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## Flourishing beyond Covid

A comprehensive guide of funding, support and opportunities available for those seeking to build a strong and diverse social economy for the future

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# INTRODUCTION

As part of our work with Manchester City Council, Flourish Together CIC, undertook to start the development of a directory aimed at supporting people starting, sustaining and surviving in a new operating environment where Covid-19 has impacted on the way we run our organisations.

Social Enterprise, Innovation and Leadership support is disparate and patchy across the 10 Greater Manchester boroughs of Salford, Wigan, Trafford, Bury, Rochdale, Stockport, Manchester, Oldham, Bolton and Tameside. There is no one specific agency that focuses on supporting and developing the capacity of voluntary, community and social enterprises across GM.

With funding from Manchester City Council, Flourish Together CIC carried out a survey of the sector and spoke to people within our networks to capture information from the sector about what issues and challenges they were facing operating in this new, unprecedented, operating environment. Here are some of the headlines:

- ▶ 60% forecast a decrease in income
- ▶ 15% foresee job losses in their organisation
- ▶ 45% have seen an increase in demand on their services
- ▶ 30% have seen a decrease in demand for their services
- ▶ 100% see financial support/ planning as a priority need
- ▶ 40% are looking for funding to develop new services.
- ▶ 60% are looking for funding ad support to redesign services to operate in the 'new normal'
- ▶ 60% are looking for additional training and mentoring to get them through the crisis
- ▶ 30% are looking for professional support - HR/Legal/comms & marketing support
- ▶ 70% unclear on what grants, loans and funding is available to them
- ▶ 50% don't know what Government support is available

The following pages start to pull together a directory to be used by the sector to help sustain, redesign and recover. Social Enterprises are a going to be a key player in the economic recovery of the City of Manchester and Greater Manchester as we all try and 'build back better' than before.

[The Local Industrial Strategies for GM](#) and for [Manchester](#) are all about building 'Inclusive Economies' which started before Covid, however the principles have become even more important know with Social Enterprises having an ever more crucial role in leading the change needed in communities and an economy and society that works for all. Additionally Social Enterprises already deliver many of the elements of the [Good Employment Charter](#).

[Greater Manchester Social Enterprise Advisory Group](#). The Group's work will include consideration of: Research and intelligence - a clear mapping and understanding of the social enterprise 'sector' in Greater Manchester, including its reinvestment of profits into 'social good'.

The Group will meet on a quarterly basis and brings together a diverse group of social enterprise leaders, together with The Growth Company, the Co-op Groups and other key business leaders.

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## Current context and challenges for Social Enterprises

Social Enterprise UK, issued a report at the end of April 2020 to highlight the challenges and opportunities facing the sector during COVID-19.

### Key Findings

- ▶ Social enterprises are at the forefront of solutions to the crisis: on the health and social care frontline and providing crucial community support to the most vulnerable.
- ▶ They are struggling – falling between the gaps of support packages – and therefore leaving their communities, beneficiaries and staff – many of whom are from vulnerable groups - exposed.
- ▶ If social enterprises fail in significant numbers, the potential impact is huge – socially and economically. This is £60 billion of business – or

3% of the economy – which expects to see a 50% decrease in turnover – **a potential economic cost of £2.5 billion for each month that the lockdown continues.**

- ▶ SEUK's policy work has helped ensure that social enterprises are nominally included in Government support packages. But shortcomings and short-sightedness in the design of support are symptomatic of longstanding challenges in how public policy considers social enterprise, or indeed fails to. SEUK continues to lobby and raise awareness of how critical social enterprise is during the crisis and how important it will be to building back better

### Read the full report

Social enterprises are an increasingly important part of the U.K. economy contributing £60 billion (\$77 billion) and employing 2 million people. Estimates are there are 100,000 in the U.K. SEUK's State of Social Enterprise report shows a healthy picture where social enterprise is leading the way in diversity and innovation. According to this report, 41% of social enterprises are led by women and over half (51%) have a majority female workforce, 12% are BAME led and 34% have BAME directors.

### According to SEUK's state of the sector survey in 2017:

The leadership teams of social enterprise reflect the communities in which we live and work\* 12% of social enterprises are BAME-led, 34% have BAME directors.

\*2011 census

Social enterprise has much to contribute to that post-Brexit future, not least in its diverse leadership and inclusive employment. 89%

of social enterprise leadership teams have a female director, 34% have Black Asian Minority Ethnic representation and 36% have a director with a disability.

[Read more from Social Enterprise UK's State of the Sector 2017 report here](#)

## Defining Social Enterprise

There are many definitions of a social enterprise, but at the heart of the model is the combination of doing business and doing good which makes social enterprise one of the most exciting and fast-growing sectors in the UK and internationally.

The common characteristics of a social enterprise are:

- ▶ It is an organisation that trades with the primary aim of tackling social needs by improving communities, people's life chances and/or our environment; it has a clear sense of its mission and how its activity addresses those needs.
- ▶ It differs from a straightforward charity because it is run as a business, generating revenue from trade and making profits, which in part, or full, are reinvested to generate greater social benefit.
- ▶ It places an emphasis on profit optimisation as opposed to profit maximisation (unlike conventional businesses), encouraging sustainable, and socially impactful growth in the long-term

Throughout this document we highlight a handful of 'Pandemic Pioneers' who are demonstrating resilience during the Lockdown and have adapted their business and services to scale and grow to meet new needs and support vulnerable communities.



VISIT FROM THE STORK

# PANDEMIC PIONEERS

[Visit from the Stork](#), started in Salford, led by Kimberly Bond and is now operating across Manchester and wider parts of the Greater Manchester area is aimed at new parents and parents-to-be. Their vision is for all parents to be equipped with the resources they need to maximise their potential and achieve a better quality of life for themselves and their family. Through the pandemic they have been providing intensive support and packages of goods including nappies, toiletries and items to give babies and toddlers the best start and help families suffering hardship as a result of Covid-19. This award winning social enterprise has been growing their volunteer team and support and has been able to access local and Government grants/support including from Forever Manchester and We Love MCR charity.

# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SUPPORT DIRECTORY

The following pages give a summary overview of support available for people to access now. We recognise that directories and toolkits are often obsolete the day they are written as the landscape and spectrum of opportunities available is constantly evolving however we have sought to raise awareness of some of the key ways to search for and access information and opportunities based on local, regional, national, cultural and thematic opportunities

## 1 Government Covid19 Support

This information was correct at the point of publication, however these support offers are not ongoing or indefinite please check Government and Local Authority websites for the latest guidance.

▶ Social enterprise and charity "grants" - the Government has created a new £370m grant scheme for social enterprises and charities to get access to grants. This will be administered by the National Lottery Community Fund.

premises will be able to get access to grants of up to £25,000.

Some small businesses are not eligible for the above which is why Government launched the Small Business Discretionary Grant Scheme which is administered locally by Local Authorities.

▶ Loans - Government is providing loans through the Business Interruption Loan Scheme up to £5m, which can be accessed through mainstream banks. "Bounce Back Loans" - cheaper loans for small social enterprises up to 25% of turnover up to a value of £50,000.

▶ Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - the Government is paying for 80% of staff "furloughed" due to COVID-19 to prevent workers being made redundant.

▶ Statutory sick pay - the Government is paying for 14 days worth of SSP for those that employ less than 250 staff.

▶ Tax support - HMRC will speak with businesses that need to defer tax payments due to COVID-19, VAT has also been deferred for three months.

▶ Business rate relief - the Government introduced 100% rate relief for retail, hospitality and leisure sectors. Your Local Authority should have contacted you if you are eligible. This scheme will close soon.

### Small Business Discretionary Grant

An additional £617 million has been made available to Local Authorities to provide business grants to businesses within their areas.

This additional fund is aimed at small businesses, including social enterprises, with ongoing fixed

property- related costs.

The UK Government is asking Local Authorities to prioritise businesses in shared spaces, regular market traders, small charity properties that would meet the criteria for Small Business Rates Relief, and bed and breakfasts that pay council tax rather than business rates.

However, Local Authorities may choose to make payments to other businesses based on local economic need. The allocation of funding will be at the discretion of Local Authorities so even if you do not meet these criteria, your Local Authority can provide a grant if it wishes to do so.

### There are some eligibility criteria including:

Businesses must be small, under 50 employees; they must also be able to demonstrate that they have seen a significant drop of income due to Coronavirus restriction measures.

