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**COVID – 19 FUNDING  
DIRECTORY FOR THIRD  
SECTOR ORGANISATIONS**



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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

### RRR Fund – Maximum income cap removed

Thanks to an increase in funding, Foundation Scotland have widened the scope of their Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund to support even more organisations with their recovery. They have removed the income cap for organisations wishing to apply, which was previously set at £250,000 per annum.

Since the end of March, Foundation Scotland have supported almost 900 grassroots organisations with £3.5 million in response and recovery funds, using the learnings to revise their funding criteria, ensuring they meet the ever changing needs of communities.

Through the RRR Fund they are particularly keen to hear from organisations delivering services in the following 5 areas:

- Supporting those experiencing, or at risk of domestic abuse
- Supporting those with poor or worsening mental health (e.g. compulsion, dependencies, depression, isolation, self-harm, suicide, eating disorders)
- Helping to improve access to critical advice, services, or care (owing to poor digital inclusion or language barriers)
- Supporting those with no recourse to public funds
- Supporting those experiencing bereavement.

Helen Wray, Programme Manager said; *“By opening up the application criteria to a wider number of charitable organisations we know we can reach even more projects offering vital support in these areas. We couldn’t do any of this without our funding partner the National Emergencies Trust who have supported more than 10,000 UK-wide by working closely with community foundations like ours across the country.”*

To apply to the RRR Fund please visit the [fund page](#)

## Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme

### Open

The Community & Third Sector Recovery Programme aims to support charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations that are supporting people and communities through the shift from lockdown to recovery. As well as providing ongoing crisis support, they will be planning and implementing changes to adapt and thrive in a very different social and economic climate.

The programme **is now open** and has two strands:

### Adapt & Thrive Programme

Adapt and Thrive aims to support organisational change.

Third sector organisations need to adapt to the challenges presented by COVID-19 so they can continue to have a positive impact in their communities. Working with an advisor, organisations will be supported to develop a plan so they can operate sustainably. This may mean developing new income streams, restructuring the organisation, or changing how services are delivered. Funding to implement the plan is also available.

[Find out more](#)

### Communities Recovery Fund

Communities Recovery aims to support the delivery of services in communities that were suspended or reduced because of COVID-19, or the creation of new services that tackle new challenges presented.

The fund offers grants so organisations can reintroduce the delivery of services and supports the adaptation of existing services or the development of new ones to tackle new community needs resulting from, or existing needs exacerbated by COVID-19.

[Find out more](#)

We anticipate that, in some cases, there will be an overlap and organisations may wish to access both Adapt and Thrive and Communities Recovery programmes. For example, an organisation that needs to diversify its income streams to become more sustainable but wants re-open a community service it has been unable to deliver.

**The single online form for the Programme covers both Adapt and Thrive and Communities Recovery elements.**

In the online form (regardless of the strand chosen), the applicant can request support from both programmes and will be prompted to complete all relevant questions. This means that, while an organisation's request will be assessed separately by each strand, the organisation only needs to complete one form and its request can be assessed simultaneously.

To receive support from both, an organisation will need to meet all relevant criteria for each programme.

### Apply

We would strongly encourage you to use a word template to plan your draft before completing the online form. Word templates are available on the [Corona Third Sector Hub](#) website

Adapt & Thrive runs regular information [webinars](#).

Apply [online](#) now

## Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Changes

Open

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

From 1 September, the government will pay 70% of wages up to a maximum cap of £2,187.50 for the hours the employee is on furlough. Employers will top up employees' wages to ensure they receive 80% (up to £2,500). The caps are proportional to the hours not worked. You can read [more information about the changes](#).

Unless you're making a new claim for an employee who is a military reservist or is returning from statutory parental leave, you can only continue to claim through the scheme if:

- you have previously furloughed the employee for 3 consecutive weeks between March 1 and 30 June
- you submitted your claim before 31 July

Information about the [Job Retention Bonus](#) was published on 31 July

### Who Is Eligible?

All UK-wide employers with a PAYE scheme that was created and started on or before 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### **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

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## **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.

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## **GRANT FUNDING**

### **Energy Saving Trust – Energy Redress Scheme**

#### **Open**

The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from energy companies who have breached rules. The funds can pay for anything from making a home more energy efficient, to providing advice that helps consumers keep on top of their bills. The core priorities for the scheme are to deliver benefits to the types of consumers that were negatively impacted by the breach(es) that have occurred.



