



Coronavirus Community Emergency Funds Mid Ulster Area

Dungannon Community Trust

Grants between £500 - £5,000 available. The Dungannon Community Trust Fund will offer grants of up to £5,000 to **projects based within the Dungannon District** that meet the following criteria: Community based activities supporting young people with low levels of educational attainment, enhancing their opportunity to gain employment or further education. Priority will be given to projects supporting people aged 13-25. **Closes on 17th April 2020.** Should you have any queries regarding this grant please call the CFNI Grants Team directly: <https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-dungannon-community-trust/>

CWSAN and COSTA Covid-19 Small Grant Scheme

CWSAN and COSTA Rural Support Networks are offering a **small grant of up to £150 towards fuel and or PPE** if you are a small group supporting isolated individuals in either small rural areas or Villages within Mid Ulster District.

This is for communities (un-constituted and constituted small groups only) who are working to support those in isolation in community, in particular vulnerable people, people in poverty and older people. You can apply for Safety Equipment such as Soaps, Sanitizers, Face Masks, Bottled water and it can also be used to pay fuel for your volunteers. It cannot be used for any other expenditure.

Contact Conor Corr by email: mhealthproject@cwsan.org

NOTE: CWSAN and COSTA staff are also available to advise on other funding packages and grants as they become available.

Conor Corr: mhealthproject@cwsan.org

Lorraine Griffin @ COSTA: info.costa@btconnect.com

Grants and Information will be regularly updated and available on Websites: www.costaruralsupportnetwork.org and www.cwsan.org

Tesco - Bags of Help Covid-19 Communities Fund *NEW*

Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and social housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

For further information and to apply: <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>

MUDC Council - Emergency Community Support Fund

As part of an on-going **support package** for the voluntary and community sector, MUD Council has opened an emergency grant programme for those organisations which are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in their local communities. The programme offers financial support to assist constituted groups which are working in their local communities to:

- ✓ Deliver food and essential items
- ✓ Link to pharmacies to deliver prescriptions
- ✓ Other emergency crisis community support

If you feel your group would benefit from funding support, please contact one of the members of our staff or complete the **short grant application form**.

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MUD Council - Other useful pages

- [COVID-19: Advice And Information](#)
 - [Emergency Community Support Fund](#)
 - [Local Community Support](#)
 - [Counselling and Advice Services](#)
 - [Food Box Scheme and Food Banks](#)
 - [Business Advice and Support](#)
 - [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)
- [Fuel Stamps](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Scheme](#)
- [Home Safety Scheme](#)
- [Make A Change](#)
- [Blind Cord Safety](#)
- [Community Life Saving](#)
- [Mid Ulster Macmillan Move More](#)
- [PARS Scheme](#)
- [Affordable Warmth](#)
- [Mental Health Support Services](#)

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Community Foundation NI's (CFNI) Coronavirus Community Fund

NEWLY UPDATED Community Foundation broadens criteria for Coronavirus Community Fund and DAERA Minister, Edwin Poots MLA announces £200,000 towards the 'Coronavirus Community Fund'.

Adapting to what we've been hearing from groups on the ground, other funders in NI and the changing daily challenges presented by Covid19, **the Community Foundation will now broaden the focus of the Coronavirus Community Fund.**

We want to support community groups working together; particularly in smaller geographical communities. We will therefore encourage a partnership approach, and one application from one lead organisation, rather than a number of separate applications. Groups working with people of all ages and at increased risk as a result of the virus, particularly in relation to poor mental health and wellbeing and vulnerable isolated people, particularly in rural areas will now be eligible to apply for funding. The fund will also continue to support older people and will seek applications for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000.

For organisations providing small scale emergency support, funding of between £1,000 to £2,500 will be available which organisations supporting need on a longer-term basis, and/or who are significantly enhancing their services at this time, can apply for grants of up to £10,000.

Who can apply: Constituted organisations based in Northern Ireland. We want to support community groups working together; particularly in smaller geographical communities. We will therefore encourage a partnership approach, and one application from one lead organisation, rather than a number of separate applications.

