailed below up to 31 March 2021. Only one grant is allowed per ratepayer regardless of the number of premises held.

These grants are aimed at helping keep companies in business and keep productive capacity so that they can recover. Their intention is to:

- Protect jobs
- Prevent business closure
- Promote economic recovery

Stirling Council will review your application and assess if you are eligible for the grant.

Councils will aim to make payment within 10 working days from receipt of a fully completed application. If you have any queries, please email csdocs@stirling.gov.uk

The deadline for applications to the Business Support Fund is **31 March 2021**.

****Please read the [Privacy Notice](#) before completing the form**

THE 2 TYPES OF GRANT YOU CAN APPLY FOR ARE:

Small Business Support Fund

Application for a one-off £10,000 grant available for the ratepayers of properties which had a rateable value of £18,000 or less and were, on 17 March 2020, 1) in receipt of the Small Business Bonus Scheme (SBBS), 2) in receipt of Rural Relief, or 3) eligible for SBBS but in receipt of Nursery Relief or Disabled Relief.

Retail, Hospitality, Leisure Support Fund

Application for a £25,000 grant available for relief recipients with a rateable value between £18,001 and £50,999 in the retail, hospitality, and leisure sectors.

To apply please complete the [online form](#).

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Supporting Communities Fund

Pending - Update Awaited

Scottish Government has made a £40m fund available to community organisations including those that are not registered charities to support small scale community resilience. The fund will be allocated through community anchor organisations that are already playing a key active role in providing services within the community and will likely have established networking and connections through the communities.

This fund is waiting for an update from the Scottish Government. Click [here](#) to check for updates or Sign up for the [Coronavirus Third Sector Bulletin](#) to be kept informed.

Wellbeing Fund

Currently Paused

The Wellbeing Fund is currently paused to allow for the assessment of applications made in the first round. The fund will open for expressions of interest again on 7th May 2020

The Scottish Government's £50 million Wellbeing Fund supports organisations across the third sector that are providing important services for people as a result of coronavirus.

The fund is to enable national and local action by third sector organisations to reach the most vulnerable groups.

The fund will identify and support community led responses to COVID – 19 in their area and identify vulnerable groups to take proactive action to ensure that there are responses to support them.

£10 million has already been allocated for immediate priorities and £7 million has been committed to provide around 2,000 charities with small grants through Corra, Inspiring Scotland, STV Appeal, SCVO and Scotland's Third Sector Interfaces.

£34 million is now open to bids from Third Sector Organisations.

It is anticipated that the Fund will support a wide range of activities that protect and promote the wellbeing of individuals and communities across Scotland. Likely projects could include the purchase and delivery of food, activities to support people's mental health and wellbeing, co-ordination of local activity and staff and volunteer expenses. These examples are not intended to be prescriptive of the type of support your organisation is looking for funding to deliver.

The Wellbeing Fund is now open for expressions of interest from all third sector organisations.

Complete an expression of interest [here](#).

Organisations are encouraged to register interest quickly. Applications for funding will shortly be invited from organisations that have registered interest at that time.

Scottish Welfare Fund

Open

An additional £40 million has been made available for the Scottish Welfare Fund to assist local authorities in meeting increased demands for Crisis and Community Care grants. £22 million will be issued first with the balance used in response to coronavirus hotspots.

This fund is waiting for an update from the Scottish Government. Click [here](#) to apply for help through Stirling Council or Sign up for the [Coronavirus Third Sector Bulletin](#) to be kept informed.

Food Fund

Scottish Government has put in place a £70 million Food Fund to support families who would otherwise be unable to access food.

£60 million has been allocated to structured public sector responses to support people facing additional barriers to accessing food, including those in the “shielded group”. A further £10 million is being used to support third sector infrastructure and community based action on food provision.

The majority of the fund will be coordinated by Local Authority-led Resilience Partnerships which include community organisations and businesses.

The fund will use well-established networks which include community food organisations to co-ordinate local community food responses.

Groups looking for funding to deliver food-related activities should submit an expression of interest to the [Wellbeing Fund](#).

Click [here](#) to check for updates or Sign up for the [Coronavirus Third Sector Bulletin](#) to be kept informed.

