

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #32

### Financial management webinar and #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Yesterday we heard the Prime Minister's address announcing the new COVID-19 lockdown rules and saw today's publication of the [OUR PLAN TO REBUILD: The UK Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy](#). Over the next few days we will be looking at the 50 page document in more detail and will provide more insight into the proposed steps and how they could affect VCSE organisations in Buckinghamshire.

In today's briefing we have highlighted a range of available funds – both COVID-19 and non-pandemic related grants. Remember also to check our [COVID-19 Funding page](#) where we collate the latest information about key funds and advice and guidance on funding.

#### WEBINAR ON MANAGING CHARITY FINANCES

Legal advisers Stone King and RSM are running a webinar on managing charity finances during the COVID-19 pandemic on Wednesday 13th May (12-1.15pm). The webinar will cover a range of topics including using reserves, designated funds and restricted funds, from both a charity law and finance perspective. For more details, visit [Stone King](#).

#### FUND FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HS2

The HS2 Community Environment Fund (CEF), which focuses on quality of life and environment in individual communities disrupted by the construction of HS2, is still accepting applications during the COVID-19 crisis.

Grants of up to £75,000 including capital, revenue or mixed revenue and capital expenditure are available for projects led by community or voluntary sector organisations. Applications need to demonstrate the level of disruption from the construction of HS2 on the community which will benefit from the project, with priority given to projects taking place within one kilometre of the HS2 rail line.

Have a look at the [HS2 Community and Business Funds project map](#) to see the projects which have already been awarded under this fund and the business-focused equivalent fund. Projects which have already received grants include:

- Landscape and nature conservation enhancement projects which increase biodiversity (including pop up interventions such as skip gardens)
- Enhancement or replacement of sports and recreational facilities
- Provision of enhanced or new community facilities
- Refurbishment/re-use of historic buildings and monuments.

For more information and to apply, go to [HS2 Community and Environment Fund](#).

#### #FundAlerts

- **Grants for organisations supporting vulnerable children at risk of youth violence:** The Youth Endowment Fund has opened a new £6.5m COVID-19 grant round to help reach and support children who are at risk of being drawn into crime and violence, and to learn the best ways to provide support under social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines. Grants of a minimum of £25,000 are available to charities and social enterprises, for-profit companies and public sector agencies such as councils, schools, health or police forces. With a deadline for applications of 3 June 2020, more details can be found at [Youth Endowment Fund](#).
- **Funding for domestic abuse safe accommodation:** The Government has announced a £10m fund for domestic abuse safe accommodation charities, as part of a £76m package for charities supporting vulnerable people. Applications from consortiums of service provider partners are encouraged. Grants of up to £100,000 are available though higher amounts will be considered for consortium bids or when bids 'demonstrate exceptional value for money'. The closing date is 21st May; for further details, read the [Government's Domestic abuse safe accommodation: COVID-19 emergency support fund](#).
- **Grants for charities in Berkshire and surrounding counties:** The Syder Foundation awards small grants up to £2500 to registered charities working in Berkshire and surrounding counties with a wide variety of charitable purposes. General running costs are unlikely to be funded. For application details, visit [The Syder Foundation](#).
- **Grants for conservation organisations and outdoor charities inspiring exploration post pandemic:** The North Face COVID-19 Explore Fund provides grants of up to €50,000 to registered charities and companies that have worked to foster and inspire exploration prior to the COVID-19 crisis. With particular interest in conservation organisations and outdoor charities, grants will help to enable the organisations to continue their work after the pandemic. Application deadline is 22nd May 2020. For more information, visit [North Face](#).
- **In-kind web hosting grants:** The Gadfly Project, a US-based provider of applications, is offering in-kind web hosting for not-for-profits and businesses experiencing hardships and revenue losses due to the pandemic. Hosting will be provided at no charge for up to six months. Applications to be received by 1st June. For more information, visit [The Gadfly Project](#).

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