

New funds since 23/10/2020

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
<p>Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers (Scotland)</p>	<p>Up to £2,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Funding to support creative freelancers working in Scotland who are experiencing immediate financial hardship due to the loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Creative Scotland is administering the Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers to support those working in the arts and creative sector in Scotland who are experiencing immediate financial hardship due to the loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The objective of this scheme is to provide a one-off bursary to creative freelance professionals in Scotland to meet their immediate financial need.</p> <p>Funds of between £500 and £2,000 can be requested.</p> <p>Freelance creative professionals working in the arts and creative sector can apply. All applicants must be based in Scotland and must be able to demonstrate they were working and making income as a freelance creative professional before lockdown began (in March 2020).</p> <p>The fund is open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Freelance professionals whose work has direct creative outcomes. This can include, but is not limited to, a visual artist, a writer or maker of poetry, prose or fiction, a playwright, actor or theatre- maker, a comedian, dancer, musician, craft maker or designer. Applicants will derive a significant proportion of their income from their role in creating or producing original artistic, creative or design material. ● Freelance professionals whose work directly supports the making and presentation of creative work including events. This can include, but is not limited to a theatre producer, a lighting designer, a gig promoter, an independent curator or creative producer. Applicants will derive a significant proportion of their income from their role in supporting or producing original artistic, creative or design material and events. <p>The following are not eligible to apply to this fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Those deriving the majority of their income from client-led work, for example in advertising, architecture, software/electronic publishing and from technical areas of writing and publishing such as news journalism, educational, technical, academic and professional writing. ● Those working in the screen and photography sector. ● Those working in the heritage sector including interpretation consultants, designers and tour guides.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who cannot demonstrate a freelance professional creative practice. • Those currently working in paid full-time employment. • Individuals based outside Scotland. • Those who are currently furloughed under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and are receiving 80% or more of their full-time salary. • Self-employed individuals (or members of a partnership) who have received support under the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme (SEISS) equivalent to, or in excess of the UK living wage, pro rata, since 1 April 2020 (calculated as £10,114). • Anyone studying either full-time, or as part of a long term, formal or accredited programme at college or university (at the time of application) including PhD students. • Academics or other education professionals not in freelance positions. <p>In response to extremely high demand, the funder is now pausing access to the Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers at 60% of overall budget to ensure those who require a little more time to apply, have the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>The Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers and the Screen Scotland Hardship Fund (includes photographers) will reopen at 12 noon on Tuesday 10 November 2020.</p> <p>To apply, applicants must firstly register on the Creative Scotland online application portal.</p> <p>More details can be accessed at:</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/hardship-fund-for-creative-freelancers</p>
COVID-19 Contingency Fund	Up to £50,000	Open	<p>Grants are available for soft play centres and nightclubs in Scotland that have been closed by law since March 2020 close due to coronavirus restrictions.</p> <p>Fund Information</p> <p>This scheme is provided by the Scottish Government and it will be distributed by local authorities.</p> <p>The COVID-19 Contingency Fund is part of a Scottish Government package of more than £40 million support for businesses affected by the latest COVID-19 restrictions. Through the first phase of the scheme, targeted funding has been made available for soft play centres and nightclubs that have been closed by law since March 2020.</p> <p>One-off grants of up to £50,000 will be available to businesses in both sectors. Grants will be based on rateable value. Those with a rateable value of £18,000 or under can obtain £10,000. Those with a rateable value between £18,001 and £51,000 can obtain £25,000 and those with a rateable value above £51,001 can obtain £50,000.</p>

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			<p>Businesses operating multiple premises will be eligible to claim one full grant plus grants of up to 75% on subsequent properties.</p> <p>Soft play centres and nightclubs in Scotland that have been closed since March 2020 may be eligible.</p> <p>Premises will not be eligible if they have opened at all since March 2020 – for example by changing their licence to open as a pub – and awards may be reduced if companies successfully apply to the Cultural Organisations and Venue Recovery Fund.</p> <p>There is no set deadline. Local authorities will be contacting businesses directly to get the information needed to progress claims.</p>
