



Focus on Funding

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Welcome to the Focus on Funding feature. Cumbria CVS has dedicated Funding Officers to help your organisation or group. We have helped and supported not for profit groups across Cumbria to secure over £187,000 since the outbreak of the pandemic in mid-March.

If you want our help, advice and support in relation to funding for your not-for-profit organisation or group please contact us by emailing: cvsfunding@cumbriacvs.org.uk

If you do not have access to email, please call 01768 800 350.

Your Invitation to Cumbria Funding Forum

You are invited to the next meeting of Cumbria Funding Forum taking place on Friday 6 November from 11am to 12.30pm. The theme this month is a November Knowledge Exchange where you can hear about grants available for organisations from Hadfield Charitable Trust, grants available for individual victims of crime from Cumbria Victim's Charitable Trust and an update on mental health funding opportunities and more.

The meeting will take place via zoom. You can book your free place by registering on the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/focus-on-funding-forum-november-knowledge-exchange-free-event-tickets-126820169541>

The Funding Forum is open to everyone with an interest in funding for the Voluntary / Community / Social Enterprise / Not for Profit in Cumbria. Whether you are a paid employee or volunteer, a first-time attendee or a regular participant please join us on the day and get involved.

We look forward to seeing you at this month's Funding Forum on **Friday 6 November from 11 to 12.30**

Sources of Funding

Cumbria Community Foundation – Covid-19 Response Fund

Cumbrian charities and other voluntary organisations working to alleviate problems during the ongoing coronavirus crisis are being urged to apply for grants from the Cumbria Community Foundation Covid-19 Response Fund. Priority will be given to organisations playing a vital role in:

- Helping and supporting communities
- Making sure people do not go hungry
- Looking after people's emotional wellbeing
- Providing access to advice and guidance needed for people's longer-term support
- Delivering projects that give young people the best chances to maximise their learning and employment prospects

The Covid-19 Response Fund has already provided more than £1.5m in grants to more than 170 groups. It has successfully raised over £1.85m. Please visit:

www.cumbriafoundation.org or call The Grants Team on (01900) 825760.

The next deadline for applications is 10 November

Charities Aid Foundation Resilience Fund

Targeted emergency grants are available to assist charitable organisations delivering services to vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in England who have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding for the CAF Resilience Fund has been provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), as part of its Community Match Challenge funding scheme, and matched by the Covid-19 Support Fund, created by the insurance and long-term savings industry.

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) is managing the funding.

Objectives of Fund

Emergency funding to enable charitable organisations (both registered and unregistered small and mid-sized charitable organisations) in England to continue their charitable activities in whatever way is needed.

Value Notes

The fund will initially award £20 million in grants. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

The grant can be no more than 20% of the applicant's previous year reported annual income and must be between £10,000 and £100,000. The grant can support costs between 1 October 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Who can Apply?

Applications will be accepted from the following organisations:

- Organisations registered with the Charity Commission, or organisations registered with HMRC as an exempt charity (e.g. CASC).
- All other non-regulated organisations: Community Benefit Society, Community Interest Company, Co-operative Society, Credit Union, Social Enterprise, Company Limited by Guarantee, Company Limited by Shares, Unincorporated Association, and other organisations carrying out a charitable purpose

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Deliver their services in England.
- Demonstrate last reported income between £50,000 and £10 million.
- Be established on or before 31 August 2019.
- Be focused on the interests and needs of at least one of the designated groups and causes.
- Be able to supply details of a valid UK bank account.
- Be able to spend all the grant funding before 31 March 2021, and supply documentary evidence to demonstrate this expenditure relating to the period 1 October 2020 to 30 March 2021.

Priority will be given to:

- Charities and other organisations whose established charitable activities have been severely reduced or are at risk of being severely reduced to the detriment of vulnerable or disadvantaged groups.
- Organisations that are having to deliver core services in fundamentally different or unusual ways in order to respond to the crisis and still reach their beneficiaries within vulnerable or disadvantaged groups.
- Organisations that are deeply embedded with communities and have established networks to deliver their charitable activities.