There will be three levels of grant payments. The maximum will be £25,000. There will also be grants of £10,000. Local Authorities will have discretion to make payments of any amount under £10,000.

You need to contact your local council directly to apply for the Local Authority Business Grants, Small Business Discretionary Grant and Business Rate Relief.

All 10 Greater Manchester boroughs have a dedicated webpage with access to support and resources

[Manchester City Council](#)

[Oldham Council](#)

[Stockport Council](#)

[Rochdale Council](#)

[Wigan Council](#)

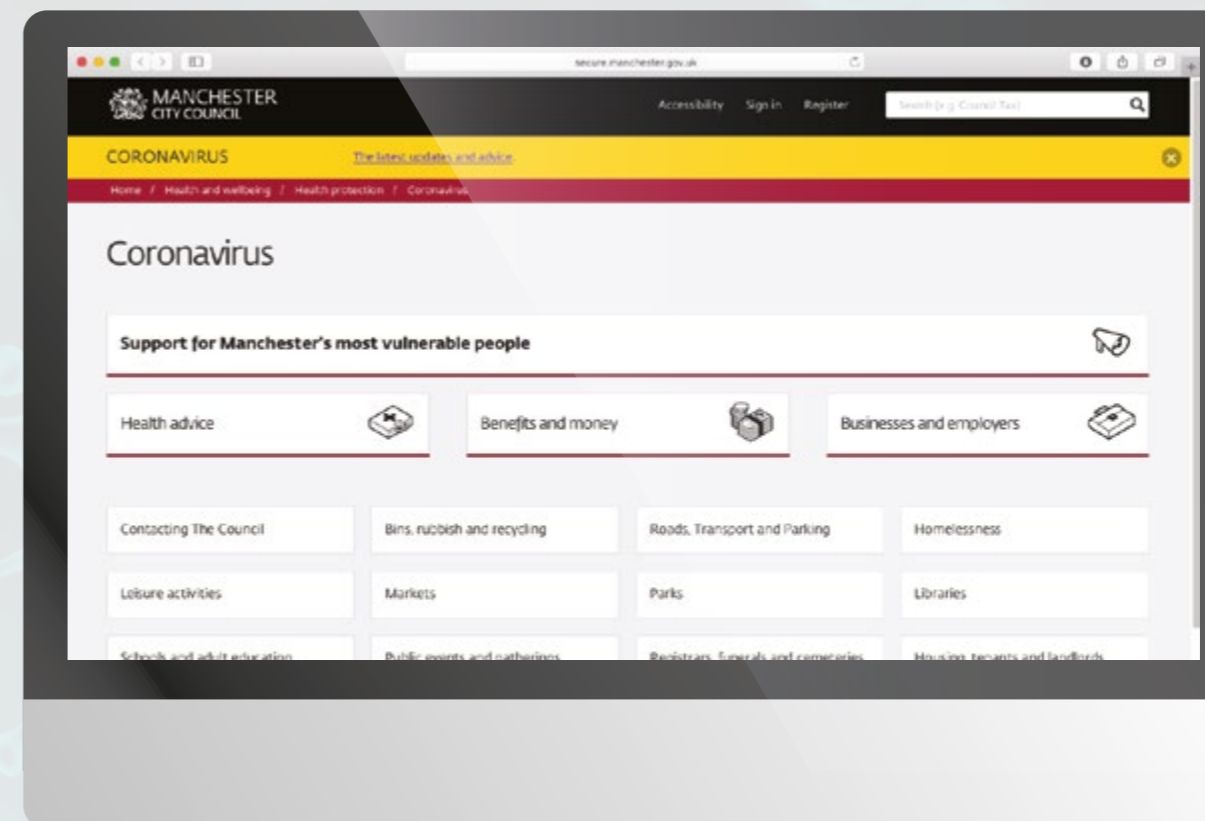
[Trafford Council](#)

[Bolton Council](#)

[Tameside Council](#)

[Bury Council](#)

[Salford](#)



Here we have highlighted some of the Government schemes to make social enterprises aware they may be eligible for some of these support opportunities

## “Bounce back” loans

The Bounce Back Loan Scheme is a new scheme introduced to help smaller businesses impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19). It aims to assist those businesses to borrow between £2,000 up to 25% of a business' turnover (the maximum amount available is £50,000).

Government will cover any interest payable in the first 12 months and lenders will benefit from a 100% Government-backed guarantee.

These loans are set at an interest rate of 2.5% per annum and the repayment term is fixed at six years. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

The Scheme is open to social enterprises, regardless of turnover, who meet the eligibility criteria and who were established on or before 1 March 2020. Key criteria are:

The business is engaged in trading or commercial activity in the UK at the date of the application, was carrying on business on 1 March 2020 and has been adversely affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). The business (and any wider group of which it is part) is not already in the process of applying for or has not already received a Bounce Back Loan Scheme facility.

The business (and any wider group of which it is part) has not yet obtained a loan through either the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme or the Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme.

That the business is a company or limited liability partnership

incorporated or established in the UK, or tax resident in the UK.

The business is not a bank, building society, insurance company, public sector organisation, state-funded primary or secondary school, or an individual other than a sole trader or a partner acting on behalf of a partnership.

At the time of submitting their loan application, the business is neither in bankruptcy, debt restructuring proceedings, liquidation or similar.

They will use the loan only to provide economic benefit to the business, and not for personal purposes. They have understood the costs associated with repayment of the loan and that they are able and intend to complete timely repayments in future.

The Scheme will be available through the British Business Bank's accredited lenders, which are mostly high street banks.

Businesses will be required to fill in a short online application form and self-declare that they are eligible for the Scheme. In the first instance, businesses, where possible, should approach a bank or lender that they already have a relationship with and is Bounce Back Loan Scheme accredited provider. They may also consider approaching other Scheme accredited providers if they are unable to access the finance they need or if their existing provider is not accredited to provide loans under the Scheme. H

The Scheme is intended to be a temporary response to the unprecedented challenges to businesses as a result of coronavirus

(COVID-19). The Scheme will initially open until 4 November 2020, with the Government retaining the right to extend this.

There are no penalties for repaying the finance back early. Further details can be found online at the **British Business Bank**.

## Coronavirus job retention

### Scheme

Under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all UK employers with a PAYE scheme will be able to access support to continue paying part of their employees' salary for those that would otherwise have been laid off during this crisis. This applies to employees who have been asked to stop working, but who are being kept on the pay roll, otherwise described as 'furloughed workers'.

HMRC will reimburse 80% of their wages, up to £2,500 per month. This is to safeguard workers from being made redundant. The Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme will cover the cost of wages backdated to March 1st and is initially open for 3 months, but will be extended if necessary.

[You can claim online via gov.uk.](https://www.gov.uk)

You will need to contact your employees if you plan to "furlough" them and have a negotiation similar to existing employment law. Do not wait until the portal is created before contacting staff.

## £100m emergency loan 'Liquidity Funding' from social investors

Big Society and the Social Investment Business have announced

a new 'Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund' to enable social lenders to provide emergency loans to social enterprises and charities impacted by COVID-19 without requiring personal guarantees and charging no fees or interest for 12 months.

Big Society Capital will provide an initial investment of £25m, with loans backed by the Government's existing Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme and issued through Social Investment Business, working initially with Charity Bank, Social and Sustainable Capital and Big Issue Invest.

The fund will offer emergency loans with no fee or no interest for 12 months along the lines of the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme. These loans will be of varying sizes depending on the needs of the businesses.

The Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund is expected to be open to applications in mid-April, with the first loans completed by early May.

Please check the Social Investment Business website for further information.

## Self-employed support

Some social entrepreneurs starting up their social enterprise as a **sole trader/self-employed** may be eligible for self-employed support. You can claim up to 80% of your trading profits up to a limit of £2,500 per month for the next three months. This support will be available from June. You can apply:

- ▶ If you have submitted your Income Tax Self Assessment tax return for the tax year 2018-19

▶ If you have traded in the tax year 2019-2020 Are trading when you apply, or would be except for COVID-19

▶ Intend to continue to trade in the tax year 2020-21

▶ Have lost trading/partnership trading profits due to COVID-19

▶ Your self-employed trading profits must also be less than £50,000 and more than half of your income come from self-employment. If you have set up your social enterprises as a CIC or trading business, you are unlikely to be able to apply. **More information can be found online.**

## Business rates relief

The Government will providing £20bn of business rates support and grant funding to help businesses manage their cash flow at this time. These are particularly focused at **hospitality, leisure and retail sectors** at present although this may change as the crisis unfolds.