<p>Peter Sowerby Foundation - Increasing Access Fund - Adapted Good Causes Grants</p>	<p>Up to £25,000</p>	<p>Open – deadline 16/11/2020</p>	<p>Grants are available for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to reinvent their face to face service delivery through means other than digital as a result of the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p>Fund Information</p> <p>The Peter Sowerby Foundation was set up through an endowment by Dr Peter Sowerby, who created the software behind EMIS, which supplies clinical software to GPs in the UK.</p> <p>The new £1.4 million Increasing Access Fund aims to ensure or increase access to key services and activities for beneficiaries who have struggled with access due to COVID-19. The grants will support charities to digitally enable access to services, or to adapt their delivery of existing services to comply with social distancing or other COVID-response measures. There are three separate streams of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adapted Good Causes Grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to pilot and test new services in response to COVID-19. ● Peter Sowerby Foundation - Increasing Access Fund - Digital Good Causes Grants grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally. ● Peter Sowerby Foundation - Increasing Access Fund - Digital Health Breakthrough Grants grants for large charities in the area of innovation and transformation in health and social care. <p>To be eligible, organisations should be working nationally within the Foundation’s key domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthcare Innovation – Organisations in the fields of disability, medical research, mental health and those supporting individuals with long-term health conditions.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community – Organisations working with young people, especially those considered disadvantaged, delivering support to those disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and/or those working to support isolated older people. • Environment – Organisations working in the area of horticulture and conservation which have been significantly financially impacted by the closure of venues. • Arts – Organisations working in the area of arts, health and well-being where services and programmes are being adapted to benefit communities impacted by Covid-19. <p>The available funding is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants of up to £10,000 for adaption of services within smaller organisations. • Grants of up to £25,000 for the transformation of existing services. <p>Applications will be accepted from charities with a maximum turnover of £1 million. Preference, however, will be given to smaller organisations with a turnover of around £500,000. Applicants should be working within the area of community, environment and the arts. This includes organisations working with significantly hard to reach groups, such as those who are homeless, older people, or arts organisations that require face to face interaction and where programmes or activities need to be redesigned or reshaped.</p> <p>The funding will support organisations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot and test new service delivery in response to the COVID-19 situation. • Transform existing services to adapt to the COVID-19 situation. • <p>The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 16 November 2020 (5pm). The Foundation advises that it expects a large number of applications and may close the Fund before the deadline. All relevant documents are available from the Foundation's website.</p> <p>https://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com/good-causes</p>
Peter Sowerby Foundation – Increasing Access Fund – Digital Good Causes Grants	Up to £25,000	Open – deadline 16/11/2020	<p>Grants are available for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally.</p> <p>Fund Information</p> <p>The new £1.4 million Increasing Access Fund aims to ensure or increase access to key services and activities for beneficiaries who have struggled with access due to COVID-19. The grants will support charities to digitally enable access to services, or to adapt their delivery of existing services to comply with social distancing or other COVID-response measures. There are three separate streams of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Good Causes Grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally.

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<p>Peter Sowerby Foundation – Increasing Access Fund – Digital Health Breakthrough Fund</p>	<p>Up to £100,000</p>	<p>Open – deadline 16/11/2020</p>	<p>A limited number of grants are available for charities, CICs and registered social and healthcare providers to pilot new innovations or service delivery.</p> <p>The new £1.4 million Increasing Access Fund aims to ensure or increase access to key services and activities for beneficiaries who have struggled with access due to COVID-19.</p> <p>The grants will support charities to digitally enable access to services, or to adapt their delivery of existing services to comply with social distancing or other COVID-response measures.</p> <p>The fund is for organisations nationally working within the Foundation’s key domains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthcare Innovation – Organisations in the fields of disability, medical research, mental health and those supporting individuals with long-term health conditions. ● Community – Organisations working with young people, especially those considered disadvantaged, delivering support to those disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and/or those working to support isolated older people. ● Environment – Organisations working in the area of horticulture and conservation which have been significantly financially impacted by the closure of venues. ● Arts – Organisations working in the area of arts, health and well-being where services and programmes are being adapted to benefit communities impacted by COVID-19. <p>There are three separate streams of funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digital Health Breakthrough Grants for large charities in the area of innovation and transformation in health and social care. ● Peter Sowerby Foundation - Increasing Access Fund - Digital Good Causes Grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally. ● Peter Sowerby Foundation - Increasing Access Fund - Adapted Good Causes Grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to pilot and test new services in response to COVID-19. <p>To be eligible for the Digital Health Breakthrough grant, organisations should be working nationally in the fields of disability, medical research, mental health and those supporting individuals with long-term health conditions.</p> <p>There are two stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stage 1 - £100,000 is available for an initial open call to award 10 organisations a grant of up to £10,000 for R&D for digital service delivery. ● Stage 2 - Five of these organisations will be awarded up to £100,000.