Eligible Expenditure

The grants are flexible and can be used to support the following activities where they are essential for delivering relevant services:

- Staff salaries.
- Project running costs.
- Running costs/overheads.
- Goods and equipment which would not be capitalised (e.g. to develop enhanced physical environment and continue to deliver services)
- Organisational development

The fund aims to help the following causes and communities:

- People living in poverty
- Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- Children and young people
- People with physical or learning disabilities
- People experiencing mental health conditions
- Older people
- Communities facing health inequalities
- Patient groups with unmet health needs (physical or mental)
- People facing domestic or other abuse
- Unemployed people
- Homeless people
- People experiencing loneliness and isolation
- People pushed into crisis because of Covid-19
- Refugees and migrants
- Other vulnerable people or communities.

How to Apply

Guidelines, terms and conditions, and the online application form are available from CAF's website.

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

Applications will be accepted from 20 October to 10 November 2020 (12 noon).

Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund

Grants are available for homelessness, faith, community and voluntary sector organisations in England to provide single room and COVID-19 secure accommodation for people experiencing homelessness during winter.

Background

The Homelessness Winter Transformation Fund is provided by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The Fund is administered by Homeless Link, working in partnership with Housing Justice.

Objectives of Fund

The Fund aims to:

- Ensure that organisations who provide winter accommodation for the homeless can provide single room accommodation that is coronavirus/COVID-19 secure.
- Support services that prevent rough sleeping and support rough sleepers in innovative ways, building on proven approaches such as hosting, shared houses, support working and accessing the private rented sector.

Value Notes

There is a total funding pot of £2 million. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available.

Larger grants of up to £150,000 may be considered in exceptional cases where there is a strong case for funding of a higher amount. Match funding is not required.

Who can Apply?

Applications are accepted from: Registered charities; Charitable Incorporated Organisations; Community Benefit Societies; Community Interest Companies (with an asset lock).

To be eligible organisations must:

- Be based and operating in England.
- Be a small to medium sized organisation with an annual turnover of up to £5 million. Organisations with a higher turnover may apply if they are the only winter shelter provider in a particular area.
- Be working directly with people experiencing homelessness, with more than 50% of beneficiaries being people experiencing homelessness.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for organisational activities that ensure winter provision is COVID-19 secure, single room accommodation. The Fund will support innovative models for support and move on.

Grants must be used for one or both of the following two purposes:

- To ensure that eligible organisations who provide winter accommodation can provide single room COVID-19 secure accommodation this winter. This means accommodation for rough sleepers which involves individual/sole use sleeping rooms. In most cases it is also expected that this will include individual washing facilities (which could be attached to the bedroom in an en-suite arrangement or not).
- To support services that prevent rough sleeping and support rough sleepers in innovative ways building on proven approaches such as hosting, shared houses, support work and accessing the private rented sector.

Wherever possible, organisations should work with Local Authorities and partners towards the delivery of agreed strategic plans to meet the needs for cold/winter provision. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the relevant Local Authority's endorsement, by letter or email, to ensure that bids complement (and do not duplicate) the council's work.

The grants can be used to cover the following:

- Investments in systems (such as small-scale information systems).
- Investments in people (such as staff travel and training).
- Investments in infrastructure.
- Dedicated capacity development.
- Staff salaries.
- Project activities.
- Running costs (such as rent and bills).
- Small-scale refurbishment (such as decoration and basic furnishing).
- Equipment (such as PPE).
- Organisational development.
- Contributions to fixed costs.

All grants must be spent by 31 March 2021.

How to Apply

Guidance notes, FAQs, and the online application form are available on the Homeless Link website:

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2020/oct/20/homelessness-winter-transformation-fund-launches>

The next deadlines are:

- 4 November 2020 (1pm) for applications to be considered at Grants Panel 1 on 26 November 2020. Successful organisations will receive funds during December.
- 2 December 2020 (1pm) for applications to be considered at Grants Panel 2 on 17 December 2020.

Coop Food Fund

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.

Background

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.

Objectives of Fund

The funding is intended for local charities and community organisations that are working to tackle food poverty in communities across the UK.

Value Notes

A total of £1.5 million is available across the UK. £11,000 has been allocated to Cumbria.

Who can Apply?

Applications are accepted from voluntary and community organisations, including but not limited to:

- 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).

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for sustainable food poverty programmes which tackle the following priorities:

- 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.

The types of programmes that can be supported include but are not limited to:

- Foodbanks.
- Programmes that tackle food waste.
- Programmes that encourage healthy eating.
- Holiday hunger schemes.