[The key supports are:](#)

▶ Giving all retail, hospitality and leisure businesses in England a 100% business rates holiday for the next 12 months

▶ Increasing grants to small businesses eligible for Small Business Rate Relief or Rural Rate Relief from £3,000 to £10,000 providing further £25,000 grants to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value over £15,000 and below £51,000

Nurseries will also have no business rates to pay for the whole tax year 2020-21. Nurseries that are on

the Ofsted's Early Years Register and are wholly or mainly used for the provision of the Early Years Foundation Stage will be eligible.

Contact your Local Authority about these relief and the grants, as the money will be distributed through these channels rather than central Government.

## Public contracts to be paid till 30th June 2020

The Government has said all suppliers should be paid as a matter of urgency to support their survival over the coming months. This has come through **Procurement Policy Note - Supplier Relief due to COVID-19.**

Where goods and services are either reduced or paused temporarily, authorities should continue to pay at risk suppliers to ensure cash flow and supplier survival. This could include, for example situations where services are cut short/reduced at short notice due to impact of COVID-19 and non-payment could result in supply chains collapsing or other significant financial implications.

Decisions will be made at a local level by commissioners and accountable officers, so please get in contact with them immediately to ensure swift payment.

Payments should be made within 30 days or as soon as possible. If you have any challenges, please let SEUK know.

**We are aware from social enterprises that some public bodies are not following this Government advice and are looking to cancel or delay contracts.**

## Reimbursement for statutory sick pay

The Government will bring forward legislation to allow small- and medium-sized businesses and employers to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for sickness absence due to COVID-19. The eligibility criteria for the scheme will be as follows:

This refund will cover up to two weeks SSP per eligible employee who has been off work because of COVID-19

Employers with fewer than 250 employees will be eligible. The size of an employer will be determined by the number of people they employed as of 28 February 2020

Employers will be able to reclaim expenditure for any employee who has claimed SSP (according to the new eligibility criteria) as a result of COVID-19

Employers should maintain records of staff absences, but employees will not need to provide a GP fit note

The eligible period for the scheme will commence the day after the regulations on the extension of Statutory Sick Pay to self-isolators comes into force

We are not sure how to claim this at present, please keep hold of records and wait for more information.

## Time to pay - tax support

All businesses and self-employed people in financial distress, and with outstanding tax liabilities, may be eligible to receive support with their tax affairs through HMRC's Time To Pay service.

These arrangements are agreed on a case-by-case basis and are tailored to individual circumstances and liabilities.

Social enterprises can contact HMRC's new dedicated COVID-19 helpline from 11 March 2020 for advice and support.

For Time to Pay support if you are concerned about being able to pay your tax due to COVID-19, call HMRC's dedicated helpline on **0800 0159 559**

## VAT deferral for three months

All VAT-registered and paying businesses will not have to pay VAT for three months.

No applications are required and will be automatically in effect. UK Registered businesses will not need to make VAT payments normally due with VAT returns during this period.

Taxpayers will be given until the end of the 2020-21 tax year to pay any liabilities that have accumulated during the deferral period. VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the Government as normal.

This will be in effect between 20th March and 30th June 2020. More information is available on the **Government website**.

## Three month reporting extension

**Companies House will give a three-month extension to any business that needs it due to COVID-19.**

While companies will still have to apply for the 3-month extension to be granted, those citing issues around COVID-19 will be automatically and immediately granted an extension. Applications can be made through a fast-tracked online system which will take just 15 minutes to complete. This also means that your auditor does not need to make a judgement on whether you are a "going concern" for up to three months during this challenging trading previous.

## Protection from eviction

Under Section 82 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 commercial tenants are protected from eviction until the 30th June. Your business is still potentially liable to pay rents during this time (unless you are given a payment holiday by your landlord) - and it is not clear whether this protection will be extended should the virus continue to effect businesses.

## 2 Funding Opportunities Covid - Manchester/Greater Manchester Specific

### Forever Manchester

Is the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester and has a range of funds available to support a broad range of needs and causes. Their main Covid Response fund in the Community Support Fund offering up to £5,000.00 prioritising applications which are providing a service in direct response to community needs created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Examples of this might be organisations providing food and essential household items to the vulnerable and self-isolating, services supporting victims of domestic abuse, organisations who support people with mental health issues or those providing emergency welfare and financial advice.

#### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) for information and to apply for the Community Support Fund which aims to have a 2 week turn around time for a decision.

#### **Deadline**

Currently no deadline.

### Community Foundations - Coronavirus Appeal

#### **What is the funding for?**

There are 46 accredited Community Foundations in the UK, covering all of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and most of England.

National Emergencies Trust have launched a Coronavirus Appeal to support grassroots charities and groups who'll be supporting some of society's most vulnerable people throughout the outbreak. If you are an organisation looking for funding you can seek support through your local community foundation.

#### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to find your local community foundation.

#### **Deadline**

Varies from fund to fund.

## We Love MCR Fund

### **What is the funding for?**

This is a fund for initiatives based in the City of Manchester specifically. There are 3 live funds a 'Rising Stars', 'Small Grant' and 'Large Grant' aimed at tackling poverty, inequality and challenges as a result of Covid.

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to check criteria, funds and make an application.

### **Deadline**

Currently no deadline.

## GM Wellbeing Grants

### **What is the funding for?**

GMCVO, working in partnership with 10GM, have launched a grants programme to support adults from communities of identity or experience, based in Greater Manchester, that may struggle to achieve higher levels of mental wellbeing. Funded by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, a total of £175,000 will be given out between now and December 2020. Grants in May and June will be up to £500 with a wider programme of grants being offered from June

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### **Deadline**

Rolling deadlines with the fund due to draw to a close in December 2020.

## Princes Trust and GMCA partnership funding for young people

In partnership with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), grants of up to £25,000 are available for organisations working with specific cohorts of young people up to the age of 25, across the Greater Manchester city-region, who are facing barriers to engagement with education, employment or training.

The Prince's Trust will be hosting online briefings on the 17th, 18th and 24th June and invite you to attend one of these sessions to find out more email: [greatermanchester@princes-trust.org.uk](mailto:greatermanchester@princes-trust.org.uk)

### **How to apply**

Applications are not yet live however money is expected to be spent during August to December 2020 visit [this page](#) for updates and to express your interest.

## Neighbourhood Investment Fund

Grants of up to £10,000.00 are available in each Manchester Ward to community groups, residents groups and other small voluntary organisations. Applications must fit the Council priorities around work and skills, empowering community groups, environmental improvement and other local activities and priority needs.

They are particularly keen to hear from groups that will support resilience in the community post covid 19. These may be work clubs, food support, food banks, tackling loneliness, supporting members of the community and will take many other forms too.

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) for information and to apply or email [nif@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:nif@manchester.gov.uk)

### **Deadlines**

Rolling deadlines and panel decisions, each ward has a finite allocation distributed on an annual basis

## Greater Manchester Moving - Small Walking Grants

Between November 2019 and October 2020 GMCVO will be giving out a total of £225,000 in grants to VCSE organisations in partnership with Greater Manchester Moving to get Greater Manchester Walking Small grants from £50 - £1,000 are available for voluntary and community groups and social enterprises to encourage more people in Greater Manchester to walk more during social distancing restrictions. The small grants will be awarded on an ongoing basis with decisions usually made within 3 weeks.

### **How to apply**

visit [this page](#) for information and complete a short online application.

### **Deadlines**

No current deadline.

### 3 COVID Response Funding - Wider Opportunities

#### The National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund has launched the Coronavirus Community Support Fund (CCSF). It is part of the Government's £750m support package for charities and local enterprises. The fund is aimed primarily at small to medium organisations in England to support you to continue to deliver services to people and communities affected by Covid-19. We can fund:

- ▶ activities supporting people and communities affected by Covid-19 and/or
- ▶ help for organisations to overcome acute financial difficulties caused by the pandemic.

You can apply for one or both of these things, but you can only apply once. If your application is unsuccessful, you will not be able to apply again. You can apply for funding between £300 to £10,000 or for over £10,000.

This funding stands alone from the National Lottery Community Fund's regular funding streams (Awards for All and Reaching Communities). Therefore, if you apply to the CCSF fund, this does not prevent you from applying to Awards for All or Reaching Communities when they re-open later in the year.