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GRANT FUNDING

Community Response Recovery Resilience Fund

Available now

The **RRR Fund** will support local charities and grassroots organisations across Scotland to help them respond to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and recover from its impact.

In partnership with the National Emergencies Trust, Foundation Scotland is delivering the Community Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund. Launched by the Duke of Cambridge, the National Emergencies Trust is a fundraising appeal which will distribute money through several foundations which cover the UK. **Foundation Scotland** is the lead partner for NET in Scotland.

Most immediately, Response is about providing emergency funding for local charities and grassroots organisations who are currently supporting some of Scotland’s most affected and vulnerable people.

In the medium and longer term, Recovery and Resilience will be about funding a wider group of local charities and community organisations whose operations and finances have been affected so they can recover, re-establish or re-design their activities once the outbreak eases in response to community needs at that point.

Grants to Community Charities and Organisations from the Response Fund

We are providing immediate funding to support constituted community groups and charities that are responding to the coronavirus pandemic in their local community. Funding is available between £1,000 and £5,000 - focused on immediate community needs. We aim to turn around funding applications swiftly, and to keep the application process straightforward.

If you are seeking *immediate community support funding* - please complete the [online application](#)
Only constituted groups, with a governing document, can apply. Interested applicants are encouraged to read the [fund's guidance notes](#).

Eligibility Criteria

Only constituted groups, with a governing document, can apply:

- A bank account must be set up in the name of the group
- There must be at least three unrelated members on your management committee
- There must be at least two unrelated cheque signatories
- Committee meetings must have a quorum of at least three unrelated members present

Supporting Documents required to be uploaded with application form -

- A copy of your constitution or governing document**
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts which must be signed by the independent examiner** (New groups, which haven't completed their first year's accounts yet, must provide a projection of income and expenditure for the first year of operation).
- A copy of your most official recent bank statement showing the bank, your group name as the account holder, the account number and sort code.
- Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy, if applicable.
- For any capital items (e.g. equipment, construction services) you will need to provide at least two quotations from a supplier. For items exceeding £500 in value, three quotes should be provided. If this is not possible, we will ask you to explain why.

**If you are a registered Company Limited by Guarantee you do not need to submit either of these documents as we can access them from Companies House. Please note that they we cannot accept abbreviated accounts therefore please ensure that full accounts are provided if these are not available on Companies House.

CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund

Currently Paused

This Fund is to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 are available.

ABOUT THIS FUND

In this time of national crisis, CAF has launched this rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 will help them to continue to deliver much needed support to our communities across the UK.

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

We anticipate high numbers of applicants and unfortunately it is likely that we will not be able to offer a grant to all eligible applicants.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Organisations with a charitable purpose and charitable activities, which had income of £1million or less in their last financial year.

This includes:

- UK registered charities (registered Scottish Charity)
- Organisations registered with Companies House, as a charitable or not-for-profit entity, eg Community Interest Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee and others
- Unregistered entities and social enterprises.

HOW MUCH CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

Organisations in the UK with charitable activities can apply for up to £10,000 to support day to day activities in the current health emergency or your Covid-19 emergency response activities.

It is possible that not all grants will be made at the full amount. Please apply for an amount that will make a suitable difference to the size and activities of your organisation.

WHAT CAN YOU APPLY FOR?

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

You can only one application. Multiple applications will slow the process down and only one grant is possible for any organisation.

Please remember that this is intended as an emergency fund to enable your charitable activities to continue at the moment in whatever way is needed; it is not designed to replace other lost income in the longer term.

WHAT WE CANNOT FUND

There are a small number of exclusions to the fund.

The CAF Coronavirus Fund **will not be able to fund:**

- Individuals, or groups of individuals who have come together recently to provide informal support services to their communities
- Any organisation more than once. Please ensure that only one application is submitted from your organisation.

Plus, organisations that:

- Use the funds to make grants or financial donations to other organisations or to individuals
- Discriminate on the basis of age, race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, disability or other unlawful basis
- Are religious charities whose activities only promote the furtherance of their religion or only benefit their own religious members
- Are political parties or campaigns.

HOW GRANTS WILL BE PRIORITISED?

It is anticipated that there will be a high level of requests for support now and in the weeks ahead. The process will be managed proactively and will provide a rapid response to organisations which need support. However, grants will be prioritised and will focus on:

- 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.