Examples of the kind of activity that could be funded include, but are not limited to: engaging vulnerable customers with energy issues and referring them for support; energy advice that does not duplicate existing advice services; installation of energy saving or renewable energy measures that cannot be funded elsewhere and are innovative or are being used in innovative ways; in home safety advice and measures related to energy systems; training and education on energy that is targeted at supporting vulnerable customers.

## **Fund award sizes**

**Minimum:** £20,000      **Maximum:** £1,000,000

**Notes on award amounts:** The minimum grant that can be requested is £20,000 and the maximum grant amount varies depending on the size of the fund available.

## **Who can apply**

The Energy Redress Scheme is open to charitable organisations that support energy customers in England, Scotland and Wales.

## **How to apply**

Applicants should complete a simple online information form to check whether they are eligible to apply. Those organisations that meet the initial criteria will be notified and their details will be held by the Energy Saving Trust.

When funds become available, eligible organisations will be invited to apply. In order to be considered for the forthcoming funding window, please ensure registration is completed no later than two weeks prior to the application deadline.

**For more information on this fund go to <https://energyredress.org.uk/aboutus>**

To apply for funding and to register your organisation click [here](#)

**Next deadline:** 4th Nov 2020

## **Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership Ideas, Innovation, Improvement Fund (III Fund)**

The Ideas, Innovation, Improvement Fund is now open for a new round of funding.

### **Closing Date 9th November 2020**

The Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership have allocated funds from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) for one-off grants to support the development of new or existing third sector initiatives which build capacity within communities in order to encourage health and wellbeing.

This money is being administered by SVE and CTSi through the Ideas, Innovation, Improvement (I.I.I.) Fund.

Applications for the Ideas, Innovation, Improvement Fund are invited from constituted groups and organisations to support initiatives which meet the following criteria:

### **Applications must:**

- Be from Third Sector (voluntary) organisations - Third Sector organisations include community groups, voluntary organisations, charities or social enterprises; these groups must have a constitution.
- Support the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership to deliver integrated or joined up health and social care services - The money for this fund comes from

the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership therefore activities need to support the vision of people living full and positive lives within supportive communities.

The closing date for applications is **9th November 2020**. The Panel will meet shortly after this date and decisions will then be made as soon as possible.

If you would like to talk about an idea or would like support to complete the application, please contact Lee Stevenson.

Email: [leestevenson@sventerprise.org.uk](mailto:leestevenson@sventerprise.org.uk) for more information, guidance and the application form.

## The Robertson Trust launches new strategy

The Robertson Trust have launched their new strategy for the next ten years. It focuses on tackling poverty and trauma in Scotland and the impact this has on the physical, mental and material wellbeing of individuals, families and communities.

The Trust want to fund those who are helping communities affected by poverty and trauma with a focus on early intervention, and support capacity, skills and capability in the organisations they fund. Finally, they want to share knowledge and understanding around poverty and trauma, their causes, consequences and potential solutions.

### [Read the Strategy 2020-2030](#)

#### **What does this mean for funding?**

You can read an update on what the new strategy means for their funds [here](#). The plans include offering more core and unrestricted funding, longer-term funding of up to five years, removing closing dates and less emphasis on match-funding.

Applications for the following five new funds opened on **Wednesday 30 September 2020**, they are:

**Wee Grants** – Revenue and capital funding of up to £2,000 for constituted community groups and small charities with an annual income of under £25,000.

**Small Grants** – Revenue funding of between £2,500 and £15,000 for up to five years for registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000.

**Large Grants** – Unrestricted or restricted revenue funding of between £15,000 and £50,000 per year, for up to five years for registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million.

**Community Vehicle Grants** – Capital funding of £1,000 to £10,000 for a vehicle to support the work of charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million.

**Community Building Grants** – Capital funding of £2,000 to £75,000 towards a community facility where your work is based to support the work of charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million.

For further information, telephone 0141 353 4321.

## Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund

### Open

Youth Scotland is delighted to announce that the Youth Scotland Rural Action Fund is returning for a third year. Supported by **The Robertson Trust** and **The Gannochy Trust**, this fund aims to enhance and develop community-based youth work in Scotland's rural communities. Upcoming deadlines are: 18 October 2020, 29 November 2020, 24 January 2021, 28 February 2021, 28 March 2021.