You can find full information about the fund, including details on eligibility and how to apply [click here](#)

#### CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund

##### What is the funding for?

In this time of national crisis, CAF has launched this rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 will help them to continue to deliver much needed support to our communities across the UK. Organisations with a charitable purpose and charitable activities, which had income of £1million or less in their last financial year, are eligible to apply.

This is intended as a rapid response fund, and they aim to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

##### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

#### Sport England - Community Emergency Fund

##### What is the funding for?

This fund aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need. It's specifically targeted at organisations who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing crisis. The types of organisations eligible include local sports clubs forced to close at short notice but who are facing ongoing costs around maintenance and utility bills, and voluntary and community sector organisations who deliver or enable sport and physical activity.

This £20 million fund is designed to complement other sources of funding from the Government, such as funds targeted at small businesses. Eligible organisations include:

- ▶ local sports clubs
- ▶ voluntary and community sector organisations that deliver or enable sport and/or physical activity, including organisations that are not solely or primarily sports organisations and have an important role to play in keeping people active, that may need support for other parts of their organisation to remain open
- ▶ small charitable trusts that do not qualify for financial help elsewhere
- ▶ regional or county level organisations or leagues that have already paid out funds for activities that are now cancelled and are not able to claim funds from elsewhere.

##### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

##### Deadline

31 July, 2020. (Subject to change, depending on how the current situation develops).

#### Cavell Nurses' Trust

##### What is the funding for?

The Trust helps registered nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants, both working and retired, when they're suffering personal or financial hardship. The money is available to help people in the following situations, for example:

A nurse, midwife or HCA being unable to work because they need to isolate themselves. This may lead to financial crisis if they don't have access to occupational sick pay or benefits, perhaps because they are an agency worker or self-employed. They may also lose access to overtime, bank shifts or other enhancements.

Also, a nurse, midwife or HCA who is facing financial hardship because their household or partner's income has been affected due to Coronavirus, perhaps because they are self-employed or work in an industry adversely affected by Coronavirus.

##### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

##### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## The Prince's Trust and NatWest Enterprise Relief Fund

### **What is the funding for?**

The £5million Enterprise Relief Fund will offer grants to 18 to 30-year olds across the UK who are self-employed and/or running their own business. In conjunction with cash grants, the initiative will offer one-to-one support and guidance to anyone who needs it and who may be worried about their future as a result of the Coronavirus crisis.

Grants can be used to maintain core business operations during the crisis, as well as meet any existing financial commitments, such as paying for essential equipment or settling invoices from suppliers. Additionally, grants will also support young people to diversify their business to respond to opportunities created by the crises.

To be eligible to apply, you must be a business owner aged 18 to 30, who set up their business in the last four years and don't have any other source of income during the crisis.

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to register your interest.

### **Deadline**

No deadline currently.

## Standard Life Foundation - Coronavirus Fund

### **What is the funding for?**

The Foundation will be making funding available for work directly related to the pandemic, addressing specific challenges and helping to contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes in the UK.

More detail about their approach and the types of activities they fund are outlined in more detail in their funding guidelines.

The Foundation will fund a range of strategic work. This is work that benefits more than individuals and has the potential to benefit large numbers of people within the UK. This work must aim to create a step change in policy, practice, attitudes and/or behaviour. It includes policy work, campaigning, research, public attitudinal work, and improving practice and design. Grants will range from £5,000 to larger amounts.

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application. Deadline No deadline currently.

## Heritage Emergency Fund

### **What is the funding for?**

Heritage Fund are providing a package of support for the heritage sector as a response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

This includes increased advice and support, longer-term skills and capacity building initiatives, and a £50 million Heritage Emergency Fund to provide emergency funding for those most in need.

They are also currently developing longer-term support and more information on this will be available soon. The Heritage Emergency Fund is accepting applications for funding from £3,000 to £50,000. The application form will be available from Wednesday 15 April.

### **How to apply**

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### **Deadline**

30 June.

## Barclays COVID-19 Community Aid Package

### **What is the funding for?**

The company is announcing the establishment of The Barclays Foundation, initially to provide a COVID-19 Community Aid Package of £100 million to charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19, and to alleviate the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis.

### **The package is made up of two components:**

First, a corporate contribution of £50 million, which will be donated to, and deployed via, a variety of charities working to support vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19, and in alleviating the associated social and economic hardship caused by the crisis. The money will be disbursed principally in the UK, but also in Barclays' international markets, including the USA and India.

Second, is a £50 million commitment by Barclays to match personal donations made by our employees to charities of their choice, local to them, and which are working to support communities impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

### **How to apply**

TBC: Details have not yet been released on the application process. [The press release can be found here.](#)

## UK Research and Innovation - Fund for ideas that address COVID-19

### What is the funding for?

Proposals are invited for short-term projects addressing and mitigating the health, social, economic, cultural and environmental impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

UKRI will support excellent proposals up to 18 months duration which meet at least one of the following:

- ▶ new research or innovation with a clear impact pathway that has the potential (within the period of the grant) to deliver a significant contribution to the understanding of, and response to, the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts
- ▶ supports the manufacture and/or wide scale adoption of an intervention with significant potential
- ▶ gathers critical data and resources quickly for future research use.

Proposals will be accepted from anyone who is normally eligible to apply for UKRI funding. This includes any company or SME that would normally be eligible for Innovate UK grant support. You will need to show that you can start work within 4 weeks of the funding being confirmed.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund

### What is the funding for?

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. Due to the need to respond quickly to the emergency we have created a streamlined application process and payment process to make it easier to get funds distributed quickly. If your application is successful the fund will provide a single payment award of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups. The programme is set up to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects.

Typically, the fund will prioritise organisations;

- ▶ whose need for services has been disrupted – for example a food bank whose stocks are running low and need an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock
- ▶ require to put in place new services – for example charities setting up a new home service for the elderly who usually attend a monthly lunch club or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries
- ▶ Increased demand – a holiday hunger club needs more resources due to schools closing, or a children's centre needs an additional temporary staff member.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently. The fund is now closed to certain areas due to high demand, so check availability here.

## The Care Workers' Charity - Covid-19 Emergency Fund

### What is the funding for?

The Care Workers' Charity Covid-19 Grant Fund aims to provide emergency funding for currently employed care workers who must take time off work due to Covid-19 for either illness or self-isolation or for funeral costs.

Applicants must work in role that is involved in or supports the provision of adult, elderly or disability care. These may include residential social care, domiciliary/home care, supported living care.

Care workers who are unable to work for one week may apply for a £250 grant and those who are unable to work for two weeks may apply for a £500 grant.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## The Clothworkers' Foundation - Emergency Capital Programme

### What is the funding for?

The Clothworkers' Emergency Capital Programme (CECP) will award small capital grants of up to £5,000 for essential capital items to adapt or increase services in response to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Priority will be given to organisations supporting vulnerable and 'at risk' groups within their programme areas during this period.

### Key features of the fund:

- ▶ applications are only open to charities whose beneficiaries are not based in London
- ▶ the Foundation will award capital grants of up to £5,000 (but they will not award grants equal to more than 50% of your annual income)
- ▶ they aim to communicate a decision within two weeks
- ▶ capital projects that are planned as part of your organisation's ordinary course of business are not eligible; for these you may wish to review the What We Fund page for the Open Grants Programmes.

### Key organisational eligibility:

- ▶ income of less than £2 million per annum
- ▶ work of the applicant organisation must fall within nine programme areas
- ▶ they do not support organisations that promote a particular religion or that only provide services to people of a particular religion.

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### Deadline

No deadline currently.

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### How to apply

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### Deadline

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## The Leathersellers' Company - Small Grants Programme

### What is the funding for?

In the light of the unprecedented challenges that now face charities providing vital services to the most vulnerable members of their communities, this small grants programme is open to applications from UK registered charities (this includes Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO) but not Community Interest Companies (CIC)) which are currently supporting:

- ▶ the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless
- ▶ provision of food and essential supplies
- ▶ victims of domestic violence
- ▶ nursing care to vulnerable patients.

You can expect a decision in a maximum of 4 weeks of applying (it is expected to be less). In order to distribute maximum funding to organisations urgently, applications will close for summer on 11th May, with the final allocations made the week after. Applications will then reopen in early August 2020.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

11 May.

## Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme

### What is the funding for?

Kellogg's has teamed up with Forever Manchester to award grants of £1,000 to school Breakfast Clubs, to help them provide breakfast to those children who need it most.