How to Apply

Organisations interested in applying should visit Cumbria Community Foundation website and apply via the Covid-19 Response Fund application process.

<https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/covid19-response-fund/>

<https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/CumbriaCOVID-19ResponseFund>

Applications will be accepted until 13 November 2020.

Sport England Return to Play Fund

Capital grants to help local sports clubs and community groups adapt and open important places and spaces so that sport and physical activity can happen during the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

Background

Sport England is committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system. This means focusing investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport to create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Objectives of Fund

The £16.5 million Return to Play Fund is funded with money from the Government and the National Lottery and administered by Sport England.

The Fund is divided into three strands.

- **Sport England Return to Play – Small Grants** – A total of £10 million with grants of between £300 and £10,000 to help sport and activity groups, clubs and organisations respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a Covid-19-safe environment. Small grants are intended to help not-

for-profit community organisations create coronavirus-secure settings for community sport and physical activity to resume in autumn 2020.

- **Community Asset Fund** – A total of £5 million with grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 to help local sports clubs and organisations to adapt and open important places and spaces that can help them welcome back their local community safely.
- **Active Together** – A total of £1.5 million is a crowdfunding initiative to help sports clubs and organisations set up their own campaigns to help sustain them through the crisis. Further details are available on the [Crowdfunder website](#)

Community Asset Grants provides capital funding to help groups, clubs and organisations address the challenges they are facing by:

- Adapting how they use space and improving ventilation.
- Converting existing space to meet social distancing requirements, such as additional changing space.
- Making improvements to buildings or open spaces for temporary use to get more people active by using a vacant warehouse, shop or community centre.

The focus is on responding to the immediate challenges of sports and physical activity returning to play in autumn 2020.

Value Notes

There is a total funding pot of £5 million. Grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 are available for projects that are ready to start within six weeks.

Applications can be made for either:

- Small-scale investments ranging from £10,001 to £25,000 to address any immediate works required to adapt a place or space to enable a safe return to play.
- Medium-scale investments ranging from £25,001 to £50,000 to address more substantial, but still immediate, changes that may be required to a facility or space.

Who can Apply?

Applications are accepted from: Not-for-profit voluntary groups or sports clubs; Not-for-profit community clubs or organisations; Registered charities; Not-for-profit companies; Community interest companies or other social enterprises; Leisure operators, operating a single site.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding is for projects seeking to carry out adaptations needed to ensure clubs and community facilities can reopen safely and operate within the Government's/NGB's rules and guidance. Projects must be for fixed permanent or semi-permanent, capital works and for coronavirus-related works.

This could be a project, for example, to:

- Adapt the way a place or space is used to meet return to play guidance, for example, by creating a one-way circulation system, improving ventilation, or access arrangements.
- Convert an existing space to help meet social distancing requirements, such as additional changing accommodation, showers etc.
- Make improvements to a building or open space to enable activity to take place as a temporary arrangement, such as a vacant warehouse, shop or community centre.
- Cover an outdoor area or install temporary floodlights to enable activity to take place.

Priority will be given to:

- Projects located in areas of high deprivation (decile 1-3 of the Indices of Deprivation).
- Organisations working with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, people on lower incomes, disabled people, people with long-term health conditions and people experiencing a greater burden of care because of coronavirus, people on lower incomes, disabled people, people with long-term health conditions and people experiencing a greater burden of care because of coronavirus.
- Organisations that do not have a significant level of reserve funding available to utilise.

How to Apply

Guidance notes and the online application form are available on the Sport England website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds>

Peter Sowerby Foundation – Increasing Access Fund - Adapted Good Causes Grants

Grants are available for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to reinvent their face to face service delivery and to pilot and test new services through means other than digital as a result of the impact of COVID-19.

Background

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.

Objectives of Fund

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.

To be eligible for this strand of the Increasing Access Fund organisations should be working nationally within one of the following three areas of the Foundation's four key domains:

- **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.

Value Notes

The available funding is as follows:

- 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.

Who can Apply?

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.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support organisations to:

- Pilot and test new service delivery in response to the COVID-19 situation.
- Transform existing services to adapt to the COVID-19 situation.

How to Apply

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:

<https://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com/increasing-access-fund>

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 16 November 2020 (5pm).

