

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #42

### #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Several new funds are highlighted below plus a reminder for applications for The Government's Coronavirus Community Support Fund, administered by The National Lottery Community Fund, and funds managed by Heart of Bucks.

If you have a specific funding issue you would like to discuss or would benefit from talking through your fundraising plans, we are holding our one-to-one Advice Plus sessions on 16th June during Small Charity Week. Go to [Funding and Governance Advice Plus](#) to book your free, one hour appointment or, for advice on all aspects of volunteering, go to [Volunteer Recruitment and Management Advice Plus](#).

#### FUND REMINDERS

- **Call for Bucks charities to apply to the National Lottery Community Fund for Government Funding:** The Government's new Coronavirus Community Support Fund opened for applications on 22nd May, giving organisations the opportunity to apply for funds to **help meet service costs** if they are experiencing increased demand and/or short-term income disruption, and **to refocus services** to meet the needs of those affected by COVID-19. To date, far fewer applications have been received from Buckinghamshire compared to neighbouring counties and we would encourage you to consider this funding opportunity. To apply to the £200m fund, visit the [National Lottery Community Fund](#).
- **Call for Bucks BAME charities and groups:** Heart of Bucks is keen to hear from the local BAME voluntary sector in need of financial support. It has funds generated from its own Bucks Coronavirus Response Appeal, as well as the National Emergencies Trust (NET) Coronavirus Appeal, to support charities in Buckinghamshire which have been affected by the pandemic. For more information on the available grants, visit [Heart of Bucks](#).

#### NEW: GRANTS FOR SMALL LOCAL GROUPS SUPPORTING VULNERABLE DURING PANDEMIC

United Way UK's Local COVID-19 Response Grants support local charities carrying out COVID-19 relief measures for the benefit of vulnerable communities. Unity Way UK would like to hear from charities or CICs which have an average annual income of £300,000 or less, and are working in one of the following areas: **education, financial stability, food insecurity, disability, mental health or domestic violence**. Application deadline is 5 June 2020; for more information, visit [United Way UK](#).

#### NEW: GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES INCLUDING CHARITY PROPERTIES

A new grant which will provide up to £10,000 for small businesses that were not eligible for earlier government grants is launching this week (w/c 1st June). The Local Authority Small Business Discretionary Grant **also prioritises charity properties which are in receipt of charitable business rates relief** and would otherwise have been eligible for Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rate Relief.

The grants will help with ongoing fixed building-related costs such as rent, utilities and broadband. To check eligibility and application details, visit [Bucks Business First](#).

#### NEW: CORE COSTS FUNDING TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK

In July The 7 Stars Foundation will be launching an unrestricted grant funding programme of up to £2500 for small charities which look after **young people at risk across the themes of abuse, addiction, homelessness and those who are supporting young child carers**. The Charity Support Fund can cover overheads, salary costs and provide other support to ensure a sustainable service in the future. If you have a turnover of under £1.5m, find out how to apply by visiting [The 7 Stars Foundation](#).

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