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			<p>Applications will be accepted from charities, CICs and registered social and healthcare providers with a maximum turnover of £5 million.</p> <p>Priority will be given to organisations which have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 situation. Those organisations with a substantial financial reserve are not precluded from applying, although they will need to make a significant case as to why the project they are seeking funding for cannot be funded through this reserve.</p> <p>The following are not eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations with a maximum turnover exceeding £5 million. • General IT or hardware. <p>Eligible Expenditure</p> <p>To promote research and development (R&D) and to provide capacity for organisations to truly make a transformative effect on health and social care, the Digital Breakthrough Grants Fund is split into two distinct stages:</p> <p>Stage 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £100,000 is available for an initial open call to award 10 organisations a grant of up to £10,000 for R&D for digital service delivery. This pot of strategic funding will provide organisations with both the capacity and investment needed to seek and understand innovative digital solutions. Funding should culminate in the scoping of new, transformative digital services to present to the Peter Sowerby Foundation Trustees. Pilot funds might be used to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Undertake an audit of existing non-digital service delivery to identify key areas for digital investment/expansion. o Develop digital strategies. o Engage consultants to best support the development of digital service delivery. o Engage current beneficiaries to better understand their needs for digital service delivery. • Successful grantees will be expected (over a period of three-months) to establish evidence of need or proof of concept, so as to develop formal proposals/programmes for consideration by Trustees to access larger grants at stage 2. <p>Stage 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following review of initial proposals, the Trustees will fund five of these initiatives (with maximum funding available of £100,000). Applicants should be aware that grants might (at the Trustees discretion) be split as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o An initial payment for further development of digital service delivery, which might include some initial pilot delivery of activity.
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			<p>o A further payment for implementation and rollout of the programme.</p> <p>How To Apply</p> <p>All relevant documents are available from the Foundation's website.</p> <p>The initial application form is due by 5pm on 16 November 2020, with decisions on initial awarding of grants to take place in January 2021. Successful applicants will then have three months to further develop their proposals.</p> <p>https://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com/health-breakthrough-fund</p>
Co-op Food Fund	Up to £10,000	Open – deadline 13/11/2020	<p>Grants are available for local charities and community organisations across the UK for local programmes that provide access to food and sustainable solutions to food poverty.</p> <p>The Co-op has donated £1.5 million to the National Emergencies Trust. The money was raised over the summer through purchases from the Co-op's picnic range. The funding will be distributed locally through the national network of community foundations.</p> <p>The funding is intended for local charities and community organisations that are working to tackle food poverty in communities across the UK.</p> <p>A total of £1.5 million is available across the UK.</p> <p>Most grants will be in the £2,000 to £10,000 range.</p> <p>Applicants should check with their local community foundation for the minimum and maximum level in their area. In some cases, individual community foundations might decide to award a larger grant to an organisation that is covering a larger geographic area or is leading on a coordinated partnership response.</p> <p>Applications are accepted from voluntary and community organisations, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations. ● Constituted organisations and non-registered charities. ● Community Interest Companies (CICs) and Community Benefit Societies (local restrictions may apply depending on the policies of the community foundation administering the Fund for the area). ● Parish and town councils (if the funded activity is not deemed part of their statutory duties). ● Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs). ● Churches and other religious organisations (if the funded activity is not deemed to be proselytising). <p>The following are not eligible for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provision of bursaries to individuals or families.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individuals. ● Statutory bodies such as city and county councils or health institutions. <p>Applicants should check the website of their local community foundation as additional restrictions may apply to their area.</p> <p>Eligible Expenditure</p> <p>The funding is for sustainable food poverty programmes which tackle the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Redistribution - Redistributing surplus food to the people who need it most in local communities. ● Access - Providing easy access to nutritious food and balanced meals for customers with a limited budget. ● Upskilling - Educating and upskilling customers on low cost meal solutions, limiting food waste and shopping smartly. ● Young people - Supporting future generations by prioritising the wellbeing of children and young people struggling with food insecurity. ● Communities - Food programmes for vulnerable communities delivered in those communities. <p>The types of programmes that can be supported include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foodbanks. ● Programmes that tackle food waste. ● Programmes that encourage healthy eating. ● Holiday hunger schemes. <p>Depending on local needs, there may also be further criteria and applicants should check the website of their local community foundation for details.</p> <p>How To Apply</p> <p>Applications will be accepted until 13 November 2020.</p> <p>Organisations interested in applying should visit the website of their local community foundation for details of the application process.</p> <p>A list of all community foundations and their websites are available from the UK Community Foundations website.</p> <p>https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-programmes/coopfunding</p>
