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| **Better Places Green Recovery Fund** | £5,000 - £20,000 | Open – deadline 29/1/2021 | **Scottish Countryside Visitor Management Fund for Community Groups Open for Applications**  Funding is available to help community organisations start, or develop further, proactive visitor management in 'hot spot' countryside destinations in Scotland. A £200,000 fund supporting community organisations in Scotland with sustainability planning for areas of the most countryside-related visitor pressures is inviting applications.  The fund offers financial support for undertaking the preliminary stages of visitor management planning, including the scoping of issues and interests. The fund also supports the further development or review of any existing plans, and design work for infrastructure solutions and measures. Applications will be accepted from constituted organisations, including registered charities, trusts and community groups, based in Scotland. Where applications are received from partnerships or organisations working collaboratively, a lead applicant must be identified.  The purpose of the funding is to:   * Test how to better support capacity building and skills development for visitor management planning. * Support a visitor management pathway leading to further action and resources, such as infrastructure development. * Share good practice, and develop useful advice and guidance on visitor management approaches used to tackle common issues - for example, case studies, designs and management measures.   Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available, covering up to 100% of project costs.  All projects must be completed by 31 March 2021.  **The deadline for applications is midnight on 29 January 2021.**  [**https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/better-places-fund/better-places-green-recovery-fund-eligibility-and-outcomes**](https://www.nature.scot/funding-and-projects/better-places-fund/better-places-green-recovery-fund-eligibility-and-outcomes) |
| **New Winter Clothing Fund for Children Opening Soon** |  |  | Scottish Government has announced a £1 million children’s winter clothing fund will be opening this month.  Scottish Government has announced a new £1 million winter clothing fund to allow more children to enjoy outdoor play and learning in winter weather is set to open in early 2021.  The fund will be open to nurseries and other Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) settings and will ensure that three and four year olds and eligible two year olds have access to suitable outdoor clothing during their time in ELC, reducing inequalities in accessing the outdoors.  The winter clothing fund forms part of the Scottish Government’s £100 million winter social package.  **Inspiring Scotland will be administering the fund on behalf of the Scottish Government.**  **The fund will be open for applications in January 2021.**  [**https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/**](https://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/what-we-do/our-funds/) |
| **Community Radio Fund** | Up to £7,500 | Open – deadline 14/1/2021 | **Community Radio Fund Reopens for Emergency Funding Applications**  Emergency funding for community radio stations that are struggling financially due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak and who are unlikely to continue operation without the funding.  The Community Radio Fund is managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). It has been running since 2005.  Ofcom-licensed community radio stations in England and Wales that are facing severe financial difficulty due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak can apply now for emergency cash funding to help with their core costs. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEBSITE STATES** - ***Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK, who are broadcasting under a community radio licence.***  This special third round will provide a total of £200,000 with grants of up to £7,500 available to support community radio stations which are taking steps to combat isolation and loneliness within their communities.  Grants will be made as a single lump sum and are to cover a one-year period only for analogue community radio services that are currently broadcasting.  Applicants that have already received funding from any of the £750 million Covid-19 Charities Package, including through other government departments, the Community Match Challenge, the Covid-19 Community Support Fund or the Big Night In, will not be eligible to receive this funding.  **Applicants must be on air by 31 January 2021 in order to be considered for the funding.**  **The deadline for applications is 5pm on 14 January 2021.**  [**https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund**](https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund) |
| **Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund** | £100,000 to £1,500,000 | Open – deadline 31/1/2021 | **COVID-19 Emergency Loan Fund for UK Social Enterprises Accepting Applications**  Emergency loans are available to support UK-based social enterprises and charities that are experiencing disruption to their normal business model as a result of coronavirus/COVID-19.  A national emergency loan fund established with an initial investment of £25 million from Big Society Capital is inviting applications from UK-based social enterprises and charities.  The fund aims to support social-sector organisations working to improve people's lives in the UK that are facing a problem because expected income and activity has been delayed or disrupted as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.   * The fund offers emergency loans that can be used as working capital until an organisation's normal business can commence again. The loans will have no fees or interest for the first 12 months.   Eligible organisations include:   * Registered charities. * Social enterprises. * Community interest companies (CICs). * Community benefit societies.   Organisations must also meet the following criteria:   * Be UK-based (ie trade in the UK and the loan will be used to support trading in the UK). * Have been trading for a minimum of two years. * Have a turnover of between £400,000 and £45 million. * Have more than 50% of income from trading activity. * Be able to confirm that they have been adversely affected by coronavirus/COVID-19. * Demonstrate they have a viable business, if it weren't for the pandemic. * Be able to confirm that the organisation was not an 'undertaking in difficulty'. * Be able to demonstrate that outcomes of the product or services provided are specifically relevant to improving people's lives, even if improving people's lives is a secondary outcome area of the organisation. * Be able to confirm that the loan will not be used in an excluded sector.   Loans of between £100,000 and £1.5 million are available for a term of one to five years.  The deadline for applications is 11.59pm on 31 January 2021.  <https://www.sibgroup.org.uk/resilience-and-recovery-loan-fund> |