Criteria: The fund will be open to constituted community organisations throughout Northern Ireland.

The current focus is to support groups and organisations working with the following communities and issues and that are affected by coronavirus:

Older people (aged over 50)

- ✓ Those at increased risk, particularly in relation to poor mental health and wellbeing
- ✓ Vulnerable isolated people and families, particularly those living in rural areas, families where a parent/ both parents have lost their employment or where children are living in poverty
- ✓ Children and young people's projects, particularly focusing on the voice of young people and connecting through creative mediums

With grant sizes of **between £1,000 to £10,000**, it is the expectation that this funding will support organisations to continue to provide services over the next twelve months **enabling both short and longer term impact.**

The Foundation will prioritise:

- ✓ Initiatives that directly support those most at risk as a result of the threat of coronavirus, and clearly evidence the need for support
- ✓ Organisations with income levels of below £500,000 per annum
- ✓ Running costs for organisations to provide such support, including volunteer expenses, staff costs, and transport; providing the organisation is focusing their attention on providing support to both existing, and any potential new beneficiaries
- ✓ Small capital costs are eligible, providing the capital item will address the priorities of the fund, and is linked to keeping the older person connected to the outside world

<https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/coronavirus-community-fund/>

Sport NI – Sports Hardship Fund *NEW*

In partnership with the Department for Communities, our [Sports Hardship Fund](#) aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need. It's specifically targeted at sports clubs, and other organisations delivering sporting activities, who are experiencing immediate financial hardship.

We are aware that there are a number of other larger funding sources available and we would encourage you to check those sources before applying to the Sports Hardship Fund, as in many cases they may have larger grants available that may be of more value to your organisation. We recognise that demand for these grants may outstrip supply and we want to assure you that we are doing everything we can to secure additional resources and continue to support the sporting sector.

The types of organisations eligible include Governing Bodies of Sport, local sports clubs forced to close at short notice but who are facing ongoing costs around rent or lease costs, sports facility maintenance and utility bills; community and voluntary sector organisations and charities who deliver or enable sport and/or physical recreation.

Who we can support - Any organisation delivering sport and physical recreation can apply to our fund if experiencing short term financial hardship. These organisations include:

- National Governing Body of Sport (based in NI)
- Constituted local sports clubs affiliated to a Governing Body of Sport recognised by Sport NI
- Community & Voluntary sector organisations that deliver or enable sport and/or physical recreation
- Small charitable trusts that do not qualify for financial help elsewhere

What we'll fund - The fund has been developed to help sport and physical recreation organisations meet their obligations, in particular fixed costs, which are no longer supported with revenue as a result of coronavirus. This might cover expenditure on:

- Rent/Lease
- Utility costs
- Essential ground maintenance
- Insurances

How much we'll fund - Each successful applicant will receive **£2,000 for costs incurred from 1st April 2020.**

Where to apply Please click the links below to read the programme guidance note and to begin an online application for the financial support fund.

[Sports Hardship Fund Application](#)

[Sports Hardship Fund Information & Guidance booklet](#)

Help and Advice - If you need help or if you have any questions please contact:

Email: sportshardshipfund@sportni.net

Telephone: Angharad Bunt **078 1018 3023** Conleth Donnelly **079 6724 0549**

For further information on how your information will be used by Sport NI, please click [here](#)

Heritage Fund – Heritage Emergency Fund

We are providing a package of support for the heritage sector as a response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis. The Heritage Emergency Fund is short-term funding to support the immediate actions needed to stabilise operations and manage unforeseen risks. You can apply to us for a grant between £3,000 and £50,000 to cover unavoidable costs you will otherwise be unable to meet for up to four months. You should only apply to us for essential costs.

This includes increased advice and support, longer-term skills and capacity building initiatives, and a £50 million Heritage Emergency Fund to provide emergency funding for those most in need.