<p>Self Management Fund Accepting Applications from Third Sector Organisations in Scotland</p>		<p>Open</p>	<p>Funding for third sector and community-based groups for projects that increase the capacity of the people of Scotland to live well with long-term conditions.</p> <p>This year, a total of £1.5 million is being made available to third sector and community-based organisations. The funding is for developing co-produced, person-centred, self-management activity. Learning from the experience of people living with long-term conditions, and their unpaid carers, should be at the heart of eligible projects.</p>

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			<p>The Fund aims to build on the resilience, recovery and development demonstrated by the third sector throughout 2020 in the face of COVID-19, and seeks to create an opportunity to plan for the future.</p> <p>Two types of grants are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starter Grants of up to £5,000 for up to 12 months to conduct research, a feasibility study or a test of change for an idea to support self-management in Scotland. • Builder Grants of up to £60,000 for up to 24 months to either create a new service or develop an existing idea to support self-management in Scotland. <p>The lead partners and grant holders must be third-sector and community-based organisations but public sector organisations, such as the NHS or local authorities, are welcomed as project partners.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 9am on 18 January 2021.</p> <p>https://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/self-management-and-co-production-hub/self-management-fund/</p>
<p>Funding for Charitable Projects in Great Britain and on the Island of Ireland</p>			<p>Funding for projects in the areas of community development, peace and reconciliation, education, and arts and culture.</p> <p>Not-for-profit and charitable organisations that are based in Great Britain and on the island of Ireland and that have an annual income of less than £1 million are invited to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £10,000.</p> <p>Projects in the following areas are eligible for funding:</p> <p>Community Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive mental and physical health. • Community integration. • Sport and leisure opportunities. • Protection of the natural environment. • Supporting vulnerable members of society. • Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland: • Improving intercommunity relations. • New opportunities in education, employment and personal development. • Education: • Increasing access to third-level education. • Ensuring equality of access to a broad range of educational opportunities for people of all ages. <p>Arts and Culture:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Supporting cultural awareness and understanding. ● Increasing access to art forms and collections. ● Community arts initiatives. <p>During the current funding round, applications are also encouraged for projects that respond to issues related to the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.</p> <p>There is a two-staged application process and initially applicants are asked to submit a Letter of Enquiry that outlines the proposed project.</p> <p>The deadline for submitting a Letter of Enquiry is 11pm on 6 November 2020.</p> <p>https://irelandfunds.org/chapters/worldwide/great-britain/grants/</p>
Coronavirus Restrictions Funds			<p>The £40m Scottish Government Coronavirus Temporary Restrictions Fund for businesses and employees in Scotland came into effect from 9 October 2020. The fund is administered by local authorities, providing one-off grants to hospitality and other businesses required to close by the brake restrictions regulations. Applications to this fund will close on Tuesday 3 November at 5.00pm.</p> <p>https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/25209/Coronavirus-Restrictions-Business-Fund</p>
Business Closure Fund			<p>This grant aims to provide financial support to hospitality businesses, snooker/pool halls, indoor bowling venues, casino, bingo halls and gyms unable to operate group classes that are required by law to close under the COVID-19 brake restrictions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Premises with a rateable value of up to and including £51,000 will receive a grant of £2,000 ● Premises with a rateable value of over £51,001 will receive a grant of £3,000 ● An upper limit of £15,000 applies to businesses operating multiple premises <p>If you have more than one qualifying premises, you will need to make a separate application is required for each of them. This fund will be channeled through local authorities to eligible businesses.</p>
Business Hardship Fund			<p>This grant provides hardship relief to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● hospitality businesses and gyms unable to operate group classes and who are required by the regulations to operate in a restricted way ● producers/wholesale businesses supplying primarily perishable supplies to hospitality businesses required by the regulations to close or operate in a restricted way and who are able to evidence a 25% reduction in turnover during the brake period. ● premises with a rateable value of up to and including £51,000 will receive a grant of £1,000 ● premises with a rateable value of over £51,001 will receive a grant of £1,500 ● an upper limit of £10,000 applies to businesses operating multiple premises

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			A separate application is required for each qualifying premises. This fund will be channeled through local authorities to businesses who meet the eligibility criteria. Payments will be made within three working days of notifying you of our decision.
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