

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #69

Test & Trace information for charities and #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The government has issued new requirements on Test and Trace which have implications for charities and voluntary groups – find out what you need to do below. Several new funding opportunities are also highlighted, including funding from the Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON TEST AND TRACE

On 22nd September 2020 the government announced mandatory requirements for [Test and Trace](#) which came into effect on 24th September. These have wide ranging implications; have a look below to check the requirements for your organisation:

- **For groups and charities:** if you hire a space to run support groups and community activities, there is a mandated requirement to register for an NHS QR code which must be available at each session for participants to record their details. Participation by the public is voluntary but it is a legal requirement to display these posters.

If you run activities from your own space, you will need to check guidance to see if you are required to register for an NHS QR code. However, we would recommend that you register for an NHS QR code regardless of whether you are required to do so.

- For village halls and community buildings: from 24th September the [Regulations for the Collection of Contact Details](#) require every hirer or organisation using a village hall or community building to comply with the obligation to register for an NHS QR code, display the official NHS QR poster and keep records for Test and Trace. Community halls also need to ensure hirers comply with the regulations.

To generate an NHS QR code, visit [Create a coronavirus NHS QR](#)

WEBINAR ON ENGAGING SERVICE USERS REMOTELY FUNDING

The pandemic has had a huge impact on the charity sector, with organisations needing to adapt to be able to respond effectively. In many cases, digital transformation has been at the forefront of these changes including working remotely from home and delivering services online.

Charity Digital is hosting a free webinar, A guide to engaging service users while working remotely, on 8th October 2020 (1-2pm) to help organisations understand how they can improve external communication with their services users and the working environments for staff. For more information and to book, visit [Charity Digital](#)

FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY BOARDS

Buckinghamshire Council Community Boards are a new way of bringing the Council, groups, organisations, and local people together. These boards represent the voices of local people, identifying what is needed regionally and work towards creative solutions.

Each [board](#) has an allocated budget to fund local projects and initiatives. For more details on the types of funding available as well as budget allocation, visit the [Buckinghamshire Council website](#).

#FUNDALERTS

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

Five new funds are outlined below:

- **Funding to help organisations rebuild and be ready to meet community need:** Comic Relief's Capacity Building Grants of up to £1000 are available for small community organisations, charities and CICs to help them be more robust and to improve their ability to deliver, both during and after the pandemic. For more information, visit [Groundwork](#).
- **Funding to help small and medium sized BAME groups:** Grants of varying amounts up to £10,000 are available to small and medium sized Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) organisations to help support their communities during and beyond the coronavirus pandemic. With a deadline for applications of 30th October 2020, the BAME Healthy Communities Surviving COVID-19 Fund is open to voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. For more information, visit the [African Health Policy Network](#).
- **Funding for organisations which have leaders with first-hand experience of a social issue:** This programme builds on the Leaders with Lived Experience Pilot Programme, offering grants of £20,000 to £50,000 to organisations which have been set up or are run by people with first-hand experience of a social issue. These leaders will be working to create positive change for communities and people who share those experiences. The deadline for applications is 13th October 2020. For more information, visit the [National Lottery Community Fund](#).
- **Funding to help projects supporting Armed Forces communities:** The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has designed a fund programme offering grants of up to £20,000 to projects helping Armed forces communities to become less isolated and engage more in their local area. The deadline for applications is 30th November 2020. For more information, visit [The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#).
- **Funding to improve road safety at a local level:** The Small Grants programme is offering grants of £20,000 to £50,000 for charities and CICs starting or expanding pilots, trials and/or the evaluation of interventions to deal with local road use and emerging road safety issues as a result of the pandemic. The deadline for applications is 21st October 2020. For more information, visit the [Road Safety Trust](#).

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