In its first two years, the highly successful fund has enabled 5,866 young people to access opportunities in their local communities and will now fund even more rural youth projects.

The fund was created in response to the challenges which rural youth groups are facing in funding the delivery of community based universal youth work. It will make small awards to enable youth groups operating in rural communities provide more and/or better youth work opportunities for young people.

The minimum amount of funding is £100 and maximum amount per award is £750.

### Who can apply?

Volunteer run youth groups who:

- Are based in Scotland
- Are current members of Youth Scotland
- Are volunteer-led and delivered in rural communities with a maximum of 2 FTE staff member (If you have more than 2 FTE staff members for fixed periods e.g. during holidays, please contact us to see if you are eligible)
- Are universal access for all young people
- Can demonstrate a lack of alternative universal access provision for young people in their community (as a result of their rural location)
- Work with young people aged between 8 to 25 years old
- Want to try new things, enhance existing provision or increase your capacity to deliver a specific project or programme
- Plan to spend the grant within 6-9 months of receiving it
- Can provide evidence of less than £200,000
- Are applying for between £100 and £750. No match funding is required

### When are the annual application deadlines?

Applications should be received by the end of:

- 18 October 2020
- 29 November 2020
- 24 January 2021
- 28 February 2021
- 28 March 2021

### **What happens after I apply?**

Once we have received your application, we will review this to make sure all the information we need is included. Applications will be considered by a Grants Panel and we aim to let youth groups know the whether they have been successful within 6 weeks of the deadline.

### **Where can I apply or find out more?**

You can find full guidance notes, the application form and terms & conditions [here](#).

## **The Fore Trust - RAFT Transition Fund**

### **Currently Open**

The Fore RAFT Transition fund is the second funding phase of RAFT. As lock-down restrictions are eased, the transition fund is offering unrestricted grants of up to £15,000 to help high-impact small charities and social enterprises recover from the crisis, move toward becoming sustainable, and adjust to the post-coronavirus world.

### **What we are looking to fund**

The Fore RAFT Transition Fund is designed to support small charities and social enterprises as they adapt to the post-lockdown world. Funding will enable grantees to strengthen their organisations, plan ahead, become more sustainable and refocus on the new needs of their beneficiaries.

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. We want to be different. Our funding process is specifically designed to level the playing field and give no advantage to those with fundraising experience or connections.

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

### **Fund Award Size**

Maximum: £15,000

### **Who can apply**

Provides funding to any small charity or social enterprise in the UK with annual income of less than £500,000. 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.

Maximum annual income: £500,000

### **How to apply**

To apply for funding, organisations must register at the start of each funding round. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed, therefore please register early. The link to register will appear on the website when the fund opens.

Contact information

### **When to apply**

Registration for Round 2 opens on 21 September, you are advised to register as soon as possible.

[Apply here](#)

## Small Grants to Support People with Cancer

### Open

Macmillan Community Grants of £500 are available for community groups and organisations to work in their local community to support people with cancer.

#### **They are particularly interested in applications with relate to:**

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion: Tackling inequality in services and support for people affected by cancer. Projects that help people who may find it difficult to access cancer support.

COVID-19: The pandemic has had a significant impact on day to day lives, both emotionally and practically. Projects which help people affected by cancer to find their new normal and re-gain their independence as we learn to live in the midst of a global pandemic.

#### **How to Apply**

Email [engagementscotland@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:engagementscotland@macmillan.org.uk) and one of the team will be in touch to have an initial discussion.

The programme will remain open until 1 November 2020 and funding will be provided before the end of December 2020.

## STV Children's Appeal

The STV Children's Appeal recognises that the Covid-19 outbreak is an exceptional event that will have an impact on the charities we work with, and we want to offer reassurance that we will be as flexible and helpful as possible during this time to allow them to focus on the vital work of supporting some of the most vulnerable families and communities across Scotland.