HOW WILL WE MAKE DECISIONS?

The information you provide will be used to confirm that your organisation is eligible for funding, that your activities are charitable and suitable for the CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund. CAF will carefully but swiftly review the answers in your application form, check your website and social links and publicly available records.

Unfortunately, it is anticipated that there will be a large number of eligible organisations which cannot be funded. There are a number of other Covid-19 response funds being established throughout the UK for various purposes, and CAF will endeavour to signpost to other funds where possible.

TIMESCALES

This is intended to be a rapid response fund and systems have been set in place to be able to review applications on a continuing basis. You will be informed by email, as swiftly as possible, if you have been successful or not.

If your organisation is not a registered charity, it is possible that further checks will need to be made on your organisation, and if so, it may take slightly longer.

The aim is for grants to be paid to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO KNOW BEFORE WE APPLY?

You can help by:

- Brief, succinct and detailed answers. Short sentences and bullet points are useful.
- Only apply for funds so that your organisation's charitable activities can continue at the moment, and you have a realistic plan in place to achieve this.
- Only apply for funds if last year's financial accounts prove that your turnover was less than £1million, and those accounts are publicly available.
- Do not apply if you are an individual, or a group of individuals which has come together to support community activities but without an organisational constitution.
- Ensure that the bank details you upload are clear and contain the information required.
- Ensure your contact details are correctly entered.

For approved organisations, you will be contacted in approximately 6 months to provide information on how the grant has helped your organisation and broadly what it was spent on.

HOW TO APPLY

Please read all the information above carefully before applying to the Fund.

The online application form is here. You will be asked to register, or log in, using your email address and a password. You can save your application as you go, there is no need to complete it all at one time.

Once you have started your application, you must **use this general link** to the portal to find your part-completed or submitted application.

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Persimmon Homes Funding Opportunity responding to Covid-19

These are very difficult times and as local communities take action to contain the outbreak of Covid-19, Persimmon Homes is keenly aware that the charity sector is experiencing particular hardship.

Two amazing charity schemes Persimmon is actively operating, will see millions of pounds handed out to groups supporting specifically the under-18s and people aged over 70.

Building Futures

Persimmon's Charitable Foundation has this week committed to re-launching its Building Futures scheme for 2020. As part of its sponsorship of Team GB, Persimmon will donate more than £1 million to support children in sport, health and education.

Building Futures will offer three major prizes to fund your projects for children.

EDUCATION & ARTS

First prize: £100K

Second prize: £50K

Third prize: £20K

SPORT

First prize: £100K

Second prize: £50K

Third prize: £20K

HEALTH

First prize: £100K

Second prize: £50K

Third prize: £20K

HOW DO I ENTER?

All you need to do is complete the application form, explaining why your group or organisation deserves funding and what you will spend the money on should you be lucky enough to win.

MORE THAN 300 ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZES

Alongside the top prizes will also be have smaller individual prizes of £1,000 each to give away during April and May 2020, and 87 shortlisted finalists who do not win one of the main prizes will receive £5,000 as a runner-up.

CHOOSING OUR OVERALL WINNERS

In June 2020, the Persimmon Charitable Foundation will meet to select three finalists for each of our 32 UK businesses - one from each category of health, education & arts and sport to represent them in the national final.

A public online vote of all 96 finalists, running from July to September, will determine the national winners, who will be crowned at the final to be held in York in October 2020.

Local groups within your area which support children can apply. Please enter online at www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures.

Community Champions

Persimmon's Community Champions initiative has run since 2015 and gives away £64,000 every month in single donations up to the value of £1,000. So far over £3.5 million has been donated in the UK.

Persimmon has decided that from April 2020 all funding will go directly to groups supporting the over 70s.

It's really simple to apply for a donation. All you need to do is complete the online form, explaining why your group or charity, which works with or supports the over-70s, deserves a donation. State how much you want donated and include the name and location of the initiative so that the right business receives your request.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply go to www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN)

Resilient Communities Fund (2020 emergency response for COVID-19)

Deadline 30 April 2020 – award decision with 4 weeks

ABOUT THE FUND

SSEN has established this fund to support communities in our power distribution network area to improve local resilience. This funding comes from a proportion of the performance reward we receive from the regulator Ofgem. SSEN recognises the impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the communities we support and has allocated the 2020 round of the fund specifically for projects which support the community response to Coronavirus.