You can apply for an award at any date and you will hear within one month if you have been successful. Please note the fund may close if oversubscribed.

- ▶ your breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland
- ▶ a limited number of grants are available so priority will be given to schools that have either:
  - 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding (for England) and eligible for free school meals (Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), or
  - schools that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. You can find out if this applies to your school by following the instructions which you can find here.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## NSUN - Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF)

### What is the funding for?

Voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations have a vital role working alongside our NHS colleagues to support anyone who has a mental health problem.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, demand for mental health services is increasing. To help VCS organisations based in England continue to provide mental health services - or provide additional support - organisations can apply for a Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF) grant.

Thanks to £5m support from Government (the Department of Health and Social Care), grants of £20,000 or £50,000 are available for projects lasting up to 12 months.

### Support for smaller organisations or groups

As part of this funding programme, the National Survivor User Network (NSUN) will be administering a fund to support user-led organisations and smaller, unconstituted community organisations, who might not otherwise be eligible for a grant.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## Social Investment Business - Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund

### What is the funding for?

The Resilience & Recovery Loan Fund (RRLF) is a new 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 (CBILS - see below) more easily accessible to charities and social enterprises.

Many charities and social enterprises have been affected by the current crisis and lockdown, and have lost income. In many cases, grants will be the most appropriate answer; other organisations will be making use of other Government schemes, such as furloughing staff; others will not want to add more debt or additional loans to what they already have.

RRLF is intended for those organisations who face a problem because expected income and activity has been delayed or disrupted. A loan may help with this, providing working capital until normal business can commence again.

### Purposes that are included:

- ▶ lending until Government payments are received (e.g. contracts, furlough etc)
- ▶ lending to cover delays in trade payments (trade debtors)
- ▶ lending to support the rapid scaling up of an existing business model to meet an increased demand for services during the crisis
- ▶ lending to provide a bridge to cover revenue shortfall for proven and profitable trading activity.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## Children in Need

### What is the funding for?

BBC Children in Need's vision is that children and young people in the UK have a safe, happy and secure childhood and the chance to reach their potential.

They aim to achieve this vision is by making grants to charities and other non-profit organisations that support and work with children and young people who are disadvantaged and face challenges in their lives. They have small and large grant programmes to suit a range of needs and purposes.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) for information on programmes and submit an application.

### Deadlines

Some grants for existing grant holders are on a rolling basis. Their new large grants scheme opens on 10th June 2020.

## ROSA Covid-19 Response Fund (Small Grants)

### What is this funding for?

Rosa's Covid-19 Response Fund (Small Grants) is now open and will provide grants of up to £10,000 for specialist women's organisations across the UK. The purpose of this first stage response fund is to provide quick and straightforward grants with very basic eligibility criteria. We think it's vitally important that this is an open call for women's organisations to apply for what they identify as a short-term funding need. They are particularly interested in applications which:

- ▶ address the critical needs of women and girls that miss out the most, including: marginalised populations, BME women, LGBTQ+ women and girls, women and girls with disabilities, older women, homeless women, survivors of gender violence, women in prison and ex-offenders, and other underserved and disadvantaged groups of women
- ▶ operate in less economically resilient towns, cities and rural areas within the UK.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application

### Deadlines

Currently a rolling programme no deadline

## 4 Wider Funding and Support Opportunities

### The Healthy Communities Together Programme

#### What is the funding for?

This programme offers up to £3 million of grant funding (over three years) to empower voluntary and community sector organisations to work together with the local health and care sector to boost the health and wellbeing of their communities.

The programme aims to support local areas to develop effective and sustainable partnerships between the voluntary and community sector, the NHS and Local Authorities to improve health and wellbeing, reduce health inequalities and empower communities.

As well as providing grant funding, the programme will support the development of relationships between partners, identifying and agreeing how best to work together, to ensure the involvement of organisations working across communities, and create a plan of activities.

#### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to check programme application call out

### Nuffield Foundation - Strategic Fund and Seed Corn funding

#### What is the funding for?

The Fund encourages applications from universities, research institutes, think tanks and voluntary organisations. Priorities are for multidisciplinary projects with the potential for lasting and significant impact. The Foundation encourages applications relating to a number of broad themes. These themes include the impact of digital technologies and the fourth industrial revolution, the future of education in a digitally-driven society, and interventions that might promote opportunity and reduce adversity at different life stages and between generations. Listed themes are not exhaustive, and applications on other themes that align with the Foundation's mission to advance social well-being are welcome.

The Fund aims to give opportunities to a new generation of the best research talent, to encourage innovative methods and involvement with people outside academic research in policy, frontline service delivery, and the voluntary sector.

Applications opened on 1 October 2019 and funding will be phased over two years, with applications accepted at any point during that time.

#### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

#### Deadline

29 June 2020.

### Nesta - Arts & Culture Impact Fund

#### What is the funding for?

The Arts & Culture Impact Fund is a new £20 million impact investment fund for the UK's arts, culture and heritage social enterprises. The fund offers loans between £150,000 and £1 million repayable over a period of up to ten years. The Fund sets out to achieve several objectives for the arts, cultural and heritage sectors:

- ▶ provide organisations with appropriate and bespoke repayable finance
- ▶ develop the financial resilience of borrowers
- ▶ support organisations to better monitor, evaluate and communicate their social impact
- ▶ attract additional investment into the sector to help organisations thrive
- ▶ promote the wider positive impact the arts, culture and heritage have on society and support more organisations to benefit individuals and communities through their work.

#### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

#### Deadline

Investment window of 2020 to 2023.

### The Baring Foundation - Strengthening Civil Society Programme

#### What is the funding for?

The programme aims to boost engagement and to support organisations within broader civil society to embrace law and human rights based approaches as effective tools for achieving change for individuals and communities. It also aims to build sustainable collaborations, partnerships and networks that leverage existing expertise within the sector to ensure the use of these approaches is as effective as possible.

#### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

#### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## Aviva Community Fund

### What is the funding for?

This is a fund for small charities with forward-thinking ideas. Every three months, £250,000 will be shared equally among Aviva's UK employees to donate to the projects that matter to them most. Each charity can apply for funding of up to a maximum of £50,000 and Aviva employees will decide how the funding is distributed. Aviva wants to support forward-thinking causes that are helping push communities forward, so your submitted project must:

- ▶ fall within one of their two key funding areas:  
Financial capability and inclusion: giving people the tools to become more financially independent.  
Community resilience: tackling inequality and improving environments to build more connected, more resilient communities
- ▶ be raising funds to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group within the UK
- ▶ if submitted in connection with a religious organisation, have an outcome that is accessible to persons of any religious beliefs.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to find out more and look out for the next call out for applications most likely in 2021 and the current deadline has passed, although campaigns are live.

## Paul Hamlyn Foundation- Youth Fund

### What is the funding for?

The Youth Fund supports organisations whose main purpose is to help young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood. Support is concentrated on those experiencing the most challenging circumstances: young people who are socially excluded or marginalised, whose experiences are often hidden or less well known, and whose voices are often erased or ignored. Organisations must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ work in the UK
- ▶ work at either local, regional or national levels, or at more than one level
- ▶ support young people aged 14-25
- ▶ be a not-for-profit
- ▶ provide direct services or second-tier support
- ▶ income between £25,000 to £5 million.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## The Yapp Charitable Trust

### What is the funding for?

The Trust offers grants to registered charities with a total annual expenditure of less than £40,000 who are undertaking work with:

- ▶ elderly people
- ▶ children and young people aged 5 - 25
- ▶ people with physical impairments, learning difficulties or mental health challenges
- ▶ social welfare - people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin (such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, offending)
- ▶ education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children).

They can only offer grants to registered charities that have been formally established for a minimum of 3 years. Newly registered charities may apply but the organisation must have appointed a management committee and adopted a governing document at least 3 years ago.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

Trustees meet 3 times per year to consider applications and a decision time can take up to 5 months from the date of submission.

## The Fore

### What is the funding for?

The Fore enables UK-based small charities and social enterprises to unlock sustainability, efficiency, scale and impact. The Fore's grants programme is designed to be 'charity-led', from the moment of application onward. Charities, CIOs, CICs, and CBSs can request up to £30,000 (spread over 1-3 years) for whatever they need most to transform their organisation. Applicants can work in any location or sector, and grantees are free to set their own KPIs.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

The Fore runs three twelve-week funding rounds each year in line with the academic calendar - Spring, Summer and Autumn. Registration is run on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed, so please register early.

