

# Funding opportunities for sports, leisure and community groups



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Listed in this document are some of the many local and national funding schemes that have been launched since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to help your operation, as well as other areas that offer support and information on funding opportunities.

We recognise that as COVID-19 continues, that further funding opportunities may be made available – so we recommend that you keep an eye out.

*(The below information is accurate on writing on 30.04.20)*



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# Local funding opportunities in MK

## Milton Keynes Emergency Appeal Fund

### **Purpose:**

The MK Emergency fund has been launched to provide grants of up to £2,000 to Charities, Community groups and other not for profit organisations operating in the Milton Keynes area, that have either been affected by COVID 19 or that are supporting people directly affected by the virus. Support is available for: activities that help vulnerable people; community response coordination, volunteer costs, foodbanks and organisations working to combat child hunger and poverty; core costs for organisations providing support to vulnerable groups; domestic abuse organisations during self-isolation periods.

**Visit:** <https://www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk/mk-emergency-appeal-criteria>

## **2. Business Support**

### **Purpose:**

Support for businesses re: business rates and grants, and to check your eligibility.

**Visit:** <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/.../coronavirus-support-and-information>

## **3. Leap Information and support on funding**

### **Purpose:**

Leap (Bucks and MK Active Partnership) have created information on their website to offer support and information for clubs during the Covid-19 pandemic, including funding grant information, including the National Lottery, Crowdfunder UK, and Charities Aid Foundation.

**Visit:** <https://www.leapwithus.org.uk/funding-and-grants-for-deliverers-and-clubs-in-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

# National funding opportunities

## 1. UK Government, Emergency Support package for charities

### **Purpose:**

The Government has announced a £750 million emergency support package for charities across the UK to ensure they can continue their work during the coronavirus outbreak. The funding package consists of £360 million direct from government departments to charities such as hospices and victim support charities that are providing vital services and helping vulnerable people through the current crisis; and £370 million for smaller charities, including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund. The National Lottery Community Fund is currently discussing with Government on how best to distribute the funding. The Government also announced the Government will match fund whatever the public decides to donate to the BBC's Big Night In charity appeal on 23 April, starting with a contribution of at least £20 million to the National Emergencies Trust appeal.

**Charities:** [www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities)

**Business:** [www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding)

## 2. Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Coronavirus Emergency Fund:

### **Purpose:**

CAF has launched a rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. Smaller charities, not for profit organisations, social enterprises and unregistered community groups can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help them to continue to deliver much needed support to within their communities. The funding is available to help with core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. CAF will aim for grants to be paid to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

**More:** [www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund](http://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund)

### **3. Sport England, Community Emergency Fund**

#### **Purpose:**

This new fund aims to help community sport and physical activity organisations who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing coronavirus crisis. Awards will be between £300 and £10,000. In exceptional circumstances Sport England will consider awards of more than £10,000.

#### **Two key funds include:**

- a) Community Emergency Fund - £300 - £10,000 – to support bills, maintenance, facility costs, equipment costs.
- b) Sector Stimulation Fund – grant to support and stimulate the sector while restrictions are being lifted, to help organisations to re-engage and get back to delivery

**More:** [www.sportengland.org/news/195-million-package-help-sport-and-physical-activity-through-coronavirus](http://www.sportengland.org/news/195-million-package-help-sport-and-physical-activity-through-coronavirus)

### **4. Club Matters information and support**

#### **Purpose:**

Club Matters is providing tips, tools and ideas to help keep clubs functioning and staying in contact with their members and customers, including Business Continuity Planning tools, how to operate virtually, business rates information and more.

**More:** <https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/course/view.php?id=71>

**Football:** TBC

**Rugby:** [www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/coronavirus](http://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/coronavirus)

**Cricket:** ECB Emergency Loan Scheme - to support cricket clubs to cover any shortfall in essential day-to-day running and maintenance costs until normal recreational cricket activity can be resumed.

**More:** [www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/emergency-support-programmes](http://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/emergency-support-programmes)

### **5. The National Lottery Community Fund**

#### **Purpose:**

The fund is devoting up to £300m of National Lottery Funding to addressing the current crisis.

**More:** [www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates)

## 6. Martin Lewis Grants (Currently closed for applications)

### **Purpose:**

Martin Lewis is giving grants of £5k to £20k to small registered UK charities, or local arms of bigger charities. Foodbanks, charities engaged in community aid, financial advice help and more – to help with specific UK coronavirus-related poverty relief projects

More:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd52bTaGvsLvBtBXuvl1TKzKWSY-GMjHrwRv5qAkr58S45teQ/closedform>

## 7. Big Society Capital UK, Emergency Funding

### **Purpose:**

Charities and, social enterprises in disadvantaged areas facing financial hardship and disruption to their trading due to the coronavirus will be able to apply for emergency funding from a £100 million program of loans and investment. The emergency package is made up of a £25 million Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund to provide emergency loans with no fees or interest for the first twelve months; £29 million for smaller, emergency loans to small businesses in more deprived areas; and up to a further £50 million over the coming months for existing and future investments as needed. Applications for the Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund are expected to open in mid-April, with the first loans completed by the start of May. Further details on the program will be available shortly

**More:** <https://bigsocietycapital.com/latest/100-million-response-announced-to-help-social-sector-organisations-through-the-coronavirus-crisis/>

## 8. Place Makers Fund

### **Purpose:**

The Place Makers Fund will award grants to local groups, organisations and charities which share our passion and commitment to changing lives and enhancing communities

**More:** Place Makers Fund – now open to applications

## **9. Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund**

### **Purpose:**

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

**More:** [www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund)

## **10. Neighbourly Covid-19 Community Fund**

### **Purpose:**

Micro grants are available for charities and community groups that are existing members of the “Neighbourly” CSR platform, to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.

**More:** [www.neighbourly.com/NeighbourlyCommunityFund](http://www.neighbourly.com/NeighbourlyCommunityFund)

## **11. Tesco Bags of help – COVID-19 Communities Fund**

### **Purpose:**

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. Organisations that support vulnerable groups will be encouraged to apply for a grant of £500 to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects. Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish and Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and social housing organisations.

**More:** <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/tesco-cv-fund>

## **12. Thames Valley Police funding**

### **Purpose:**

New round of funding for charities supporting communities.

**More:** [www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/police-property-act-fund/](http://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/police-property-act-fund/)

## Additional support for information and funding opportunities

- Grants Online/Coronavirus: Several Community Foundations and other organisations have launched funding programmes to assist local organisations in responding to the challenges of the Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Grants Online Funding Insight 6 April
- COVID-19 Emergency Funding for Charities and Social Sector Organisations
- Coronavirus 100+ Funder List: an ever-increasing list of funding available for charities and individuals
- <https://www.licensedtradecharity.org.uk/coronavirus-advice/>
- [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877758/Expanded Retail Discount Guidance 02.04.20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877758/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance_02.04.20.pdf)
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