ELIGIBILITY

Community councils in the SSEN north of Scotland distribution area can apply for a grant of up to £3,000. If you are unsure who your distribution network operator is, please check here - www.ssen.co.uk/Whoismynetworkoperator. Your local authority can inform you of your local community council contact information. If the community council in your area has not formed, please contact SSEN directly to discuss how you can access the funds.

WHAT CAN GRANTS BE USED FOR?

The grant can be utilised for community-based responses to supporting those who are social isolating or social distancing. At the time of the fund launch this is community members who are - aged 70 or older; under 70 with an underlying health condition (anyone instructed to get a flu jab as an adult each year on medical grounds); and/or those who are pregnant.

FUND CRITERIA

The fund is open to projects which improve the community response to those at most risk from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In the event the fund is oversubscribed priority will be given to community council applications which:

- Support communities with have low resilience
- Support communities who are particularly remote or isolated
- Support a high number of vulnerable community members

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require more detail please contact:

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Craig Mullen, Community Funds Manager, 07384 452 823 craig.w.mullen@sse.com

For full details please visit: <https://www.ssen.co.uk/resiliencefund/>

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National Lottery Heritage Emergency Fund

Open for applications

The Heritage Lottery have pulled together a £50million fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The £50m fund offers grants of between £3,000 and £50,000. This UK-wide fund - money raised by the National Lottery - will address immediate pressures over the next three-six months for those organisations most in need. It will be open for applications within the next few days

It is available to organisations across the full breadth of heritage, including historic sites, industrial and maritime heritage, museums, libraries and archives, parks and gardens, landscapes and nature.

Organisations which have received funding in the past or are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant, can apply.

Priority will be given where:

- there is limited or no access to other sources of support
- where heritage is most at risk
- where an organisation is at risk of severe financial crisis due to COVID-19

A RAFT OF EXTRA SUPPORT

The majority of heritage organisations are facing temporary closure, severe impact on their revenue and staff shortages. Many face threats to their long-term futures. A small percentage fear they will not be able to last into the summer.

This is why the Heritage Fund are taking a short, medium and long-term approach to our support for your immediate challenges and longer-term resilience and recovery.

As well as the Heritage Emergency Fund, support will be offered to the sector in the following ways:

- Accelerating the provision of our £1.2m Digital Skills for Heritage initiative to help the sector through the crisis and beyond.
- By continuing to support the 2,500 projects funding has already been committed to.
- By being as flexible as possible for existing grantees.
- By providing bespoke advice and support.
- A £2m commitment to our network of ROSS consultants in the new financial year. This support will be directed at organisations in need. The intentions is to also helping several hundred freelancers and self-employed people.
- Working closely with the Government, other funders and heritage organisations to bring together support for the sector.

WHO IS THE HERITAGE EMERGENCY FUND FOR?

Given the anticipated demand for support, this Fund is open to organisations currently being supported or those that have previously been supported.

Priority within the Fund will be given to organisations:

- **Managing or caring for at-risk heritage or those working to meet our priority outcomes** around economic regeneration, inclusion and wellbeing – as defined within our **Strategic Funding Framework**.
- **Working within one or more of the 13 Areas of Focus** we identified in our Strategic Funding Framework. These are communities experiencing social deprivation which are central to place-making within these neighbourhoods.
- **Which are not eligible for or in receipt of other emergency funding** either from Government and/or other National Lottery distributors.
- **Which have limited alternative options of emergency support** and are already mitigating risks through other measures eg putting projects on hold, re-phasing milestones, re-purposing other funding to support day-to-day operations.
- **Which are at greatest financial risk from coronavirus (COVID-19)** due to a reliance on trading or community fundraising income streams.
- **Are at greatest financial risk due to having limited reserves** ie less than three months and limited access to the short-term liquidity needed for essential activity.

**Guidance in Full
FAQs**

Apply [here](#)

Bank of Scotland Foundation - Reach

Organisation: [Bank of Scotland Foundation](#)

Status: Currently closed, re-opens in 1 month (Middle of May)

News: The Bank of Scotland's new Reach programme which will make awards of between £1,000 and £20,000 to charities with an income of less than £1 million is open.