## Open Wing Trust

### What is the funding for?

The purpose of Open Wing Trust is to enable the enablers. The Trust offers financial and other support to individuals who are in a process of inner change and who are changing the focus of their work towards working with others in need.

The Trust expects to fund up to three small one-off grants a year, with an individual maximum of £2,000 (total available each year is £4,000). Applications are invited from individuals over 18 living in England and Wales. No grants will be given to organisations or for project costs. Applications made on behalf of others will not be accepted, except when there is an obvious reason.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit an application.

### Deadline

Next deadline TBC.

## Crowdfunder – Back Her Business

### What is the funding for?

This is a funding and support initiative to support more women into business and social enterprises are eligible. NatWest, Royal Bank and Ulster Bank have joined forces to offer up to 50% of matchfunding of up to £5,000.00 towards successful crowdfunds which meet certain criteria.

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to submit your idea in no more than 100 words.

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

Other matchfund initiatives exist on [Crowdfunder](#) and anyone can crowdfund through this site.

## Coop Foundation - Community spaces are everybody's business

### What is the funding for?

The coop foundation is offering interest-free loans for enterprising ideas to improve community spaces.

- ▶ interest-free loans of up to £50,000 towards viable business ideas that will benefit the whole community - particularly those facing greater challenges
- ▶ no repayments for the first year, while your trading activities are developing.

If you are based in a more deprived area, or your work mainly benefits more disadvantaged members of the community, we might also be able to offer some grant funding alongside a loan.

### How to apply

If you think that this funding could help your community organisation to become more sustainable, you can fill out an expression of interest [here](#). If you have any questions about this funding, you can get in touch with us at [foundation@coop.co.uk](mailto:foundation@coop.co.uk).

### Deadline

No deadline currently.

## Nesta - Cultural Impact and Development Fund

### What is the funding for?

This £3.7 million fund provides small-scale repayable finance to socially-driven arts and cultural organisations. The Fund is supported by Access - The Foundation for Social Investment through the Growth Fund programme, with finance being provided by its partners Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital.

### The aims of the fund are to:

- ▶ enable risk-taking, ambitious organisations in the arts and cultural sector to take on small-scale repayable finance in order to achieve social outcomes
- ▶ increase the capability of arts and cultural organisations to articulate, achieve, monitor and evaluate their intended social impact.

The Fund offers unsecured loans (and revenue participation agreements, where appropriate) between £25,000 and £150,000 with repayment terms of one to five years and interest rates ranging between 5.5% and 8.5%.

### How to apply

For the criteria of the fund and details of the application process visit their [website](#).

### Deadline

The Investment window is between September 2018 and August 2021.

## Blue Spark Foundation Grants

### What is the funding for?

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions. This list is illustrative and not exclusive as to the types of project that the Foundation support.

### How to apply

Applications with an application form [online](#).

### Deadline

There is no deadline currently.

## Social Investment Group - First Steps Enterprise Fund

### What is the funding for?

First Steps Enterprise Fund (FSEF) is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations managed by Social Investment Group on behalf of the ASDA Foundation. Funding packages of up to £30,000\* are available (90% loan and 10% grant). The loan element is charged at 5% (fixed) to be repaid over a period of 4 years with an optional capital holiday for the first year.

Community organisations (charities and social enterprises) based in England that are looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable.

Particular preference is given to organisations that work in the following areas:

- ▶ older people
- ▶ health and wellbeing
- ▶ employment for young people.

### How to apply

Details for how to apply can be found on their [website](#).

### Deadline

Applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis.

## National Survivor User Network

### What is the funding for?

The Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund (CMHRF) is administering a range of small and large grants with support from a £5m from the Department of Health Social Care support. The fund is aimed at tackling inequalities, mental health and trauma support needs with a focus on peer support and community/ user led approaches.

### How to apply

Details of how to apply can be found on their [website](#).

### Deadline

Applications are currently being accepted on a rolling basis.

## Resourcing Social Justice

### What is the funding for?

The Resourcing Racial Justice fund is a coalition of people of colour (POC) innovators, change makers, activists, artists and social leaders dedicated to social change. Together, we have established a new UK wide-funding pool to support individuals and communities working towards racial justice. They have a range of grant opportunities available for individuals and organisations.

### How to apply

Details of how to apply can be found on their [website](#).

### Deadline

The first round of Applications opened on 18 May 2020 and will close on 15th June 2020 (see their website for future funding rounds).

## People's Postcode Lottery

### What is the funding for?

People's Postcode Trust provides project based funding in Great Britain under the themes 'Promoting human rights, Combatting discrimination and Preventing poverty. Grants from £500 - £20,000 are available.

### How to apply

Next funding round opens in August 2020 see their [website](#) for details.

## Tudor Trust

### What is the funding for?

Tudor Trust makes grants to smaller community-led groups that support people at the margins of society. They have a strong focus on supporting innovative social welfare initiatives. There is no maximum or minimum grant although it is unusual for them to make grants of less than £10,000.00.

### How to apply

Details of how to apply can be found on their [website](#).

### Deadlines

Grants are awarded on a rolling basis.

## The Tree Council Branching Out Fund

### What is this fund for?

To help community groups and schools undertake well planned planting projects this winter to improve the environment, wellbeing and sense of community. These will preferably take place during [National Tree Week](#) 28th November - 6th December although can run November 2020 - March 2021. The fund has an support limit of £1500.00

### How to apply

Visit [this page](#) to apply

### Deadline

This is a rolling programme applications will be considered as they are received, and all projects must be completed and payments claimed by 31 March 2021.

## 5 Additional Resource Hubs for specific needs

### **Business Growth Hub - Covid Support Hub**

The Business Growth Hub supports businesses across Manchester and the wider Northwest that have the potential, ambition and commitment to grow. It has created a focused hub, additional support and tools and resources to support people through COVID and beyond.

Read more [here](#).

### **Good Finance - COVID-19 Resource Hub for Charities & Social Enterprises**

This page contains information, resources and tools designed to support charities and social enterprises navigating COVID-19.

The support can be accessed [here](#).

### **Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy - Fundraising at times of crisis**

Fundraisers are being forced to adapt at an unprecedented rate, so Arts Fundraising & Philanthropy have dedicated a special issue of Now, New and Next to some of the key problems that they know arts fundraisers are facing, and ways to help.

Read more [here](#).

### **Power to Change**

This page gives an update on the currently suspended usual programmes and outlines how Power to Change have joined forces with Locality, Cooperatives UK and The Plunkett Foundation to put together a £12 million joint package of support to address challenges for community businesses who are responding to the pandemic. Collectively they are offering grants of up to £25,000.00 with tailored support.

Read more [here](#).

### **Community Business Mutual Aid Hub**

Sponsored by Power to Change, Practical Governance have facilitated a range of mutual aid and support conversations between community businesses and wider supporters. This online hub shares a range of resources and case studies.

Read more [here](#).

### **Information Commissioners' Office (ICO) - Working from home for organisations**

Working from home can bring freedom and flexibility – but it can also come with its own challenges. If you're transitioning to home or remote working, the ICO has developed some guidance to help you remain compliant with data protection laws.

The guidance can be accessed [here](#).

### **BME Community Business Toolkit**

Launched in 2018 this toolkit created by Power to Change, Locality and The Ubele Initiative proves useful, context, tools and resources to support and promote Community Businesses led by the BME community.

Access the toolkit [here](#).

### **Plunkett Foundation Hub**

Covering a range of priorities this hub includes support for community businesses, rural community businesses, charities and social enterprises plus information and resources on the 'More than a Pub' campaign supporting community led and owned pubs regenerating communities

Access the hub and toolkits [here](#).

## 6 Attracting Media Attention

Getting Good PR and Media attention during the pandemic can raise your profile as a leader and entrepreneurs as well as help promote campaigns, fundraising and drive sales or strategic attention to your organisation

The following agencies are recognised for their knowledge and commitment to the social enterprise sector

**Yellow Jigsaw** - A Social Enterprise Media, PR and Communications Agency they specialise in delivering media relations, media training and events management to organisations that are passionate about making a difference.

