

Webinar Messaging Chat (Edited) – 5th August 2020.

11:43:14 From Chris Spackman : Have noticed funding criteria seem to prioritise COVID

11:43:55 From Sue Spittle : Our concern could be additional expense to comply with guidelines and reduced numbers, both of organisers or the people in their groups

11:43:57 From Paula Bennetts : I think with Government Guidance changing, this has led to further uncertainty around what groups can do - we will look at this as part of next weeks Webinar.

11:46:00 From Paula Bennetts : Sue - Dorset Community Foundation Funding or/& The Innovation Fund (which will be introduced by Ian Wells shortly), may be able to help with buying resources to help meet guidelines around safety.

<https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/dca-funding-links/>

11:46:16 From Chris Spackman : Trying to set up a charity and banks have stopped opening these accounts at the moment. Am looking at smaller banks. Anyone seen one that is doing this

11:47:11 From Jo Keats DCA : I haven't seen any banks yet Chris. If you find one, please could you let us know?

11:48:54 From Paula Bennetts : Chris - you are right, Banks aren't currently processing new accounts. I would suggest, looking to a larger partner organisation to help you to "hold" money in the short-term until this changes. The knock on effect will be less new groups registering with Charity Commission at this time. We will keep people updated through our ebulletin - please ensure you have signed up with us to receive this!

11:49:54 From Jennie Fellowes : Support writing bids

11:49:56 From Chris Spackman : Also a problem registering with HMRC who need a bank account

11:52:15 From Dot Pickett : what org was that? set up searches...

11:55:32 From Paula Bennetts : Hi Dot - we can help groups to search for funds - Dorset Council also funds a Funding Search Tool that you can access from website -

<https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/getting-funding/> We also have funding updates as part of our ebulletin.

11:55:04 From Chris Spackman : Very difficult to have structure, polices etc for start-up, informal community organisations supporting COVID. We're lucky we could set up under another charity with insurance, bank account and is a legal entity

11:55:38 From Jo Keats DCA : Have a look at www.thesocialchangeagency.org

11:56:20 From Jo Keats DCA : they have a banking facility for groups facing problems opening bank accounts at the moment

12:24:18 From Paula Bennetts : If you are an informal, new Covid-19 response group and you are considering what to do next, please do get in touch. We can help you to consolidate what you currently have, join forces with other groups or help you formalise your legal structure.

<https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/enquiry-form/> or call our helpline - 01202 847609

12:26:15 From Paula Bennetts : Help & Kindness have set up a Platform for small informal Covid-19 response groups, to keep them informed and to help communication with Statutory Services - to sign up, please make sure you are registered with the Volunteer Centre Dorset or email joanna.keats@dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

12:26:15 From Sue Spittle : As we are within BCP Council area, can we make an application to you please?

12:27:02 From Paula Bennetts : Hi Sue - I am sorry this fund is only open to groups that are delivering in the Dorset Council area.

12:29:18 From Sue Spittle : Thanks Paula, as we are a hall in Christchurch, we don't cover Dorset. Interesting criteria which I will see if BCP have similar funding opportunities.

12:32:39 From Chris Spackman : Mentions can't fund schools, but what about laptops for disadvantaged youngsters? the school would have to administer, but it's not something they would normally fund from their own resources.

Most "disadvantaged youngsters" have been supported directly by the Council with laptops. If a school needed additional resources its PTA or Friends of group could apply.

12:32:49 From Paula Bennetts : Sue - Dorset Community Foundation funding covers Dorset and BCP area - CAN our sister organisation should be able to signpost you to similar funding.

<http://bournemouthcvs.org.uk/index.asp>