

External Funding Opportunities

You will find information on this page of external funding opportunities available to you as clubs.

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Covid-19 Emergency Funds

#ClubsInCrisis Fund

Description

This new fund supported by Cash4Clubs will provide over £4million worth of funding to grassroots clubs and organisations across the UK who can demonstrate that the Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected them either operationally or financially.

A one-off unrestricted funding grant of £2,021 is available to be applied for.

The fund opened for applications on April 12th, 2021.

Deadline

None Specified

More Information

<https://www.madebysport.com/clubsincrisis>

Coronavirus: Localised Restrictions Support Scheme

Description

The Localised Restrictions Support Scheme provides financial support to businesses which have been required to close or have had business activities at their premises directly curtailed by health protection restrictions that have been put in place by the NI Executive.

The scheme is only open to businesses which have been required to close or have had business activities at their premises directly curtailed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Deadline

None Specified

More Information

<https://www.nibusinessinfo.co.uk/content/coronavirus-localised-restrictions-support-scheme>

Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland - Small and Medium Grants Programmes

Description

"Halifax Foundation has explicitly recommended groups to apply for small and medium grants during this time. Any Covid related applications designed to support the community at this time of crisis will be prioritised and turned around as quickly as possible. Includes funding for core costs.

- Small Community Grants (Up to £2,500/12 month grant/rolling programme)
- Medium Community Grants (£2,500 - £10,000/12 month grant/rolling programme)"

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/programmes/community-grant-programme?>

National Lottery Awards for All Northern Ireland (New COVID-19 restriction)

Description

"A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000. Suitable for voluntary or community organisations. In a statement, CEO Dawn Austwick stated 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. This is restricted to:

- Activities specifically geared to supporting communities through this crisis
- Helping organisations overcome any liquidity issues caused by COVID-19."

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland>

National Lottery Community Fund - People and Communities**Description**

Funding is available for projects that enable people to make changes that improve their lives and encourage communities to build on their strengths and share learning. Projects are expected to meaningfully engage with the following three key themes of the programme:

- People-led
- Strengths-based
- Connected

Organisations are encouraged to think about any costs needed to help them and their community through the crisis. The funding can be used to cover the costs of delivering activities, as a contribution to overheads, investment in systems, people and infrastructure and/or dedicated capacity development. Applications not related to COVID-19 can still be submitted but it may take longer to get a decision from the National Lottery Community Fund.

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-communities>

Sport NI: Project Re-Boot: Activate**Description**

This next phase of Re-Boot funding is aimed to support clubs and community groups that are creative and innovative & projects that will engage young people back into sport, specifically those affected by the pandemic. Get up to £5,000 of matched funding.

Constituted sports clubs, community/ voluntary organisations and charitable trusts that deliver or enable sport as their primary activity may apply.

Please note, you'll need a Crowdfunder campaign in order to apply for this fund.

Crowdfunder is the UK's leading crowdfunding platform - more info available on the Sported Hub. Sported can assist you with setting up a campaign.

Contact h.doyle@sported.org.uk if you need support.

Sport NI will also be hosting training events around the platform – we'll keep you updated across our socials

Deadline

No specified

More Information:

<http://www.sportni.net/funding/supporting-sport-to-build-back-better/project-re-boot-activate/>

Club Development Funds

Power NI - Brighter Communities Fund

Description

Grants are available to charitable, sports and community organisations in Northern Ireland for equipment purchases or projects and activities that enhance their offering within their local community. Grants are to be used for a tangible cause such as equipment purchase or providing an activity.

Eligible costs include:

- Purchase of sports kit.
- A revamp of a space.
- Providing resources for service users.
- A special project that makes a significant impact.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://powerni.co.uk/brightercommunities/>

Micro Community Investment Fund

Description

The fund will provide valuable investment for community initiatives making a difference in towns and villages across Northern Ireland. The fund will enable those organisations who are making the lives of others in their communities better, by improving their financial, physical, and mental wellbeing. Up to £2k available.