We are also currently developing longer-term support and more information on this will be available soon.

The Heritage Emergency Fund is accepting applications for funding from £3,000 to £50,000. The application form will be **available from Wednesday 15 April and you will be able to apply until 30 June 2020.**

We expect high demand for this fund and will prioritise funding against the criteria list below.

Who can apply?

As a National Lottery distributor, we are prioritising urgent funding in the heritage sector. We want to safeguard heritage sites and organisations we have previously invested in to ensure they are not lost to the public. To apply for the Heritage Emergency Fund, you must be:

- a not-for-profit organisation
- a current or previous recipient of a grant directly from us
- an owner, manager or representative of heritage, or be able to show you have delivered participatory heritage activity

You must meet all three criteria above to apply for funding through the Heritage Emergency Fund. If you do not meet these criteria, you may be eligible for other support as we develop our longer-term strategic support or other initiatives.

https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund?utm_source=Trustees%20of%20the%20National%20Heritage%20Memorial%20Fund&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=11468330_HEF%20Guidance%20-%20April&utm_content=HEF%20guidance&dm_i=12AA,6TT0Q,1MZ5OZ,RCSQS,1

Comic Relief - No Child Goes Hungry

Grants up to £2,500 available.

This grant aims to contribute to community-based food provision responses that support local families with children under the age of 10 who may face food poverty as a result of school closures and/or loss of household income as a result of the COVID-19 virus. Priority will be given to small, locally based and local run groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs.

https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/comic-relief-no-child-goes-hungry-community-support-programme/?dm_i=24PQ,6TAJK,QX3W1H,RA7N0,1

Charities Aid Foundation - CAF

Charity Organisations with a charitable purpose and charitable activities. Grants of up to £10,000 will help charities deliver much needed support to communities. This is intended as a rapid response fund and it aims to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days. We anticipate high numbers of applicants and unfortunately will **not** be able to offer a grant to all eligible applicants. You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas:

<https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund>

Halifax Foundation for Northern Ireland - Small and Medium Grants Programmes

Halifax Foundation has explicitly recommended groups to apply for small and medium grants during this time. Any Covid-19 related applications designed to support the community at this time of crisis will be prioritised and turned around as quickly as possible. Includes funding for core costs.

Small Community Grants (Up to £2,500/12 month grant/rolling programme)

Medium Community Grants (£2,500 - £10,000/12 month grant/rolling programme)

Application deadline: rolling <https://www.halifaxfoundationni.org/programmes/community-grant-programme>

Neighbourly Covid-19 Community Fund

Micro grants are available for charities and community groups that are existing members of the “Neighbourly” CSR platform, to support good causes that are helping communities affected by the Coronavirus outbreak. The funding is for activities that support members of the community who are suffering economically, socially or from ill health as a result of the Coronavirus outbreak. (max. £400).

Application deadline: none specified.

<https://www.neighbourly.com/NeighbourlyCommunityFund>

National Lottery Awards for All Northern Ireland (New COVID-19 restriction)

A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000.

Suitable for voluntary or community organisations. In a statement, CEO Dawn Austwick stated all the funding decisions they make for the next six months (up to £300m of National Lottery funding) will be devoted to addressing the current crisis. This is restricted to: (a) Activities specifically geared to supporting communities through this crisis, and (b) Helping organisations overcome any liquidity issues caused by COVID-19.

Application deadline: Rolling.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/awards-for-all-northern-ireland>

Clothworkers Foundation: Emergency Capital Programme

The Clothworkers’ Emergency Capital Programme (CECP) will award small capital grants of up to £5,000 for essential capital items to adapt or increase services in response to the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Priority will be given to organisations supporting vulnerable and ‘at risk’ groups within their [programme areas](#) during this period.

They recognise the immediate need for capital items and aim to make quick decisions on applications. However, if they receive a large volume of applications it may take up to two weeks for a decision to reach you.

They expect the criteria for this programme to evolve as their understanding of the needs of organisations supporting beneficiaries in their programme areas develops.