Summary: The Reach programme is suitable for charities can demonstrate they address disadvantage or social exclusion and will reach the most vulnerable people across Scotland, to provide them with opportunity and equality and making positive, sustainable change.

For disadvantage examples include charities addressing primary disadvantage such as homelessness, abuse, mental health or poverty, or secondary disadvantage such as debt issues, learning disabilities, illiteracy, lack of employability skills or health issues. For social exclusion examples include charities addressing exclusionary challenges for minorities, people with disabilities, LGBT people, drug users, institutional care leavers, the elderly or the young.

Find out [more](#)

Creative Scotland

Available now

Creative Scotland has launched **three funding programmes** designed to provide further support to sustain the country's creative community during the COVID-19 outbreak:

- A **Creative Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund** will help sustain creative practice by freelance creative professionals who have lost earnings due to the cancellation of work as a result of COVID-19.
- A parallel **Screen Scotland Bridging Bursary Fund** will provide similar one-off bursary support to self-employed screen sector workers.
- The **Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development** will provide support for individuals and organisations to sustain their creative development in the coming months.

For more information and application dates click [here](#)

Tesco's Bags for Help Covid -19 Communities Fund

Still available in Stirling

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. Due to the need to respond quickly to the emergency we have created a streamlined application process and payment process to make it easier to get funds distributed quickly. If your application is successful the fund will provide a single payment award of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups. The programme is set up to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects.

ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

Typically, the fund will prioritise organisations;

- whose need for services has been **disrupted** – for example a food bank whose stocks are running low and need an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock.
- require to put in place **new services** – for example charities setting up a new home service for the elderly who usually attend a monthly lunch club or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries.
- **Increased demand** – a holiday hunger club needs more resources due to schools closing, or a children's centre needs an additional temporary staff member.

Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and social housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

BUSINESSES AND 'FOR PROFIT' ORGANISATIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Typically we would welcome applications from organisations such as ;

- Women's refuges
- Food banks
- Hospices
- Homeless charities
- Charities supporting the elderly
- Charities supporting children's activities

However, **this list is not exhaustive** and other organisational types will be funded. This is a rolling programme, where community groups or charities can apply for funding at any time during the next few months; we expect to be making weekly awards to eligible groups across the UK.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For any queries please contact: tescocv@groundwork.org.uk

To apply for the fund click [here](#)

Youth Scotland Action Fund

Available now

Youth Scotland's Action Fund has been established to help youth groups and youth workers meet the needs of young people in response to the coronavirus. It is a micro grant fund and the maximum amount available per application is £500. Grants must be spent within six weeks of receiving it.

Deadline: No deadlines and applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis

How to Apply: Application form on [website](#) and send via email to office@youthscotland.org.uk

Standard Life Foundation Coronavirus Fund

Available now

Standard Life Foundation is making funding available for work directly related to the coronavirus pandemic. Work should address specific challenges and help to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes.

Grants will range from £5,000 to larger amounts and the new funding stream will be a fast track process.

Deadline: No deadline but apply as soon as possible as applications will be closed once they have funded a number of project which they believe can make a difference.

How to Apply: Submit one page outline to applications@standardlifefoundation.org.uk or check out [website](#) for more information.

Princes Countryside Fund Rural Response Emergency Grants Programme

Closed

The Fund will assist projects that support farm businesses or other rural business and rural communities to cope with the effects of coronavirus. Grants of up to £2,500 are intended for costs outside of normal expenditure and are available for projects starting in the next six months.

Deadline: 12 noon on 15 April 2020

How to Apply: Online via [website](#)

Ufi VocTech Trust – VocTech Now

Closed

VocTech Now is a targeted fund to support vocational training providers who need to move to digital delivery methods in order to keep their learners engaged as existing face to face delivery models are restricted as a result of Covid-19. Grants are between £10,000 and £25,000 and projects must take place in the next three months.

Deadline: 5pm on 6 April 2020

How to Apply: Online via [website](#)

Faith in Community Scotland Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund

Available now

The Fund (initially £100,000) has been established by the William Grant Foundation, Faith in Community Scotland and the National Lottery Community Fund so that Scotland's network of local faith groups and related community organisations can provide immediate support for individuals and families during the early stages of COVID-19. Grants of a few hundred pounds are available to faith based charities registered in Scotland.