**MIC Media** - MIC is a social enterprise that amplifies underrepresented voices through podcasts and audio.

MIC reckons everyone should have the opportunity to get involved with podcasts and make awesome audio. From working with charities to DIY podcasters, MIC believe that podcasts are an incredibly powerful tool to share your message, values and success stories to a global audience of thousands. To achieve all this audio goodness, MIC delivers podcast production services, podcast training and events for podcasters.

**High Rise Communications** - Provides strategic communication support to social movements, charities, social enterprises, private businesses and arts organisation to create happier and healthier communities.

**The Media Trust** - as a charity, works in partnership with the media and creative industry to give marginalised groups and young people a stronger voice. Whilst their main programmes and support under lockdown they have a useful resources on their [website](#).

**On Road** - How to support people with first-hand experience to do great media interviews

With this guide, On Road have drawn on over 10 years of expertise in bringing people with personal experience of social issues together with journalists to collaborate on fresh, more nuanced content, in safe and strategic ways.

The guide can be accessed [here](#).

**Lloyds Bank Foundation** - Communications, press and influencing support

The Lloyds Bank Foundation have created some resources and webinars which are free to access.

These can be accessed [here](#).



OPEN KITCHEN MCR

## PANDEMIC PIONEERS

**Open Kitchen MCR** co-founded by Corin Bell is best known as Manchester's waste food catering social enterprise; stamping out food waste, creating super low carbon catering for corporate and private customers, and supporting vulnerable people with access to good food. During COVID-19 they have adapted their business and worked in partnership to support vulnerable people across Manchester with good home-cooked meals to make sure no one goes hungry. We're working with Manchester City Council and a broad range of chefs to get nutritious meals out to people who are street homeless, people who are elderly, families in poverty, and many more. Through food donations including over a million excess aeroplane meals and collaborating with local councils and fundraising, they are currently sending out over 12,000 meals a week!

## 7 Support Agencies & Networks

### Support Locally

Whilst local support for Social Enterprise, Innovation and Leadership is patchy, below are routes to support across individual boroughs of Greater Manchester

#### Manchester

[MACC and Funding Central portal](#)

[Manchester BME Network](#)

[Manchester Social Entrepreneurs Network](#)

[Manchester Library Business and IP centre](#)

[Manchester Library Ask About Business](#)

[Manchester City Council Live Chat Business Advice](#)

#### Wigan

[Wigan Borough Community Partnership](#)

[Borough wide community network](#)

[Wigan Deal Community Investment Fund](#)

[Abram Ward Community Co-operative](#) offers support and networking opportunities contact: [d.baxter@abramwardcooperative.org](mailto:d.baxter@abramwardcooperative.org)

#### Stockport

[Stockport Local Fund](#)

The Stockport Local Fund is a new £1m fund to support great ideas that make a difference in our communities.

[Sector3](#) is a network for Social Enterprises in Stockport

[The Goodness Collective](#) brings together people and partnerships across the public, private and VCSE sectors to create social good and sustainability, contact Simone Callaghan

[eventbrite.com](#)

[Enterprise Stuff](#) provides accessible support for SMEs with a focus on social enterprises

#### Bury

[Bury Voluntary Community and Faith Alliance](#)

#### Rochdale

[Rochdale Social Enterprise Forum](#)

Rochdale CVS services are being developed and

delivered through Action Together

Additional information compiled on support in Rochdale can be found [here](#)

#### Bolton

[Bolton Council for Voluntary Services](#)

[Bolton Good Business Network run by Boo Coaching and Consulting](#)

#### Salford

[Salford Council for Voluntary Services](#)

[Salford Social Enterprise City](#)

[Salford AdVentures](#)

[The Business Group Salford and host of Social Enterprise City events](#)

#### Oldham

[Action Together Oldham](#)

#### Tameside

[Action Together Tameside](#)

[Tameside Council Social Enterprise Support](#)

#### Trafford

[Thrive](#)

[Voluntary and Community Action Trafford / Shared Space](#)

Additionally there are a group of localities in Greater Manchester who have been highlighted by the Big Local Trust as being areas of need for investment - historically falling between the cracks of mainstream funding opportunities, where intensive support and investment will make a significant difference.

**Big Local areas** - Big Local is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and managed by Local Trust. Nationally they work with a range of partners to deliver Big Local, building on the skills and experiences of others to provide expert advice and support for residents.

**Big Local outcomes**

- ▶ communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them
- ▶ people will have increased skills and confidence, so that they

continue to identify and respond to needs in the future

- ▶ the community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises
- ▶ people will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

For more info

**Big Local**

The Big Local Areas in GM who each are half way through a 10 year programme of support, regeneration and investment are:

Stockport - Brinnington

Oldham - Clarkesfield, Greenacres & Littlemoor

Manchester - Collyhurst

Rochdale - Kirkholt

Wigan - Leigh West

Salford - Little Hulton

Tameside - Ridge Hill

Trafford - Sale West

Bolton - Tonge with the Haulgh

### Support Covering all of Greater Manchester

Whilst many areas have support in their locality or boroughs, sometimes regional agencies which cross boundaries and offer support to a wider audience can be useful for building strategic connections, new customers or understanding wider regional strategy to position your organisation accordingly.

[Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary Organisations](#)

[Greater Manchester Social Enterprise Network \(GMSEN\)](#)

[Greater Manchester Alliance](#)

[10 GM](#)

[Greater Manchester BME Network](#)

[Forever Manchester](#)

[People Plus](#)

[Business Growth Hub](#)

[Flourish Together CIC](#)

### Support Regionally

Across the North West there are a range of agencies supporting Social Enterprise in each of the counties. Some manage funds, some broker support and training. It is worth remembering that if your work impacts beneficiaries and communities in these areas you may be eligible for their support.

#### Cheshire

[Cheshire and Warrington Social Enterprise Partnership \(CWSEP\)](#)

[East Cheshire CVS](#)

[Cheshire West CVS - Chester Voluntary Action](#)

#### Cumbria

[CSEP](#)

[Action with Communities in Cumbria](#)

[Cumbria CVS](#)

#### Lancashire

[SELNET](#)

[Lancashire Community Foundation](#)

#### Merseyside

[Merseyside Community Foundation](#)

### Other Regional Networks

[Voluntary Sector North West](#)

[The RSA North West](#)

[The Indus Entrepreneurs \(TiE NORTH\)](#)

[The School For Social Entrepreneurs North West](#)

## 8 Culturally Supportive BME Led Organisations & Consultants

The enterprise support and training organisations listed below have people from BME backgrounds on their director and senior leadership teams:

[Greater Manchester BME Network](#)

[Lancashire BME Network](#)

[Flourish Together CIC](#)

[Amazin Business Solutions](#)

[Result CIC](#)

[Upturn Enterprises](#)

[Eric Mcbean](#)

[Marilyn Comrie OBE](#)

[Sharon Amesu](#)

[The Dacocodia Trust](#)

[Cariocca Enterprises](#)

[British Muslim Heritage Centre](#)

[Women With Wings](#)

[WAI YIN](#)

[The Indus Entrepreneurs \(TiE North\)](#)

[SSE North West](#)

[Nesta - Crowdfunding in a crisis](#)

## 9 National Support Agencies & Networks (in some cases Funders)

**Olmecc** is a BME led Social Enterprise which champions race equality through economic and social justice.

**The Ubele** Initiative is a social enterprise with a mission to contribute to the sustainability of the African Diaspora community. Through social leadership development, community enterprise and social action, they incubate projects across the UK.

**Voice 4 Change** is the national membership organisation championing the voice of the BME voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, seeking to make a long term positive difference to the BME and other disadvantaged communities.

**Ogunte** is a global network of women creating social impact through social enterprise

**Resourcing Racial Justice** is a coalition of people of colour (POC) innovators, change makers, activists, artists and social leaders dedicated to social change.

