

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #72

Updated Government advice for volunteers & #FundAlerts

Short, regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In this week's COVID-19 briefing, find out how the Government's guidance on volunteering has changed, as well as details on six new funds.

NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE ON VOLUNTEERING

The Government guidance on volunteering has been updated to reflect the changing COVID-19 situation. Key changes are:

- Volunteers who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should be based from home wherever possible. If not possible, they can still volunteer outside their home.
- Volunteers, who are clinically extremely vulnerable and live/ volunteer in an area where [formal shielding advice](#) has been put in place, are advised not to volunteer outside their home.
- Rules about a wearing face covering while volunteering have changed. Volunteers must wear a face covering: in some [public places](#) unless there is a reasonable excuse for not wearing one; if helping in [retail, hospitality and leisure settings](#); and indoors if they will be in an enclosed public space, a place where they cannot keep 1 metre distance from others, or a place where they will come into contact with people they do not usually meet.

If you have any questions about volunteer involvement during the pandemic, read our updated [blog on volunteering](#) or book in for a [one-to-one advice session](#) on all matters regarding volunteer recruitment and management.

FREE WEBINAR – An introduction to board volunteering

Our [Introduction to board volunteering webinar](#) (4th November) is now FULL and, due to demand, we are now looking to schedule another webinar. If you are interested in attending either as an existing trustee looking for a refresher or if you are considering a board volunteering post with a charity, community board or social enterprise, please email diane@communityimpactbucks.org.uk to be added to a waiting list.

#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](#). Six new funds are outlined below:

- **Grants for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic organisations:** Voice4Change is offering grants of up to £10,000 to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) led community groups and organisations working primarily with BAME communities to reduce the impact of COVID-19, especially through mental health and sports activities. The application deadline is 3rd November; for more information and to apply, visit [Voice 4 Change England](#).
- **Funding to help rural communities deal with the impact of COVID-19:** grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects which are working to create resilient rural communities. The deadline for applications is 3rd November 2020; for more information and to apply, visit the [Prince's Countryside Fund](#).
- **Grants for organisations reducing loneliness in Armed Forces community:** the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's Tackling Loneliness Programme is offering fixed two-year grants of £70,000 to reduce loneliness and isolation within particular groups in the Armed Forces community including bereaved families, families with children (including adult and SEND), and carers of veterans. The deadline for applications is 30th October (12pm); for more information and to apply, visit [Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](#).
- **Funding for museums, galleries and visual arts organisations:** grants of up to £10,000 are available to help museums, galleries and visual arts organisations operating as charities or CICs to test new ways of working (e.g. digital) to continue engaging with the public during closures. For more information and to apply, visit [Art Fund](#).
- **Funding for larger community projects in Red Kite Community Housing Neighbourhoods:** the Springboard Fund is offering grants from £2000 to help charity and community organisations deliver projects that make a lasting positive impact. Submit your application by 4th December to be considered for the December judging panel. For more information visit [Red Kite Community Housing](#).
- **Grants for historical buildings:** grants of up to £50,000 are available for charities and social enterprises that care for, work with, or manage historic buildings and are at risk of no longer trading viably by March 2021 due to the pandemic. The application deadline is 9th November (12pm); for more information and to apply, visit [Architectural Heritage Fund](#).

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