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/micro-community-investment-fund>

Tesco Bags of Help – Children and Young People Themed Grant Programme

Description

Grants to support a wide range of community groups, organisations, charities, schools and other not-for-profit organisations for projects that support local children and young people across the UK.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/home/community-apply-bags-help-grant>

Tesco Community Grants

Description

Grants are available to non-profit making, constituted groups and organisations for local good causes that focus on supporting children and families in the UK.

Funding to support local good causes that focus on supporting children and families, including:

- Breakfast clubs.
- Holiday clubs.
- Food banks.
- Equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools eg forest schools, library books
- Equipment for Brownie, Guide or Scout Groups eg camping equipment, badges
- Counselling and support services
- Activities to support mental health
- Activities or equipment to reduce social isolation
- Equipment/kit for sports teams
- Services or equipment to support health issues such as cancer or dementia
- Equipment for village/community halls

The funding is for projects that are ready to be delivered, but it will not cover retrospective costs (already committed or spent such as design fees, planning permissions costs or community consultation).

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant>

Boshier - Hinton Foundation**Description**

Grants are available for charities in the UK working with children and adults with special educational or other needs. The Foundation offers funding to support its objectives, which are to:

- Provide relief for children and adults with special educational or other needs, and their families, in any part of the country.
- Make donations to institutions providing facilities and advocacy for children and adults with special educational or other needs.
- Make donations to other registered Charitable Trusts.
- Make donations to local community charities or other agencies in any part of the country whose objects are no wider than the charity's own, or to any charity for use for particular purposes, which fall within the charity's objects.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<http://www.boshierhintonfoundation.org.uk/apply.php>

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**Description**

Grants are available to smaller charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to fund community and family support projects in areas of extreme urban deprivation or deprived rural areas. Small Grants will usually receive a final decision within 8 weeks of the receipt of application. Applicant organisations' postcodes must be ranked within:

- The most deprived 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation for Belfast, Derry/Londonderry, Portadown and Lurgan.
- The most deprived 50% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation for the rest of Northern Ireland.

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/>

Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme**Description**

Grants are available to smaller charities registered and operating in the UK for projects that will make a significant impact on their work. Must have a turnover less than £150,000. One-year grants are available for core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

Note: Will not consider physical gatherings until Spring 2021.

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

Garfield Weston Foundation**Description**

Grants are available to charitable organisations in the UK for a wide range of projects in the areas of welfare, youth, community, arts, faith, environment, education, health, and museums and heritage.

Grants can be used for capital, revenue (core costs) or project work. Sporting associations must be registered charities. Two levels of funding: Regular Grants (up to £100,000) and Major Grants (£100,000 and above).

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://garfieldweston.org/>

Dormant Accounts Fund**Description**

Dormant Accounts Fund NI will support the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector to be more resilient and prepared for the future by funding activity that increases capacity and sustainability. This is a rolling fund, taking a phased and long-term approach to support the sector. In the grant programme, funding will be distributed to organisations that can identify the best way to improve their long-term capacity, sustainability or resilience to best deliver their mission.

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/dormant-accounts-ni>

Matthew Good Foundation - Grants for Good Fund**Description**

Grants are available for local community groups, charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the UK for projects that have a positive impact on communities, people, or the environment.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.matthewgoodfoundation.org/grantsforgood/>

The Pixel Fund**Description**

The Fund aims to support improvement in mental health by providing grants to UK charities involved in the mental health and wellbeing of children and young adults. The Fund prefers to target its grant-giving to specific projects that will provide a measurable difference to the charities' users.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.pixelfund.org.uk/>

Bruce Wake Charitable Trust**Description**

The Bruce Wake Grant is administered by the Bruce Wake Charitable Trust and is available for voluntary and community organisations in the UK. Grants are available for the provision of leisure activities for the disabled in the UK.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://brucewaketrust.co.uk/grants/>

Wooden Spoon Charity**Description**

Wooden Spoon's objective is to make a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and young

people through its commitment to quality charitable work throughout the UK. Grants are available for organisations that are working to support disadvantaged and disabled children in the UK.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://woodenspoon.org.uk/>

