



Re: Funding opportunities for charities, social enterprises and the voluntary sector

Dear colleagues,

You may already be aware that the Government has made a number of funding opportunities available for charities, social enterprises and the voluntary sector to support your vital work during the Covid-19 crisis.

I am writing to share the details of support packages currently available and also to thank you on behalf of the Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF) for the incredible hard work, dedication and specialist support you have provided throughout the crisis, and which will no doubt continue well into the Recovery phase and beyond.

The tireless work of your volunteers, in keeping up supplies of PPE and other crucial resources to protect frontline workers, delivering medical equipment, food and other essentials to the vulnerable and making welfare calls to those living alone, struggling to make ends meet, coping with the impact that the pandemic has had on physical and mental wellbeing as well as the many other pressures, has kept the fabric of our communities together during a truly challenging and extraordinary time.

For our part we want to make sure you are kept up to date with any potential funding opportunities and therefore please find details which the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) have made available, of which I hope you will take advantage:

- **The £200 million Coronavirus Community Support Fund (CCSF)**, administered through the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF). Applications opened on 22 May for charities and social enterprises in England to submit through the NLCF website [here](#). Most funding awards are expected to be between £10,000 and £100,000 however, there is no income limit on organisations that are eligible to apply.
- DCMS will review the early learnings from the distribution of the CCSF and the evolving picture of the impact of this crisis on the sector. This will inform decisions made on the distribution of the remaining £110 million, so that we can maintain flexibility in our approach and ensure funding is distributed as effectively as possible, addressing emerging priorities. This funding will continue to provide support for thousands of charities on the frontline of helping vulnerable people affected by Covid-19.
- **We have also allocated £360 million to other government departments**, which will support the work of charities and social enterprises delivering services that are central to their policy agenda and public services. This includes a £16 DEFRA fund to provide meals for those in need. Details of government funds for the sector including eligibility and how to apply can be found [here](#).
- There is also [Charity Commission guidance](#) on [gov.uk](#), which sets out how charities can get support for their staff, advice on use of reserves, and other potential issues. More information about other support measures announced by the Chancellor can be found [here](#).
- These are unprecedented and uncertain times and further information will be released on [gov.uk](#) and the Office for Civil Society webpage as and when it is available.



Please continue to monitor these pages for further guidance and information and [subscribe to the Office for Civil Society newsletter](#) if you would like to receive regular updates on funding and other issues from the Department.

In addition to those listed above, there is also the DEFRA food fund; Covid-19 Food Charity Grant Scheme with applications open until 6th July. Details of all funds available on gov.uk.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and look forward to working alongside you in the future.

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