

# GRCC Keeping in Touch No. 1

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## Coronavirus – New Grants and Funding

New grants to help organisations deal with the financial consequences of the Coronavirus pandemic are becoming available. Some of those grants - which could be of benefit to voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in Gloucestershire - are outlined below.

Please remember to visit the funder's website for full details and application guidance. Please pay particular attention to application closing dates.

### **Coronavirus Emergency Fund: Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)**

A **rapid response fund** to help smaller charitable organisations in the UK adversely affected by the impact of Covid-19.

Open for applications – will be reviewed on a continuing basis.

Maximum grant - £10,000.

Aims to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

High number of applicants expected - CAF will **not** be able to offer a grant to all eligible applicants.

You can apply if:

- your income was £1million or less in the last financial year
- you are a UK registered charity
- you are an registered with Companies House or the Public Mutuals Register as a charitable or not-for-profit entity
- unregistered entities and social enterprises.

You can apply for unrestricted funding for core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. You must be able to describe how an emergency grant will improve the situation for your organisation and community.

For full details and to apply:

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

## **Arts Council England Emergency Response Fund: Organisations**

Grants of up to £35,000 for creative organisations directly affected by the Covid-19 coronavirus emergency. The grant must be spent over a six month period and can be used to help keep the organisation going.

Applications are via the online portal only. Please note that you cannot apply for both rounds.

Round one	portal opens Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	portal closes Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
Round two	portal opens Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	portal closes Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April

Your organisation must not be a National Portfolio Organisation, Music Education Hub or Creative People & Places. Your work must have been funded by public money over the last three years – for example, from the Arts Council, other Lottery funders, a university or local government.

Your organisation must have a responsible person over the age of 18 and must be based in England. You must apply as an organisation, not as an individual, with a UK bank account in your organisation's name. Your main work must focus on one of these areas:

- combined arts
- dance
- libraries
- literature
- museums
- music
- theatre
- visual arts.

For full details and to apply:

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/financial-support-organisations-outside-national-portfolio#section-3>

## **Coronavirus Emergency Response Fund: Gloucestershire Community Foundation**

Open for applications – closing date not yet set.

Maximum grant - £5,000 (this will be reviewed).

Emergency grants for charitable organisations and voluntary and community groups with charitable aims. Applicants must be based and working in Gloucestershire. You do not have to be a registered charity, as long as the work you do has charitable aims.

Your work in response to Coronavirus must support one or more of the following groups:

- Elderly (aged 65 and over)
- Vulnerable or disadvantaged people
- People with disabilities and/or underlying health difficulties
- Homeless people
- Low income families
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- People experiencing food poverty.

For full details and to apply:

<https://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/news/gloucestershire-coronavirus-emergency-response-fund-news>

## **HM Government's Grant Schemes**

**Please note:** ACRE is currently trying to clarify who should be eligible for the following schemes as charities and other VCS organisations are not identified specifically in the government guidance. Local authorities will determine eligibility.

You do not need to make an application. Your local authority will write to you if you are eligible for either of these grants. Any enquiries on eligibility or provision should be directed to your local authority.

## **Retail and Hospitality Grant Scheme**

Businesses with a property that has a rateable value of up to £15,000 may be eligible for a grant of £10,000. Businesses with a property that has a rateable value of over £15,000 and less than £51,000 may be eligible for a grant of up to £25,000.

You are eligible if:

- your business is based in England
- your business is in the retail, hospitality or leisure sector
- your business has a rateable value of under £51,000.

Properties must be occupied and wholly or mainly used:

- as shops, restaurants, cafes, drinking establishments, cinemas and live music venues
- for assembly and leisure
- as hotels, guest and boarding premises and self-catering accommodation.

## **Small Business Grant Scheme**

A grant of £10,000 to small businesses that already qualify for small business rate relief (SBRR), rural rate relief (RRR) and tapered relief.

You are eligible if:

- your business is based in England
- you are a business that occupies property
- you are receiving small business rate relief or rural rate relief as of 11 March.

For full details of both grants:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

## **Gloucestershire Community Resilience Fund – Covid-19 Response** **March 2020**

The purpose of the fund is to support local voluntary sector agencies and community groups who are supporting vulnerable people during the Covid-19 crisis to cover additional costs they may incur due to increased activity or functions that they have insufficient resources to meet.

The funding can only be used for expenditure in relation to the Covid-19 Crisis including but not exclusively:

- setting up of community floats to purchase food and essential supplies for vulnerable people and families
- development of digital/virtual support – equipment such as mobile phones or tablets
- expenses incurred by volunteers such as petrol
- developing infrastructure to support vulnerable people.

You can apply if you are a:

- community or voluntary group
- registered charity
- Community Interest Company (CIC)
- town or parish councils.

Funding cannot be used to:

- support the mainstream activities of an organisation e.g. ongoing yearly spending commitments including salaries and administration costs
- to create an ongoing funding commitment from the county council.

For full details:

Cheltenham District Council – [cheltenham.gov.uk/communitypride](https://cheltenham.gov.uk/communitypride)

Cotswold District Council – [community.support@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:community.support@cotswold.gov.uk)

Forest of Dean District Council – [community.support@fdean.gov.uk](mailto:community.support@fdean.gov.uk)

Gloucester City Council – [community.wellbeing@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:community.wellbeing@gloucester.gov.uk)

Tewkesbury Borough Council – [communitydevelopment@teiwkesbury.gov.uk](mailto:communitydevelopment@teiwkesbury.gov.uk)

Stroud District Council – [hwb@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:hwb@stroud.gov.uk)

**Please** don't forget that the community development team at GRCC are here to help. Contact details for all staff are on our website or email [info@grcc.org.uk](mailto:info@grcc.org.uk). You can also keep an eye on our [Covid-19 support page](#) for up to date information from around the county.

Best regards,

The Community Development Team at GRCC.