Applications are only open to **charities whose beneficiaries are not based in London**

They will award capital grants of up to £5,000 (but they will not award grants equal to more than 50% of your annual income)

They aim to communicate a decision within one week (but it may take up to two weeks)

Capital projects that are planned as part of your organisation's ordinary course of business are not eligible; for these you may wish to review the [What We](#) page for their Open Grants Programmes

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/>

Other current Grants not specific to Covid-19

The Wesleyan Foundation – Small Grants Programme

Closing 23rd April 2020

Grants available up to £2,000

The Fund is aimed at supporting groups who focus on: Education – enhancing learning, address positive social mobility, disadvantage and raising aspirations. Initiatives that develop skills and employment. Health – Projects that promote health and mental well-being, and create opportunities for inclusion. Social – Projects that provide local solutions to meet local needs, promote community cohesion and develop sustainable and supportive communities.

To apply: https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-wesleyan-foundation-small-grants-programme/?dm_i=24PQ,6TAJK,QX3W1H,RA7N0,1

The Telecommunity Fund Grant

Grants available £500 - £2,000.

The Telecommunity Fund was established with capital from BT, management and unions. It exists to support small, locally based grass roots community projects. Priorities include young people, older people or people with disabilities.

https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-telecommunity-fund-grant/?dm_i=24PQ,6TAJK,QX3W1H,RA7N0,1

The Pressure Group Fund

Grants available up to £1,000.

Applications are invited for projects that can demonstrate how they are trying to address social injustice and what the impact of their work will be. In particular how they will encourage civic action, working with groups and individuals to get their voices heard by decision-makers.

https://communityfoundationni.org/grants/the-pressure-group-fund/?dm_i=24PQ,6TAJK,QX3W1H,RA7N0,1

Covid-19 Business & Self Employed Schemes

Coronavirus: Chancellor announces aid for charities

Chancellor Rishi Sunak has announced a £750m package to keep struggling charities afloat during the coronavirus pandemic.

The move follows concern that some charities are facing collapse, with income shrinking because of enforced shop closures. Bigger charities such as Oxfam and Age UK have furloughed two-thirds of staff.

The measures involve cash grants direct to charities providing key services during the crisis. As part of the scheme, £360m will be directly allocated by government departments to those charities. Another £370m will go to small local charities, including those delivering food and essential medicines and providing financial advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities>

Invest NI COVID Small Business Grant

A grant of £10,000 will be paid to small businesses that already pay reduced business rates because of Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR). SBRR is automatically applied to business properties with a rateable value below £15,000, though some exclusions apply:

- Find out more about [Small Business Rate Relief](#)
- Search the [Valuation List](#) to find the rateable value of a business property, also known as the Net Annual Value (NAV)

Application deadline: none specified.

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan

The temporary Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme supports SMEs with access to loans, overdrafts, invoice finance and asset finance of up to £5 million and for up to 6 years.

The government will also make a Business Interruption Payment to cover the first 12 months of interest payments and any lender-levied fees, so smaller businesses will benefit from no upfront costs and lower initial repayments.

Application deadline: none specified.

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

Facebook is offering \$100m in cash grants and advertising credits for up to 30,000 small businesses that are facing disruptions due to the virus.

Application deadline: none specified.

Self-employment Income Support Scheme

The Self-employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) will support self-employed individuals (including members of partnerships) whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. The scheme will provide a grant to self-employed individuals or partnerships, worth 80% of their profits up to a cap of £2,500 per month.

Application deadline: none specified.

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, all UK employers with a **PAYE** scheme will be able to access support to continue paying part of their employees' salary for those that would otherwise have been laid off during this crisis.

This applies to employees who have been asked to stop working, but who are being kept on the pay roll, otherwise described as 'furloughed workers'. HMRC will reimburse 80% of their wages, up to £2,500 per month. This is to safeguard workers from being made redundant.

Application deadline: none specified (expected to open end of April 2020).