

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #6

COVID-19 Funds

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

To help the voluntary sector respond to, and operate within, the COVID-19 pandemic, there are now a number of COVID-19 funds available.

As these funds are announced, we will keep you updated via our COVID-19 briefings, on our [COVID-19 funding section](#), and in our social media posts.

Here are details of three recent additions:

NATIONAL EMERGENCIES TRUST IN BUCKS

Heart of Bucks has launched its [National Emergencies Trust](#) offering grants of up to £5000 to support activities and projects which alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in Buckinghamshire, and support those in our community who are most vulnerable.

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations which work for the benefit of Buckinghamshire residents (excluding Milton Keynes) including town and parish councils. Projects must benefit one or more of these groups:

- People aged over 70, or living in a care setting
- People with a weakened immune system or long-term health condition
- People with a mental health condition
- People who are isolated and with limited support networks
- People who are on a low or insecure income
- Volunteers assisting with the relief efforts in Bucks (including local 'hubs')
- Destitute refugees and asylum seekers staying in Bucks

For full details and to apply, click [here](#).

CAF CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND

CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund is available for grants of up to £10,000 to small charities and social enterprises (up to £1m turnover) affected by the impact of COVID-19.

You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas.

This is intended as a rapid response fund, and CAF will aim to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application. Priority will be given to:

- Charities, and other organisations, whose established charitable activities are at risk of being severely reduced to the detriment of vulnerable groups
- Organisations that are having to deliver core services in fundamentally different or unusual ways in order to respond to the crisis and still reach their beneficiaries
- Organisations that are deeply embedded with communities and have established networks to deliver their charitable activities
- Organisations experiencing current cashflow problems, rather than concerns that future income will be reduced.

For full details and to apply, click [here](#).

NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

The National Lottery Community Fund has announced that all funding decisions for the next six months (up to £300m of National Lottery funding) will be devoted to addressing the current crisis. In addition, the cash part of this funding will be accelerated where possible to ensure money gets to where it is needed quickly.

In order to reach groups which are best placed to support their communities at this time, faster payments will be prioritised for existing grant holders and applicants based on:

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

To read the National Lottery Community Fund's statement in full, click [here](#).

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