Our initial response to the crisis includes the following measures:

#### **Immediate donation to FareShare**

The STV Children's Appeal has granted funding from the monies raised through the 2019 Appeal of **£400,000** to FareShare – a network of charitable food redistributors who receive good quality surplus food across the industry and get it to frontline charities and community groups. Read more [here](#)

#### **Cascading information about and funding from Scottish Government Covid-19 Funds to charities supported by STV Appeal**

The Scottish Government has unveiled a £350m package of support for charities and others who require additional capacity to work with at-risk people who may be worst affected by the crisis. We are making our eligible charities aware of this and other sources of support that will help them weather this crisis.

#### **Our commitment to collaborate**

At this time, the STV Children's Appeal is keen to collaborate with other funders and a range of partners across Scotland to work together as a sector by directing funding as quickly as possible to help those impacted by the coronavirus.

#### **Additional measures**

In addition, we will launch an emergency fundraising campaign. We know that many charities that we support, along with children and young people across Scotland who were already struggling will be pushed further into poverty. We will do all that we can to ensure those who are in a position to help through donations, fundraising or strategic partnerships can make a difference through the STV

Children's Appeal. We'll also continue to shine a spotlight on the work that our charities are undertaking and highlighting areas where communities are pulling together to help those most vulnerable.

### **Help for charities we currently fund**

If your plans need to change, a delay is likely to your agreed reporting timescales, or you need to spend agreed grants differently to meet the need you see in front of you right now, please get in touch when you can and we'll do our best to support you through this difficult time.

### **Stay in touch**

If you are a charity and we can help you, or if you are in a position to help through [fundraising](#) or [donating](#), please get in touch: [stvappeal@stv.tv](mailto:stvappeal@stv.tv) or call 0141 300 3984.

## **The Coalfields Adapt & Thrive Fund**

### **Open**

**THE Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) has set-up an 'Adapt and Thrive Programme' to help former mining communities across Scotland recover from the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown.**

The Programme will allow community groups to continue to deliver their projects and to develop new ones by helping to meet the additional financial burden of minimising infection risk, pursuant to current Scottish Government Guidelines on Covid.

Awards of £500 to £5,000 (average £3,000) are available to organisations in our eligible coalfields communities such as community centres, youth clubs, miners' welfares, sports clubs etc. that will enable them to reopen post lockdown and re-establish a service to their community.

- Altering operations/behaviours – using more rooms with reduced capacity, greater use of outdoor spaces.
- Reducing exposure – adapting traffic flow, erecting signage, setting up cleaning regimes, providing equipment/consumables.
- Developing new procedures – staggering opening times, setting up 'bubbles', recording contact details.

### **Projects should have an impact in one or more of the following key areas:**

- Restoring Communities - safely bringing people back together, reducing isolation, enabling people to work together to break down barriers and restore social contacts and networks. Tackling Poverty - projects to ensure the distribution of food and other basics to those in most need; healthy eating initiatives.
- Health and Wellbeing - activities to improve physical and mental health and wellbeing, particularly in mitigating the isolating effects of lockdown.
- Youth Engagement- supporting groups working with young people and responding to their needs in the post lockdown environment.

Contact [david.wright@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:david.wright@coalfields-regen.org.uk) to request an application form. A short phone discussion will be arranged to ensure your project meets our eligibility requirements and matches our themes.

Click [here](#) to go to the website.

## NHS Forth Valley - Health Promotion Service - Covid-19 Response Grant 2020 - 2021

Grants of up to £500 are available to support organisations to do one or all of the following:

- A range of health and wellbeing activities in response to Covid-19 that address a reduction in health inequalities and/or improve mental health and wellbeing.
- Piloting new ideas and initiatives or adapting previous activities.
- Development of employees, volunteers or clients directly relating to the work of the programme that funding is being sought for.
- Purchase equipment which directly relates to the work of the programme that funding is being sought for.

Quick decisions will be made on allocation of grants and ongoing support will be offered.

