External Funding Opportunities

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

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Coronavirus Emergency Funds

**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

**The Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)**

**Description**
Support for businesses through the Business Interruption Loan Scheme, which will provide loans of up to £5m, with no interest due for 12 months. This scheme will be delivered through the British Business Bank.
**Deadline**
31/03/2021

**More Information**

**Bounce Back Loans - UK Government Scheme**

**Description**
Small businesses will benefit from a new fast-track finance scheme providing loans with a 100% government-backed guarantee for lenders. Businesses will be able to borrow between £2,000 and £50,000 and access the cash within days. Loans will be interest free for the first 12 months, and businesses can apply online through a short and simple form.

**Deadline**
31/03/2021

**More Information**
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan?

**Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund**

**Description**
The Resilience & Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF) is a £25 million fund for social enterprises and charities who are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of COVID-19. It has been established to make an existing government scheme (the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme) more easily accessible to charities and social enterprises.

**Deadline**
31/03/2021

**Description**
https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund

**Sport NI – Project Re:boot**

**Description**
Sport NI have opened the first strand of their Re:Boot funding programme, which will invest in new and innovative projects to support the engagement and re-engagement of participants into sport, particularly people from groups who have been especially impacted by Covid-19. Open strands include:

- Team-Up is now open for applications up to £25,000; other strands will follow in the Spring. Collaboration and partnership working is encouraged.

**Deadline**
01/03/2021 - 12pm

**Description**
http://www.sportni.net/project-reboot-team-up/

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**Club Development Funds**

**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
Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon - Capital Project Funds

Description
Grants are available to support capital projects or the purchase of equipment where a relatively small amount of match funding from Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is required. There are two funding programmes available under the scheme: Small Scale; and Large-Scale capital project funds.

Small Scale: Grants of up to £2,500 to fund a maximum of 50% of a small projects’ total costs.

Large Scale: Grants of between £2,501 and £20,000 to fund a maximum of 50% of a large projects total costs.

Deadline
19/02/2021

More Information
https://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.eformz.info/

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon - COVID19 Community Support Grant

Description
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is offering financial assistance to eligible groups in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to support community-led initiatives aimed at providing relief to those affected by the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. The fund will offer financial assistance to support interventions around:

- Remote learning resources
- COVID-19 response
- Connecting those most isolated

Deadline
19/02/2021

More Information
https://armaghbanbridgecraigavon.eformz.info/

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - various grants

Description
The following grants are available for qualifying groups throughout the Mid and East Antrim Council area. Please see details for each individual grant on the Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Website linked above.

- Grants for Groups (seeding, equipment, projects, coaching courses & first aid training, events).
- Funding for Individuals (coaching courses & first aid training)
- COVID-19 Community Recovery Scheme - Constituted groups are permitted to apply for 100% funding up to a maximum of £750 towards eligible items

Deadline
31/03/2021

More Information
https://mea.eformz.info/

Mid Ulster Borough Council Grants

Description
"Grants are available for qualifying groups throughout the Mid Ulster Borough Council area.

- Sports Representative (Individuals)
- Sports Representative (Teams)
- Good Relations"
**Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council - Community Small Grants**

**Description**
Small Seeding and/or Insurance and Small Activity and/or Insurance Grants for 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021 are now open for applications on a rolling basis. If your organisation is applying for a grant, particularly for the first time, you should contact a member of the Community Development Team on 028 90340061 / 028 90340024.

*Please note you should apply a minimum of 8 weeks before your event / insurance renewal date.*

**Deadline**
03/04/2021

**More Information**
https://www.midulstercouncil.org/resident/grants/rolling-grants?

**Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council - 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?

**Causeway Coast & Glens Borough – various grants**

**Description**
The following grants are available for qualifying groups through the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area. Please see details for each individual grant on the website linked above.

- Building a United Community Fund - (application deadline: 19/11/2021)
- COVID19 Support Scheme (application deadline: 26/02/2021)

**Deadline**
See above for more details

**More Information**
https://causeway.eformz.info/

**Newry, Mourne & Down – Community Engagement Fun**

**Description**
Grants are available for projects in Newry, Mourne and Down that contribute to the improvement of leisure, sport, health and well-being outcomes and build positive relations within local communities.

**Deadline**
01/03/2021

**More Information**
https://newrymournedown.eformz.info/

**Hope for Youth Northern Ireland**

**Description**
Grants are available for cross-community projects that give disadvantaged young people (aged 11-18) in Northern Ireland the opportunity to work together on practical projects that foster teamwork,
creativity and personal development, especially within the arts or in the great outdoors.

**Deadline**
31/07/2021

**More Information**
http://hopeforyouthni.com/grants/

**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 till Spring 2021.

**Deadline**
Rolling

**More Information**
http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/

**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/
BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme
Description
Grants for not-for-profit organisations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Deadline
12/04/2021

More Information
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/

KFC Foundation: The Community Grants Programme
Description
The KFC Foundation provides grants of £200 - £2,000 to support grassroots organisations in the heart of their restaurant’s communities. Organisations empowering young people in the UK to fulfil their potential by providing safe social spaces, mentoring or work, and social skills.

Deadline
28/02/2021

More Information
https://www.kfc.co.uk/kfc-foundation

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/