[Social Enterprise UK](#)

[Social Enterprise Mark](#)

[Business In The Community](#)

[UnLtd - The Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs](#)

[School for Social Entrepreneurs \(SSE\)](#)

[Cooperatives UK](#)

[The National Lottery Community Fund/](#)

[Heritage Lottery Fund](#)

[Children in Need](#)

[Comic Relief](#)

[Sport England Community Asset Fund](#)

[Lloyds Bank Foundation](#)

[Locality](#)

[People's Postcode Lottery](#)

[Power to Change](#)

[Plunkett Foundation](#)

[Tudor Trust](#)

[Rosa](#)

[Langkelly Chase](#)

[Paul Hamlyn](#)

## 10 Social Investment Agencies

[Resonance](#)

[GMCVO](#)

[Big Issue Invest](#)

[Big Society Capital](#)

[Social Investment Business](#)

[Social Business Trust](#)

[First Ark](#)

[Good Finance](#)

[The Key Fund](#)

## 11 Existing Toolkits for Social Entrepreneurs, Social Enterprises & Community Enterprises

[Clearly SO](#) - Ambitious Guide for Social Entrepreneurs

[Purposely](#) - governance development tool for profit for purpose ventures

[Co-operatives UK](#) - The Hive online toolkit and hub

[UnLtd online toolkit and hub](#)

[School for Social Entrepreneurs \(SSE\)](#) - online information area and resources hub

[The British Council](#) - resources for aspiring Social Entrepreneurs

[Power to Change](#) - resources to develop a Community Business

[Plunkett Foundation](#) - resources to develop a Community Business

[Locality](#) - practical resources helping community organisations get ahead

[COBRA](#) - Complete Business Reference Advisor can be accessed with a current Library card online

[CLES](#) - Community Wealth Builder's Toolkit



JUST PSYCHOLOGY CIC

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**Just Psychology CIC** based in Manchester and working across surrounding areas, operates as a social enterprise and as a team of psychologists, therapists and social workers, who combine BME expertise with evidence-based interventions, tailoring clinical, legal and community services to an individual's or family's cultural context in order to produce preventative interventions and effective, long lasting outcomes. They provide a range of services that work in partnership with legal and statutory partners - from expert witness assessments, family group conferences and therapy to cultural consultancy. Through carefully building their track record and impact over recent years, they have been able to secure social investment and 4 years core funding from The National Lottery which has helped ensure their sustainability in spite of the pandemic.

## 12 Other Local Support Options, Networks & Awards

### Greater Manchester Housing Associations & Foundations

Most housing associations have support for community development, regeneration activities or those which will support the development of opportunities for tenants and residents. Some also have community grants, enterprise and social enterprise grants/ investment. It is worth remembering that if your work impacts beneficiaries and communities of the tenants and residents of these organisations you may be eligible for their support. Below we highlight those across Greater Manchester.

[Greater Manchester Housing](#)

[Northwards Housing](#)

[One Manchester](#)

[Jigsaw](#)

[Onwards Homes](#)

[Southway Housing Trust](#)

[Bolton At Home](#)

[Equity Housing Group](#)

[ForViva](#)

[Wythenshawe Community Housing Group](#)

[Irwell Valley Homes](#)

[Salix Homes](#)

[Rochdale Boroughwide Housing](#)

[Stockport Homes](#)

[Trafford Housing Trust](#)

[Great Places Housing Group](#)

[New Charter](#)

[Clarion Housing Group](#)

## 13 Thematic & Sectoral Support

Greater Manchester has a rich tapestry of groups and organisations supporting social entrepreneurs, community activists and social innovators and leader. Below we list some of the thematic support of potential interest to the BAME audience

### Women's social enterprise, innovation and leadership support

[Flourish Together](#)

[Women With Wings](#)

[Inspire Women Oldham](#)

[DivaManc](#)

[Saheli](#)

There are many others in addition

### Food, Environment & Sustainability

[Green Growth](#)

[Steady State Manchester](#)

[Manchester Environmental Resource Centre Initiative](#)

[Food Sync](#)

[The Kindling Trust](#)

[The Alchemic Kitchen](#)

### Creative and Digital Sector

[The Blair Project](#)

[The Sharp Project](#)

[The Federation](#)

[ANTZ Junction](#)

[Reason Digital](#)

There are many others in addition

### Health and Wellbeing

[Trustech - Health Social Enterprise Department](#)

[Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership](#)

[Capacity Lab](#)

[Unlimited Potential](#)

[My Support Broker](#)

### Arts and Cultural development

[Community Arts NW](#)

[Alchemy Arts](#)

[Anna Lindh \(UK HQ in Manchester at In Place of War\)](#)

[Future Everything](#)

[Lingua Franca World Music Agency](#)

[North West Contemporary Visual Arts Network](#)

[Performing Arts Network Development Agency](#)

There are many others in addition

[Pro- Manchester have a range of cross sector groups](#)

### Leadership Programmes

▶ [Common Purpose](#) national agency with a strong track record of running leadership support programmes bringing together public, private and VCSE sectors to achieve positive social change and learn constructive ways to work together.  
Email [Zoya.stott@commonpurpose.org.uk](mailto:Zoya.stott@commonpurpose.org.uk)

▶ [Leaders in GM](#) - Regional public sector led leadership programme open to VCSE leaders.

▶ [CLORE Leadership](#) - national agency building the capacity of leaders involved in social justice.

▶ [Sheila Mckeknie Foundation](#) - a national agency developing leadership skills for campaigners, activist and change makers

▶ [Winston Churchill Memorial Trust](#) - empowers individuals and social leaders to travel overseas and develop learning which will transform lives across the UK.

▶ [Salford Business School](#) - Many universities are offering MBAs suitable for social enterprise managers and leaders including Salford University MBA programme is developing a social leadership focussed MBA which can be up to 95% subsidised by the Apprenticeship Levy.

▶ Cambridge Social Venture Weekend - a highly subsidised, intensive weekend programme run by the [Judge Business School](#), Cambridge University.

▶ [BA Hons Innovation and Skills for Social Change](#) - one of a handful of Social Enterprise and Innovation degrees nationally, however this has been co-designed and is delivered in partnership with social enterprises and social enterprise specialists, seeking to bring about systems change.

▶ [Acumen Fellowship programme](#) - the Programme brings together 20 extraordinary individuals each year who are tackling our most pressing social issues - and equips them with the knowledge, skills and community to accelerate and sustain their impact. Fellows come from all walks of life and are embedded within a broad range of disciplines; they are championing neglected causes, catalysing social entrepreneurship, pioneering inclusive business, reimagining public policy and building bold movements.

## 14 Awards

Below a range of local, national and thematic awards are listed. Applying or being nominated for awards can work wonders for your recognition, raising your profile and building connections. They can also help demonstrate your impact and bring wider endorsement.

**SEUK**

**SE 100**

**WISE 100**

**Inspiring Women Changemakers**

**Inspire Women Awards**

**Inclusive Companies Awards**

**Precious Awards**

**BIBAS**

**Enterprise Vision Awards**

**Spirit of Manchester**

**Pride of Salford**

**Northern Power Women**

**North West Charity Awards**

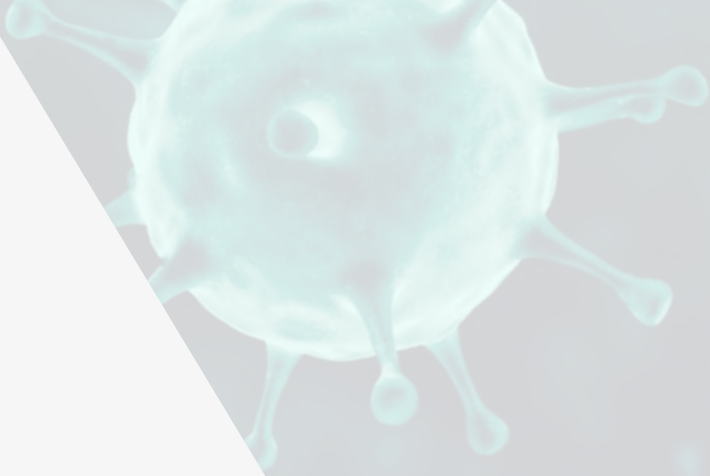
**Institute of Directors NW and Isle of Man Awards**



OLD ABBEY TAPHOUSE

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**Old Abbey Taphouse** founded by Rachele Evaroa and Dr Craig Thomas based in Hulme, Manchester is a community pub led by Steam Hubs CIC in spite of the doors having to initially close under 'Lock down' the team quickly adapted their model to scale up their food and drink delivery services and collaborated with a number of other community support and mutual aid groups to create a new meals on wheels service 'TV Dinners' to local vulnerable people. They have also developed a community radio station and have started live streaming gigs and events. They have been able to secure social investment, have utilised the Government furlough scheme for a couple of their staff and have also used crowdfunding to bring in resources to create pay it forward income whilst collaboratively support the campaign to protect independent venue.



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