

COVID-19 Specific Funding – New funds since 17/7/2020

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
Firstport ~ Social Enterprise Fund			<p>Firstport have announced that the Social Entrepreneurs Fund is now open for applications! After being paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SEF is back open for business and the Firstport team is ready to help social entrepreneurs across Scotland to start something good.</p> <p>SEF helps people from all walks of life to make a living while doing good by providing start-up funding and business support. SEF has currently three open funds you can apply for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pounds for Purpose- up to £500 for young people aged 16-26 to test an idea that creates a positive change in the world around them. • Start It- up to £5,000 to get a social enterprise idea off the ground. • Build It- To help those already up and running to cover salary costs so they can dedicate themselves to growing their idea full time. <p>Interested? Check out the Firstport website</p> <p>http://www.firstport.org.uk/funding</p>
Energy Redress Scheme - COVID-19 Crisis Fund	£20,000 - £30,000	Closing date Mon 27/7/2020	<p>The COVID-19 Crisis Fund contains up to £6 million and is open to charities that support vulnerable households who are at crisis point and unable to top up their prepayment energy meters. The fund awards grants between £20,000 and £300,000 to help charities deliver crisis interventions.</p> <p>Only charities that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process can apply.</p> <p>The closing date is 5pm on Monday 27 July 2020.</p> <p>https://www.energyredress.org.uk/announcements/round-8-ofgem-energy-redress-scheme-make-ps13-million-available-charities-support</p>
The Fore Trust - RAFT Transition Fund	Up to £15,000		<p>The Fore's RAFT Transition Fund is offering unrestricted grants of up to £15,000 to help fantastic small charities and social enterprises plan for the longer term and gain a stronger footing in a post-coronavirus world.</p>

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			<p>The Fore RAFT Transition Fund is designed to support small charities and social enterprises as they adapt to the post-lockdown world. Funding will enable grantees to strengthen their organisations, plan ahead, become more sustainable and refocus on the new needs of their beneficiaries.</p> <p>The Fore is particularly looking to fund small organisations working with marginalised groups and led by people in the community that may have found it hard to access trust and foundation funding in the past. We want to be different. Our funding process is specifically designed to level the playing field and give no advantage to those with fundraising experience or connections.</p> <p>Any registered charity, CIC, CIO or Community Benefit Society with turnover of under £500,000 in the last financial year is eligible to apply.</p> <p>The Transition Fund will offer grants in two rounds. The first round opens for registration on the 20th July and a second round of funding will open for registration in September.</p> <p>https://www.thefore.org/applying-for-funding/</p>
<p>PRS Sustaining Creativity Fund</p>	<p>Up to £750</p>	<p>Deadline 10/8/2020</p>	<p>This programme is provided by the PRS Foundation, with funding derived from the Spotify COVID-19 Music Relief Initiative and donations from members of the public.</p> <p>The PRS Foundation is supporting Black artists, songwriters and composers to create and develop when they need it most. The Sustaining Creativity Fund is designed for music creators experiencing hardship from loss of work due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.</p> <p>The fund will help UK music creators from any genre to continue their work using a new model to support music making. This includes using support to adapt and sustain careers by covering lost income, supporting costs or cash flow.</p> <p>The aim is to allow creators to spend time writing, recording, collaborating, innovating and making creative plans</p> <p>Round 3 deadline: 10 August 2020.</p> <p>The funder has adapted Round 3 to provide targeted support for Black music creators who are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is one immediate step in a commitment by the funder to making meaningful changes to PRS Foundation programmes. The funder</p>

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			<p>encourages applications from UK-based Black music creators, working in any genre and at any career level who have been experiencing hardship from loss of work due to COVID-19.</p> <p>More details about the application process can be accessed at the programme website.</p> <p>https://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/all-career-levels/sustaining-creativity-fund/</p>
Positive Pathways Programme - Veterans Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund	Up to £35,000	First deadline 25/8/2020	<p>The Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund is managed by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and provided by the UK Government, which announced it was making £10 million available to support this cause in the Autumn Budget 2018. In February 2020 the Trust was then provided with a £10 million uplift for 2020/21 by HM Treasury to deliver charitable projects and initiatives that support veterans with mental health needs (although some of this was spent on meeting immediate needs by veterans as a result of coronavirus/COVID-19).</p> <p>The Armed Forces Covenant Trust is an independent charitable trust that was established in April 2018 and is also responsible for delivering the £10 million per year Covenant Fund and the £30 million Aged Veterans Fund.</p> <p>The Positive Pathways Programme offers grants to charities or community interest companies working with Armed Forces veterans who need support to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The programme has two overall aims:</p> <p>To support high quality work that benefits veterans who have mental health needs.</p> <p>To enable the organisations that are delivering this work to build referral pathways, both into and onwards, from the support they offer working collaboratively with the Trust's strategic partners.</p> <p>https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/positive-pathways/#introduction</p>
COVID Adaptation Fund	Up to £10,000	Deadline 21/8/2020	<p>Zero Waste Scotland and the Scottish Government are offering capital funding to allow operators of waste management facilities in Scotland to implement the necessary infrastructure changes to their sites in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>The scheme will support operators of licensed waste management facilities in Scotland in implementing control measures that will allow operational capacity to recover in line with recommended practices.</p>

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			<p>Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 21 August 2020.</p> <p>An application form and guidance notes are available to download from the website.</p> <p>More details can be accessed at:</p> <p>https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/grant-funding-support-infrastructure-adaptations-response-covid-19</p>
Allchurches Trust - Hope Beyond	Up to £50,000		<p>The Allchurches Trust is a registered charity formed in 1972. The Trust makes charitable grants to the Church and the Christian community from income derived from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office PLC.</p> <p>The funding is intended to enable churches and Christian charities to meet changing needs within their communities as the longer-term impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis becomes clearer.</p> <p>Churches, cathedrals and Christian denominational bodies, and Christian charities in the UK and the Republic of Ireland are eligible to apply.</p> <p>Churches will normally need to be part of a denomination that is a member of Churches Together in England or the equivalent in Scotland, Wales and Ireland, or belong to a local ecumenical “churches together” group.</p> <p>Organisations that have received a grant from the Allchurches Trust within the last two years can apply for a Hope Beyond grant, as long as the application is for a different project.</p> <p>Applications for the Programme are considered on a rolling basis. There is no fixed deadline while funds are still available.</p> <p>The Trust normally aims to respond to applications within three months.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted via the Trust’s online application form.</p> <p>The flyer for the Programme, guidance documents and FAQs are available on the website of the Trust.</p> <p>https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/hopebeyond/</p>

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MSD's UK COVID-19 Dedicated Grants Programme	Up to £20,000	Deadline 31/7/2020	<p>Grants for UK based health charities that are working with vulnerable populations across the UK to continue work that has been impacted by coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The aim is to support charities to continue projects, which might otherwise have proven too difficult to implement or, to support the creation of new projects which are now needed.</p> <p>The maximum grant available is £20,000 or 20% (whichever is the lower amount) of the applicant organisation's annual gross turnover or projected turnover in a single application or for cumulative successful applications.</p> <p>Organisations interested in applying must be:</p> <p>A registered UK based charity (please provide charity number within the application).</p> <p>Have been operating as a charity for three years or more.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 5pm on 31 July 2020.</p> <p>There is no standard application form, rather applicants should submit the following information as a word document by email to grantscommittee@merck by 5pm on 31 July 2020.</p> <p>https://www.msd-uk.com/partnerships/partnerships.xhtml#grants</p>
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