How to Apply: Online application form on the [website](#)

John Lewis Partnership Community Support Fund

Available now

Waitrose is creating a £1 million Community Support Fund to be used as direct aid for the communities near their stores. Your local store will have these funds to support their local area based on the needs of the community.

Help will include setting up additional local delivery services to support people isolated in their homes; for delivering essential items to local care homes and community groups; and for donating products to create care packages for customers to share with vulnerable neighbours.

How to Apply: Contact your [local store](#) which will be Waitrose in Stirling.

Crisis: Emergency Grants Fund

Available now

Crisis have opened an emergency grants fund for organisations supporting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Grants will support organisations that are experiencing funding difficulties, additional expenditure or increased service demand due to coronavirus. Organisations can apply for small grants of up to £5,000 or larger awards up to £50,000.

Deadline: Apply as soon as possible.

How to Apply: Application form available from [website](#)

Leathersellers' Company

Available now

A small grants programme with grants of up to £3,000 has been set up for registered charities who are working in the following areas:

- The homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- Provision of food and essential supplies
- Victims of domestic violence
- Nursing care to vulnerable patients

Deadline: 11 May 2020 but apply as soon as possible. Applications will reopen in August 2020 with new priorities.

How to Apply: Online via [website](#).

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OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

HMRC

HMRC has a set up a phone helpline to support businesses and self-employed people concerned about not being able to pay their tax due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Call 0800 0159 559 or **visit the gov.uk website** for further information.

SCVO

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations have a central resource where other funds can be found, including those from the government that offer funding due to loss of income, or other reasons: <https://scvo.org.uk/support/covid-19>

Coronavirus Third Sector Bulletin

If you would like to receive essential updates on coronavirus (COVID-19) via SCVO's Coronavirus Voluntary Sector Bulletin please sign up [here](#)

Covid-19 OSCR Guidance for Charities

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is forcing many charities to change how they usually operate. This guidance brings together information charities need to know during this time and highlights other organisations who may be able to offer support. This guidance includes information on [Funding and Finance](#)

Click [here](#) to access the guidance

Coronavirus Government Employment and Financial Support

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund have decided that all the funding decisions they make for the next six months (up to £300m of National Lottery funding) will be devoted to addressing the current crisis. In addition, they will accelerate the cash part of this funding as much as they can, so that they can get money to where it needs to be. You can read their update [here](#).

THE COMMUNITY FUND PROGRAMMES IN SCOTLAND ARE:

- [Awards for All](#)
- [Young Start](#)
- [Grants for community-led activity](#)
- [Grants for improving lives](#)
- [National Lottery Community Fund Scotland - Scottish Land Fund](#)

RESPONSE FROM FUNDERS

Funders have been quick to issue statements that outline the range of actions they are taking to support those they currently fund. Although the situation changes from day-to-day, the message from funders is clear; their doors are open to assist grantees as much as possible. They are there for you to discuss your concerns and to help deal with any challenges.

If you are an existing grantee and are yet to hear from your funder, you should reach out to them. They will be understanding and will want to ensure you can continue to access help when needed. Your funder may flex grants to support current projects by relaxing targets, timescales and restrictions on funds.

SCVO recognises that coronavirus will have an as yet unknown impact on the organisations it funds. We will be as flexible as possible with our grants and support organisations to do what they need to do in the coming weeks and months.

For detail of the statements made by funders, and the most up to date information shared by them, see the following pages:

- **Agnes Hunter Trust**
- **Bank of Scotland Foundation**
- **Cattanach**
- **Comic Relief**
- **Corra Foundation**
- **Creative Scotland**
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**
- **ESF and ERDF**
- **Firstport**
- **Foundation Scotland**
- **Gannochy Trust**
- **Garfield Weston Foundation**
- **Gordon and Ena Baxter Foundation**
- **Health & Social Care Alliance Scotland**
- **Heritage Lottery Fund**
- **Impact Funding Partners**
- **Inspiring Scotland**
- **London Funders**
- **National Lottery Community Fund**
- **NESTA**
- **The Robertson Trust**
- **Social Investment Scotland**
- **STV Appeal**
- **William Grant Foundation**

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