

COVID-19 Briefing #55

Mental health advice, survey and #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

14th July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

HAVE WE HELPED YOU?

Since mid-March, Community Impact Bucks has provided information, advice and resources around the COVID-19 pandemic to voluntary organisations in Buckinghamshire, via our website and regular email briefings.

Like any other independent charity, we need to understand our impact to help us to learn and improve, and also to demonstrate our effectiveness to our service-users, funders and others.

Can you take 5 minutes to help us understand what difference this information-sharing has made to your organisation?

[Take our short survey.](#)

MENTAL HEALTH BEREAVEMENT ADVICE

Prepared on behalf of the Buckinghamshire Bereavement Support Group, a new guide has been published for professionals who are giving bereavement support during the pandemic. The [guide](#) signposts to services available during the pandemic, and links to resources and training for professionals.

#FundAlerts

To keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

Here are four new funds with deadlines in July:

- **Grants for projects working with young people:** BBC Children in Need has partnered with Youth Futures Foundation to fund projects which work with young people (10 to 24 years) who are experiencing discrimination or disadvantages that create barriers to employment. Of particular interest are projects which help young people whose journeys towards employment have been disrupted by the COVID-19 crisis. Registered not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £80,000 for projects starting in October 2020. Application deadline is 31st July; for more information, visit [BBC Children in Need](#).
- **Funding for local housing projects:** Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available through the Nationwide Building Society Community Grants programme to fund local housing projects which support the most vulnerable in the community. This could be by preventing people from losing their home, helping people into a home, or supporting people to thrive within the home environment. Application deadline is 31st July; for more information, visit [Nationwide Building Society](#).
- **Grants for social enterprises supporting people/ communities affected by COVID-19:** grants of between £10,000 and £300,000 are available to incorporated organisations which support people at high health risk from COVID-19 and people facing increased social and economic challenges due to COVID-19. Funding can be used for two types of support: funding for activities supporting people and communities affected by COVID-19, and helping organisations overcome financial difficulties caused by the crisis. Organisations with an income of between £25,000 and £1.5 million before the pandemic and which are reliant on trading income to deliver social impact need to apply before 20th July (1pm). For more information, visit [Social Enterprise Support Fund](#).
- **Grants for organisations providing domestic abuse safe accommodation services:** grants of up to £100,000 are available from the Government's COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund for charities providing domestic abuse safe accommodation services. The remaining £1.2 million will be distributed on a 'first come first served' basis until 20th July. For more information, visit [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#).

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