

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #45

### Organisational resilience and Funding opportunities

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how important it is that an organisation is able to anticipate, prepare for, respond and adapt to any major changes to ensure its survival. For help on running your organisation during the pandemic, visit our [online COVID-19 advice for groups](#) and find out more about two new resilience resources detailed below.

#### ORGANISATIONAL RESILIENCE: AVAILABLE SUPPORT AND ADVICE

You can find a wide range of resources on our [COVID-19 support for groups webpages](#) to help you run your organisation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We can also give you one-to-one support – just [email](#) us to start the conversation.

In addition to the online support, here are details of two further resources to help your organisation become more resilient:

- If you would like to find out more about organisational resilience, with particular reference to the impact of COVID-19, Beth Clarke, CAF's Resilience Programme Manager, will be leading a webinar during Small Charity Week on Wednesday 17th June (2-3pm). For more information, go to [Building organisational resilience: Things for small charities to consider](#).
- A new guide to help rural communities become more resilient in the face of emergencies has been published by Communities Prepared (a Groundwork South programme) and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). [A Guide to Rural Community Resilience](#) draws on the experience of initiatives supported by ACRE Network members, providing practical tips for rural residents to prepare for, and help each other, at times of crisis. It shows how volunteer groups can be set up to develop emergency plans that identify local risks, and maps out the resources and support which can be mobilised should situations arise that threaten the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in the local area.

#### FUNDING ADVICE AND #FundAlerts

If you would you like advice on a particular funding issue or your general funding strategy, book on one of our [Funding and Governance Advice Plus sessions](#) being held on Tuesday 16th June. The one-to-one appointments are free and last an hour via telephone or MS Teams. (See also [Volunteer Recruitment and Management Advice Plus sessions](#) being held on the same day.)

Also, if you missed the NCVO/CFG webinar on financial management and accessing government funding held last month, watch the [webinar recording](#) which features the National Lottery Community Fund talking about the [Coronavirus Community Support Fund](#) - who it is for and what is expected from organisations in their application.

Here is a selection of new funding opportunities:

- **Grants to support work helping older people:** The Independent Age Grants Fund is offering grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 for up to six months to charities which are helping older people during the pandemic and have a turnover of under £1 million. If you are making a real difference to older people living in complex and challenging situations, or older people who are isolated during the coronavirus crisis, find out more by visiting [Independent Age](#).
- **Grants to cover core costs and essential equipment:** small charities can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to cover core costs or essential equipment through the Foyle Foundation Small Grants scheme. The grants are open to charities which have a turnover of under £150,000 and deliver services either directly or through online support to the following: young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community. For more details and to apply, visit [Foyle Foundation Small Grants](#).
- **Grants to groups helping vulnerable people:** British Muslim COVID-19 Fund Grants of £250 to £5,000 are available to charities and groups that protect and assist vulnerable people during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, go to [British Muslim COVID-19 Fund](#).
- **Grants for organisations that provide child holiday activities:** the Asda Foundation Healthy Holiday Grant of £500 is designed to support groups that typically would be holding summer holiday activities to ensure children are provided with a hot meal. To find out more, go to the [Asda Foundation](#).
- **Grants for charities helping women:** grants of up to £10,000 are available from Rosa's COVID-19 Response Fund (Small Grants) for charitable women's organisations which need short term funding due to the COVID-19 crisis. To check eligibility and how to apply, visit [Rosa](#).

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