

External Funding Opportunities

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Coronavirus Emergency Funds

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan

Description

"The temporary Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme supports SMEs with access to loans, overdrafts, invoice finance and asset finance of up to £5 million and for up to 6 years.

The government will also make a Business Interruption Payment to cover the first 12 months of interest payments and any lender-levied fees, so smaller businesses will benefit from no upfront costs and lower initial repayments."

Deadline

None Specified

More Information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses?>

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

Not stated

More Information

<https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbils-2/>

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

None specified

More Information

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-coronavirus-bounce-back-loan?>

Big Society Capital - Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund

Description

Emergency loans are available to support UK-based social enterprises and charities that are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of coronavirus/COVID-19 (minimum grant: £100,000)

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund?>

COVID-19 Charities Fund

Description

"The funding programme, administered on behalf of the Department for Communities by The National Lottery Community Fund, will provide financial support to charities which have lost income due to the impact of COVID-19 and are unable to cover unavoidable costs until 30 September 2020.

The programme will provide up to £75,000 for eligible organisations and the amount of funding required to cover immediate costs and prevent short term closure will vary for each organisation. "

Deadline

None specified

Description

<https://www.nicva.org/article/charities-urged-to-apply-for-emergency-funding>

Department of Communities COVID-19 Charities Fund

Description

The funding programme, which is being administered on behalf of the Department for Communities by The National Lottery Community Fund, will provide financial support to charities which have lost income due to the impact of COVID-19 and are unable to cover unavoidable costs until 30 September 2020.

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/news/charities-urged-apply-emergency-funding>

Club Development Funds

Community Foundation NI - The New Needs Fund

Description

Community Foundation launches a £600,000 New Needs Fund helping communities and community organisations to address new needs appearing as a result of coronavirus and to find new ways of meeting existing needs. This is the next stage of funding after Coronavirus Community Fund. Grants between £5k and £15k will be available. Projects must be complete by the end of February 2021.

Deadline

Not stated

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-new-need-fund/>

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. The revised focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

Deadline

Not stated

More Information

www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/

Rank Foundation - Pebbles Grants

Description

Funding is available for charities and churches for projects that benefit UK residents in UK communities. (average grant: £1000)

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Grants - Recover Programme

Description

"Fermanagh and Omagh District Council invites applications from voluntary clubs, societies, community and sporting organisations for the Grant Aid – Recovery Programme. The group must be based in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area. Projects/activities must take place during the 2020-2021 financial year.

The "Recover" Grant Aid programme will provide local organisations with the opportunity to seek financial assistance to support their recovery and reanimation of activities in line with the NI Executive's five stage Coronavirus recovery plan."

Deadline

21/09/2021 and 22/11/2020

More Information

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

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council - Grants Support Scheme

Description

"The scheme is open on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of budget. The aim of the scheme will be to provide financial support through various grants categories for organisers of events as well as community groups, sports clubs, arts groups in the Borough undertaking projects which are of benefit to all of the citizens of Mid and East Antrim Borough area. Grants are available toward the following community-based projects including:

- Setting up of New Groups
- Equipment
- Public Liability Insurance
- Community Events
- Civic Representation"

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/resident/grants/>

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council - Response and Recovery Fund

Description

"Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, with support from the Department for Communities, The Executive Office (TEO) and Newry, Mourne & Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (via the Department of Justice and the Northern Ireland Policing Board) has introduced a COVID Response and Recovery fund to support local communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

- COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery
- PCSP Community Safety and Support
- Suicide Prevention
- Good Relations

Note: General financial assistance programme is still operating according to website. This includes Community and sports facility capital schemes, community engagement, sports development and more. No deadline is listed for these grants."

Deadline

30/09/2020

More Information

<https://www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding>

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"

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

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

Back Her Business

Description

Crowdfunder.co.uk in partnership with Ulster Bank is offering up to 50% of your fundraising target (max. £5,000) in grant funding, as well as coaching, mentoring and networking opportunities for successful project ideas.

Deadline

None Specified

More Information

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/back-her-business?>

Causeway Coast & Glens Council - Building a United Community Fund

Description

Grants are available to support Good Relations community projects in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area (max. £1,500). Guidance included.

Deadline

30/11/2020 at 12noon

More Information

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

Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Grants

Description

"Grants are available for qualifying residents and groups throughout the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area and can be accessed and applied for through our Online Funding Hub. Open grants include:

- Community Small Grants 20-21
- Leisure Grants Programme"

Deadline

Rolling

More Information

<https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/grants/?>

Lisburn & Castlereagh Council - Seeding Grant

Description

For new and emerging Groups for set-up costs – to apply contact Community Services, Bridge Community Centre, community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk .

Deadline

None specified

More Information

<https://www.castlereaghcommunity.co.uk/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?>

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People – Central Grants

Description

Grants are available to UK registered charities that are working with young people (up to 25 years) for projects supporting young people in the vital areas of education, awareness and training. Education funding generally will be given for training/re-training, educational equipment, activity-based learning leading to accreditation and sports equipment.

Deadline

07/10/2020

More Information

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

The Fore – RAFT Transition Fund

Description

Unrestricted grants to help small charities and social enterprises in the UK plan for the longer term and gain a stronger footing in the post-coronavirus world. The unrestricted grants can be used for any purpose, including core costs. (max. £15,000)

Deadline

Rolling (first come first serve)

More Information

<https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/>

Coca-Cola Thank You Fund**Description**

A small number of grants are awarded each year to not-for-profit voluntary and charitable organisations operating within communities throughout the island of Ireland that have new ideas to inspire and support young people (12-25 years). (max. £8,900)

Deadline

11/09/2020

More Information

<https://www.coca-cola.ie/community/thank-you-fund/the-coca-cola-thank-you-fund-2019-applications-now-open?>

David Cross Young People's Fund**Description**

Grants are available for VCSE organisations in Northern Ireland to support young people aged between 12 and 25, with a particular focus on entrepreneurship and employability.

Deadline

11/09/2020

More Information

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-david-cross-young-peoples-fund/?>

Cash4Clubs**Description**

Cash4Clubs is a sports funding scheme giving clubs in the UK and Ireland the chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and invest in the sustainability of their club. A flexible, no-fuss way to help get your club or team to the next level. (max. £5000)

Deadline

08/09/2020 @ 11.59pm

More Information

<https://cash-4-clubs.com/2020-scheme>

GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards**Description**

Annual awards programme open to registered charities working in the UK to improve people's health and wellbeing. The Awards recognise excellence in existing work and do not seek to fund new projects. An application which only focuses on a particular project will not be shortlisted. The assessment is based on the work of the whole organisation and the assessment will focus on excellence in the six areas of IMPACT.

Deadline

14/09/2020

More Information

<https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gsk-impact-awards>

Hedley Foundation**Description**

Grants are available for small UK registered charities working with young people in the areas of recreation, sport, training, health and welfare, support and outdoor education of young people.

Deadline

28/10/2020

More Information

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

Ards & North Down Borough Council - Business Adaptation and Improvement Grant Scheme

Description

The Business Adaptation & Improvement Grant Scheme will provide financial assistance to businesses to carry out adjustments and improvements to their properties in order to assist them to continue to operate, improve their business and to ensure the health and safety of their employees and their customers in response to the current impact and recovery of Covid-19. (max. £1000)

Deadline

30/10/2020 @ 12noon

More Information

<https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/resident/grants/business-adaptation-and-improvement-grant-scheme>