

Funding Update – 15th July

Dorset Community Foundation – IMPORTANT - DCF is changing the criteria of the Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund and is no longer accepting applications. On Monday 20th July they will be moving to the second and final phase of this funding programme. The New criteria will be available for phase 2 applications from midday on Monday 20th July and the deadline for applications will be Friday 28th August. What we know:

- Phase 2 remains focussed on addressing the impact of Coronavirus, and on those who have been most impacted,
- DCF will be able to help with 'core costs' if these directly relate to a service/activity that meets the criteria.
- There will be different grant amounts available and a fast track for smaller grants for groups with more urgent funding requirements to address immediate needs in the community
- It is likely that grants will average at £3000.
- Groups will need to read the new criteria carefully as there are some significant changes around eligibility.

<https://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/dorset-coronavirus-community-fund/>

BBC Children in Need – Inspiring Futures. £10,000 - £80,000 for projects working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 10 – 24 to help them learn skills and gain experiences that will help them gain employment when they are older. The fund covers project and organisational costs for 12 and 18 months of delivery. The deadline for this programme is 11.30pm on Friday 31st July 2020

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/inspiring-futures/>

The National Lottery Community Fund is working with specialist partners to help distribute Covid-19 emergency response. There are 5 new programme open: some with tight Deadlines

- 1) Specialist social welfare legal advice organisations who provide advice and support to people who are pushed into crisis can consider the **Community Justice Fund** - <https://www.communityjusticefund.org.uk/>
 - Wave one is open now and will provide flexible grants to organisations that meet eligibility criteria and priorities set out. We understand that organisations have been responding quickly to the situation, so grants can be used towards the costs of your work from 1 April 2020.
 - Wave two will, subject to fundraising, open in autumn this year and provide flexible grants in support of aims, responding to ongoing needs and building on the promising work arising out of wave one.

- 2) Small and Medium homelessness charities can consider the **Covid-19 Homelessness Response Fund**. The funding aims to provide emergency financial assistance to local homelessness organisations, preventing closure, service cuts or staff redundancies threatened by increased operational costs and a loss of fundraised income due to the Coronavirus. It will also support organisations that have needed to expand or adapt their services in light of COVID-19 to support people experiencing homelessness safely and effectively.

The Funding is being administered by both The National Lottery Community Fund and Comic Relief which will primarily allocate funds to charities based in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The National Lottery Community Fund will allocate funds to homelessness charities in England.

The grant application window will open on 13 July 2020.

There are two deadlines for the National Lottery Community Fund funding stream:

- 3 August 2020; decisions made in early September, funds distributed by the end of September.
- 14 September 2020; decisions made in mid-October, funds distributed by the end of November.

Awards must be spent within six months of receipt of funds or by 19 April 2021.

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2020/jul/13/covid-19-homelessness-response-fund-launches-second-round-of-funding>

- 3) Community Led Organisations who are facing financial difficulties caused by COVID-19 can apply to the **COVID-19 Community Led Organisations Recovery Scheme**. The scheme is aimed at organisations delivering services in their local community with an emphasis on BAME-led businesses.

Up to £100,000 grant and business support to:

- help people and communities experiencing disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 crisis
- provide services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis.

The recovery scheme will open on Tuesday 28 July for applications from 10am till 1pm. And then for a further two rounds on Tuesday 4 August from 10am till 1pm and Tuesday 11 August from 10am till 1pm.

There is a Free webinar on 23rd July to find out more

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/covid-19-community-led-organisations-recovery-scheme/>

- 4) Social Enterprises can consider the COVID-19 **Social Enterprise Support Fund** Partnership.
- Grants of between £10,000 and £300,000 are available and must be spent within six months.
 - The funding can be used for two types of support:
 - Funding for activities supporting people and communities affected by COVID-19; *and/or*
 - Helping organisations overcome any acute financial difficulties they are facing as result of the crisis.
 - Check the eligibility criteria
 - Applications for round 1: Open at 1pm on Monday 13th July Close at 1pm on Monday 20th July

<https://socialenterprisesupportfund.org.uk/funding-eligibility>

- 5) The **Barrow Cadbury Trust** is partnering with the National Lottery Communities Fund (NLCF) to distribute COVID-19 emergency response funding for work that will relieve hardship caused by the pandemic among refugees and asylum-seekers and by migrants experiencing barriers to accessing services.

The programme will open for applications on Monday 13 July and close on Sunday 2 August. Decisions will be made by mid October and grants must be spent within six months.

<https://www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/covid-19-support-fund/>

Don't forget there is also the National Lottery Community Fund **Coronavirus Community Support Fund**, <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19>

The Football Foundation Club Preparation Fund – This COVID-19 response fund is intended to provide a small grant to help football clubs in England and Wales prepare their buildings for safe opening following COVID-19. There is a very short deadline - **Sunday 19 July**. <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/club-preparation-fund>