For advice on how to complete the application form or to ask if your activity meets the criteria, please email: [fv-uhb.hpgrants@nhs.net](mailto:fv-uhb.hpgrants@nhs.net)

Click [here](#) to apply

### **GUIDANCE NOTES**

Applications will be considered from organisations across Forth Valley which support and connect communities to respond to Covid-19. Applications must address one or preferably both of the Health Promotion Service priorities - Health Inequalities and Mental Health and Wellbeing. Further information on these can be found by clicking on the links below:

#### **Health Inequalities**

[http://www.healthscotland.scot/media/1184/tackling-inequalities-leaflet-the-right-to-health\\_apr2016\\_english.pdf](http://www.healthscotland.scot/media/1184/tackling-inequalities-leaflet-the-right-to-health_apr2016_english.pdf)

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

[http://www.healthscotland.scot/media/1626/inequalities-briefing-10\\_mental-health\\_english\\_nov\\_2017.pdf](http://www.healthscotland.scot/media/1626/inequalities-briefing-10_mental-health_english_nov_2017.pdf)

### **HOW MUCH MONEY CAN BE APPLIED FOR?**

There are limited funds available and funding will be spread amongst many groups across the Forth Valley area so please be realistic about what you need. Funding decisions will be made by the Health Promotion Service.

- Grants can be applied for up to £500
- To apply for a grant, groups must have a bank account in the name of the group with two signatories on all payments

Support may be available for the activity when funding has been agreed.

Payment will be made by B.A.C.S. to an organisation bank account and cannot be paid to a personal bank account.

Successful applicants will be required to submit an invoice on your organisation's headed paper.

**FINANCIAL RECORDS MUST BE KEPT DETAILING ALL EXPENDITURE AND YOU MAY BE ASKED TO PROVIDE RECEIPTS.**

### **GRANTS CAN BE USED FOR:**

- A range of health and wellbeing activities in response to Covid-19 and must address a reduction in health inequalities and/or improve mental health and wellbeing.
- Piloting new ideas and initiatives or adapting previous activities.
- Employee, volunteer and client development which directly relates to the work of the programme that funding is being sought for.
- Equipment which directly relates to the work of the programme that funding is being sought for.

### **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GRANT CANNOT BE USED FOR:**

- The sole benefit of one individual.
- Activities promoting religious or political beliefs.
- Private companies or individuals.
- Personal Protective Equipment (that should be provided as a statutory requirement).
- Purchasing food for an event, unless it is tied directly to a health improvement activity. Please contact us to discuss.

### **TIMESCALE**

The Health Promotion Service will consider applications every 2 weeks. Applicants will be informed of the outcome promptly.

### **ACTIVITY REVIEW**

A member of the grants team will support you to review your activity and showcase what you have done.

In any publicity associated with the project, the support of NHS Forth Valley, Health Promotion Service must be acknowledged.

### **DATA PROTECTION ACT 2018**

The information you provide on the grant form shall be kept in a secure, electronic filing system and not shared with any other parties. We may use the information for anonymised statistical data reporting.

## **Response, Recovery & Resilience Fund**

### **Open**

In partnership with the National Emergencies Trust, Foundation Scotland (FS) are providing funding to support charities and constituted community groups that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Response phase launched in March and by early June had received over 1,000 applications. To date FS have distributed more than 750 grants and £3.2m in funds to communities right across Scotland.

Whilst the first phase of funding focused on meeting communities most immediate needs, the fund is now focusing on Recovery. As some lockdown restrictions are lifted this phase of funding will support organisations to continue their operations in the 'new normal', to re-establish or re-design their activities to comply with new regulations in addition to providing emergency support for those who need it most.



## **Aim**

The focus of Recovery funding is to provide the following:

- Support for the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure their health and wellbeing is maintained
- Support to groups and activities supporting vulnerable people self-isolating (the elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions etc.)
- Support for foodbanks and organisations working to combat hardship caused by the pandemic including child hunger
- Support to aid community response coordination
- Support for volunteer costs for new and existing organisations
- Additional costs to support a move to remote working and adapting services delivered in the wider community
- Additional financial support as required for organisations providing emotional support, mental health and wellbeing and bereavement support

**Grants from £1,000 to £5,000 are available.**

## **Making A Difference**

Priority areas are organisations or projects supporting those who are:

- Experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse
- Experiencing poor or worsening mental health (e.g. compulsion, dependencies, depression, isolation, self-harm, suicide, eating disorders)
- Experiencing poor or worsening physical health.
- Living with poor, interrupted, or impaired access to food, shelter, and necessary amenities (e.g. sanitation, heat).
- Experiencing poor or interrupted access to critical advice, services, or care (owing to poor digital access, language barriers, physical or cognitive restrictions, changing circumstances etc.).
- In poverty or at risk of poverty or destitution (especially those with no recourse to public funds).
- Experiencing bereavement.
- Living with conditions or in situations that increase risk related to COVID-19 e.g. comorbidities, crowded housing
- Receiving low quality education or with poor access to education.