Peter Sowerby Foundation – Increasing Access Fund – Digital Good Causes Grants

Grants are available for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally.

Background

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.

Objectives of Fund

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.

- Digital Good Causes Grants for smaller charities working within the areas of community, environment and the arts to transform or adapt their services digitally.

To be eligible, organisations should be working nationally within the Foundation's key domains:

- **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.

Value Notes

The available funding is as follows:

- Grants of up to £10,000 for digital skills development/digital investment (vital to increasing access to services for participants) within smaller organisations.
- Grants of up to £25,000 for the transformation of existing services through digital development.

Who can Apply?

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. Applications may also be considered from smaller organisations working within the area of healthcare innovation.

Eligible Expenditure

The funding will support organisations to:

- Pilot and test new digital service delivery that will transform existing services.
- Invest in digital skills development to better service beneficiaries and to launch new digital services.
- Invest in digital equipment to facilitate digital service delivery.

How to Apply

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:

<https://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com/increasing-access-fund>

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 16 November 2020 (5pm).

Peter Sowerby Foundation – Digital Health Breakthrough Grants

A limited number of grants are available for charities, CICs and registered social and healthcare providers to pilot new innovations or service delivery.

Background

The Peter Sowerby Foundation was set up in 2011 through an endowment by Dr Peter Sowerby, who created the software behind EMIS, which supplies clinical software to GPs in the UK.

Objectives of Fund

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.

This strand of the funding is for organisations nationally working within the Foundation's key domain of:

- Healthcare Innovation – Organisations in the fields of disability, medical research, mental health and those supporting individuals with long-term health conditions.

Value Notes

There are two stages:

- 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.

Who can Apply?

Applications will be accepted from charities, CICs and registered social and healthcare providers with a maximum turnover of £5 million.

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.

Eligible Expenditure

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:

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. 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:
 - Undertake an audit of existing non-digital service delivery to identify key areas for digital investment/expansion.
 - Develop digital strategies.
 - Engage consultants to best support the development of digital service delivery.
 - 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.

Stage 2:

- 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:

- An initial payment for further development of digital service delivery, which might include some initial pilot delivery of activity.
- A further payment for implementation and rollout of the programme.

How to Apply

All relevant documents are available from the Foundation's website:

<https://www.petersowerbyfoundation.com/increasing-access-fund>

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 3 months to develop proposals.

FUNDING DIARY

Friday 6 November from 11am to 12.30pm – Cumbria Funding Forum – November Knowledge Exchange

Come along to hear about grants available for organisations from the Hadfield Charitable Trust, grants available for individual victims of crime from Cumbria Victim's Charitable Trust and an update on mental health funding opportunities and more.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/focus-on-funding-forum-november-knowledge-exchange-free-event-tickets-126820169541>

Tuesday 3 November from 11am to 12 noon – Webinar – Rosa

The UK Fund for women and girls, will be hosting a webinar with Smallwood Trust in order to support organisations working with women experiencing poverty to apply to The Women's Resilience Fund and the Covid 19 Frontline Women's Fund which are both currently open for applications. The deadlines for these programmes are coming up soon (10 and 16 November respectively).

Organisations can register for this webinar on zoom using this link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_72g0xooJT3aTzIxf0EnPMw

Get Grants provides a range of support, advice and information to organisations about grant fundraising. They are based in the West Midlands. They have two free events coming up in November. In addition, they provide a range of chargeable training on topics such as online bid writing, online trusts and foundations fundraising and corporate fundraising. To find out more about any of these training sessions please visit: <https://www.getgrants.org.uk/>

Tuesday 3 November 1.30pm Get Grants – Free – Meet the Funders Event – Groundwork – Comic Relief Community Fund.

Book your free place via Eventbrite. The meeting will take place via Zoom and a meeting ID and password will be emailed to you prior to the event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-virtual-meet-the-funder-event-groundwork-comic-relief-tickets-121405855181>

Tuesday 24 November - 10:00am-11:00am – Get Grants Virtual Fundraisers Networking Event

In Get Grants Virtual Networking events, attendees have the opportunity to take part in a discussion about how the grant fundraising world is changing in response to the current Covid-19 crisis and what opportunities and challenges this presents to you as fundraisers.

To reserve your free place please book via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-virtual-fundraisers-networking-tickets-123455429513>