Wakeham Trust**Description**

Funding is provided by The Wakeham Trust to organisations for the support of small-scale projects in the UK. The Trust is particularly interested in helping projects that would find it hard to get funding from big trusts, or are currently unfashionable or unpopular among mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution to the local community. It is especially interested in helping groups that are starting up and need a little seed money to help them get going.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://thewakehamtrust.org/>

DWF Charitable Foundation**Description**

One-off grants are available to registered charities in the UK for projects that address issues of homelessness, employability, education, health and wellbeing. The Foundation has been set up to help with initiatives that develop and improve local communities by:

- Tackling a specific community issue.
- Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient.
- Encouraging the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation/foundation-application-form>

True Colours Trust - UK Small Grants**Description**

Small grants are available to UK registered charities and community interest companies that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and their families in the UK. Applications are accepted from UK registered charitable organisations and community interest companies with an annual income of less than £350,000 and which are delivering projects in the UK.

The Trust is particularly keen to receive applications from organisations which:

- Work with children and families from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.
- Operate in areas of high deprivation.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small-grants-uk>

Causeway Coast & Glens Borough – Enterprise Fund**Description**

The Enterprise Fund is about developing those recent start-up businesses that need assistance in taking the next step in their growth plan. This may be funding towards a new piece of equipment, developing I.T. infrastructure, implementing a significant marketing campaign, product and design development and so forth. This fund is aimed at supporting businesses, with a track record of two years or less, to address barriers to growth using innovative approaches.

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding/enterprise-fund?>

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - various grants**Description**

Grants are available for qualifying groups throughout the Mid & East Antrim Council area.

- Good Relations (application deadline: **31/01/2022**)
- Community Festivals Fund (application deadline: **31/01/2022**)
- Grants for Groups – Equipment (application deadline: **31/03/2022**)
- Grants for Groups – Development Projects and Training (application deadline: **31/03/2022**)
- Grants for Groups – Coaching Courses & First Aid Training (application deadline: **31/03/2022**)

Deadline

See above

More Information

<https://mea.eformz.info/>

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council Project Development grant**Description**

The Project Development Grant provides funding for voluntary clubs, societies and community organisations, who wish to identify local need and/or further develop project ideas. Up to £2k available (75% of total costs funded).

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/services/funding-and-grants/>

Mid Ulster District Council - various grants**Description**

Mid Ulster has funding programmes that operate on an open/close basis throughout the year. The following grants are available for application:

- Sports Representative (individuals)
- Sports Representative (teams)
- Good Relations
- Community Festivals

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.midulstercouncil.org/resident/grants/rolling-grants>

Antrim and Newtownabbey – Community Small Grants**Description**

There are various small community grants available including:

- Small Seeding and/or Insurance (application deadline: **28/01/2022**)
- Small Activity and/or Insurance (application deadline: **28/01/2022**)

Deadline

See above

More Information

<https://antrimnewtownabbey.eformz.info/>

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Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/dormant-accounts-ni>

The Nationwide Northern Ireland Community Fund

Description

This fund has been established by the Nationwide Building Society, based on a corporate donation, to support registered charities across Northern Ireland who are providing support to their communities under at least one of the following themes:

- Mental health
- Community services
- Children

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/nationwide/>

The Women's Fund

Description

The Women's Fund for Northern Ireland was established in March 2012. It aims to support women to overcome barriers preventing them from fulfilling their potential.

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/funds/womens-fund/>

Community Finance Ireland - All-Island Sports Fund

Description

Loans are available to sports organisations in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland for improving the quality and accessibility of their equipment and facilities.

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://communityfinanceireland.com/community-finance-ireland-launch-new-5m-all-island-sports-fund-to-support-the-next-generation-of-heroes/?nowprocket=1>

The Telecommunity Fund

Description

The Telecommunity Fund was established with capital from BT, management and unions. It exists to support small, locally based grass roots community projects.

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-telecommunity-fund-grant/>

Ulster Garden Villages**Description**

The Grants are available for projects in Northern Ireland. The funding is to be used for a specific project under the control of a responsible

Deadline

Ongoing

More Information

<https://www.ulstergardenvillages.co.uk/what-we-fund>