## **How Funds Might Be Used**

- Support for foodbanks to continue to support those shielding and or struggling due to the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic
- Funding to ensure organisations have the right devices to support remote working to keep their operation going and deliver services online or via phone
- Support to allow organisations to change their approach or adapt their services to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Support to develop specific resources/infrastructure to deal with mental health issues e.g. employing counselling staff, or appropriate training for staff and volunteers, and mental health support for staff and volunteers.
- Training and resources for charities and communities to provide guidance on changes to operation and working practices to allow them to delivery services safely
- Advocacy, money, and housing rights advice to prevent/reduce financial hardship
- Social prescribing models to support well-being

## Eligibility

- To apply your organisation must have an annual income of no more than £250,000 in most recent financial year
- Only constituted groups, with a governing document, can apply
- A bank account must be set up in the name of the group
- All appointed cheque signatories must be unrelated, and there must be at least 2.
- There must be at least 3 unrelated members on your management committee
- The majority of your committee members must be unrelated.
- Committee meetings must have a quorum of at least 3 unrelated members present

\*Please note that previous applicants to our Response phase are able to apply again for Recovery funding.

## Exclusions

- Private organisations operating as a business to make profit
- Statutory organisations
- Individuals
- Costs already incurred or activities which will take place before we have made a decision on funding (retrospective funding)
- General fundraising appeals or activities
- Projects which are for the advancement of religion or politics (however, we can accept applications from faith groups where there is clear benefit for the wider community irrespective of religious beliefs)
- Projects which do not benefit people in Scotland
- Projects aimed exclusively at animal, wildlife and conservation related charities or projects
- Generally, day to day operating costs where you are not providing COVID-19 related support
- this fund is specifically for responding or adapting as a result of the current coronavirus pandemic.

## Timescales

Applications are now open and grants from £1,000 to £5,000 are available. Due to a limit in funds we encourage organisations to submit their [online application](#) at their earliest opportunity to avoid disappointment.

## [Fund FAQs](#)

To avoid any delays or possible rejection please ensure you include all the necessary supporting documentation when applying. These include:

- A copy of your constitution / 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.
- Management Committee template – please refer to your registration email.
- Children / Vulnerable Adults Policy if applicable
- A photograph of your service in action that can be used in publicity should you be successful.

An assessor may contact you to arrange a short telephone conversation to learn more about your project and request for funding.

You will be informed of the outcome of your application by email.

## 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.

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## OTHER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

### HMRC

HMRC has 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 Update

The National Lottery Community Fund have announced upcoming changes to ensure they can continue to support the sector to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Some of the programmes will remain the same while others will become more focused on Covid-19 recovery. Here are the key changes:

## Headlines:

- **National Lottery Awards for All** and **Young Start** funds will remain open and unchanged. They are particularly interested in hearing from new projects for Young Start funding.
- **Improving Lives** grants remain open, but will be shorter, quicker to access, and will fund a wider range of work focused on recovery from COVID-19.
- **Community-Led Activity** grants remain open. They are currently reviewing these and will make any changes before the end of 2020.
- COVID-19 response is still a priority across all funds - but they remain open to non-COVID-19 related work too.
- There will be some further changes to priorities for both Improving Lives and Community-Led Activity before the end of 2020, but there will be no other large-scale changes to the main grants programmes until at least 2022.

## Detail and deadlines:

### Improving Lives

- From October 1, 2020 the maximum available Improving Lives grant will be £200K over one to three years. It will be a single stage application.
- **They will only accept applications for more than £200k or more than 3 years until noon on Wed 30 September.**
- New priorities are in development, but these will expand the types of work they can currently fund rather than replace them.

### Community-Led Activity Grants

- **Community-Led Activity** grants remain open. They are reviewing the fund to make sure it's relevant for current situation, and will make any changes before the end of 2020
- They plan to increase the maximum grant to £200K.

More details will be available on the changes to Improving Lives and Community-Led Activity in the next few months, we will let you know what these are once they have been confirmed.

## 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
- Cattnach
- 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

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