| **CROWN UK Fund** | Up to £20,000 | Open – deadline 21/1/2021 | **Grants are available for Black-led grassroot organisations and projects in the UK who are working to eliminate barriers to progress for women and girls in the Black community and driving for long-term systemic change.**  Dove UK has established the CROWN UK Fund. CROWN stands for Creating a Respectful and Open World with NO RACISM. The application process is being managed by We are Futures.  In December 2020, the Advocacy Academy launched the Halo Collective with a mission to end hair inequality for good. The Halo Collective is working to create a future without hair discrimination and has introduced the Halo Code as the UK’s first Black hair code for schools and workplaces. Dove is the first brand to support the Halo Collective. Dove’s parent company, Unilever, is also the first employer to adopt the Halo Code.  The Crown UK Fund is focused on creating a respectful and open world for natural hair.  The fight against systemic racism needs action, not just words. A recent poll revealed that 63% of Black adults have experienced hair discrimination in the UK and more than 50% of UK children have been sent home from school due to wearing their hair naturally or in a protective style.  Dove believes no young person should be held back from reaching their full potential. Therefore Dove is accelerating its work to help eradicate race-based hair discrimination and support and empower all generations through the CROWN UK Fund to drive real and actionable change.  The funding is for not-for-profit organisations and change-makers in the UK who are passionate about and capable of eliminating barriers to progress for women and girls in the Black community and empowering the next generation.  There is a total investment of £170,000 for 2021.  Grants of up to £20,000 are available.  Organisations already established as social enterprises, charities or community projects and that are engaged in impactful work in their community can apply.  To be eligible, applicants must:   * Be UK-based grassroots organisations and/or programmes that are led by people who identify as Black/Black-mixed race. * Be able to demonstrate the impact of the funding and their methods and ability to monitor and evaluate the project.   Priority will be given to organisations that have a strong focus on the empowerment of Black women and girls. However, consideration will be given to organisations that are not women-centric but that are actively engaging projects/initiatives that will directly impact the advancement of Black women and/or girls.  There is particular interest in applications from any organisations that have an innovative and creative approach to the way they engage Black women and girls in their community. The projects funded should meaningfully involve the women and/or girls they support to reach their full potential and break down barriers to success. Dove is not looking for the best written application but the most compelling.  The funding is for projects that:   * Help create lasting change in the lives of Black women and/or girls. * Aim to celebrate and empower Black women and/or girls and eliminate barriers to success. * Address one or more of the following issues//needs:   + Appearance based prejudice and discrimination   + Education and vocational training   + Emotional or Psychological health   + Empowerment   + Individual growth and success   + Leadership and career planning   + Mentorship   + Advocacy   How To Apply  The fund opens for applications at 12 noon on 4 January and closes at 5pm on 21 January 2021.  The application will be available on the Crown UK Fund [webpage](https://spark.adobe.com/page/aUMKpxl91keBA/) once the fund opens**.** |
| **The John Byrne Award** | Up to £500 | Open | An online creative arts competition and exhibition for anyone living or studying in Scotland to promote the discussion of ideas and values through the creative arts.  The John Byrne Award is a project of The Iris Initiative, a registered Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.  The objective of the scheme is to showcase and reward creative work across a range of disciplines which encourages the questioning of values appropriate to the modern age.  The winner will receive a cash prize of £500.  Anyone over the age of 16, living or studying in Scotland is eligible to enter.  Creative work in all disciplines and on any theme or topic is accepted.  Restrictions  Written work which is longer than 15,000 words will not be considered.  Applications can be made at any time with entries reviewed in April, July and October.  To enter the competition, applicants should complete the online submission form available from the website. Entries are automatically entered into both the quarterly and annual competition.  More details can be accessed at:  <https://www.johnbyrneaward.org.uk/about/> |
| **Netflix Documentary Talent Fund** | £20,000 - £40,000 | Open – deadline 31/1/2021 | Funding and professional support is available to help ten emerging filmmakers from the UK turn their short documentary ideas into completed films.  Netflix is providing the Documentary Talent Fund to identify and support emerging documentary filmmakers from the UK. Through the programme, films will be created under the theme of 'Britain's Not Boring And Here's A Story.'  With Netflix' funding and professional support, 10 filmmakers and their teams will gain the experience of working to turn their short documentary ideas into completed films.  Successful applicants will be supported with a budget for a documentary film project that must fall within the range of £20,000 to £40,000.  In their finished form, each documentary must be 8-12 minutes long.  Applications will be accepted from UK residents.  Documentary projects are expected to be inspired by the programme's brief, which is: 'Britain's Not Boring And Here's A Story'.  Applications will not be accepted from non-UK residents.  Funding is intended to help programme participants turn their documentary ideas into completed short films.  The deadline for applications is 31 January 2021.  Guidance notes and the online application form are available at the Netflix Documentary Talent Fund website. |
| **Chancellor Announces £4.6 Billion Business Lockdown Grants** |  |  | A new financial package designed to support retail, hospitality and leisure sectors businesses and protect jobs has been unveiled.  The Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, has announced that businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors are to be given one-off grants to help them through the new national lockdown.  The announcement comes on the back of the Prime Minister's announcement that these businesses will be closed until at least February half-term in order to help control the continued coronavirus outbreak. The new funding, coupled with existing support schemes, is intended to help businesses survive through the spring period.  Grants will be provided on a per-property basis, supporting firms through the latest restrictions. The funds are expected to benefit over 600,000 business properties, worth £4 billion in total across all nations of the UK.  The one-off top-ups will be granted to closed businesses in England, as follows:  •£4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under.  •£6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000.  •£9,000 for businesses with a rateable value of over £51,000.  The new one-off grants come in addition to billions of pounds of existing business support, including grants worth up to £3,000 for closed businesses, and up to £2,100 per month for impacted businesses once they reopen.  A further £594 million is being made available for local authorities and the Devolved Administrations to support other businesses not eligible for the grants, that might be affected by the restrictions.  Chancellor Rishi Sunak said:  'Throughout the pandemic we've taken swift action to protect lives and livelihoods and today we're announcing a further cash injection to support businesses and jobs until the spring.  'This will help businesses to get through the months ahead – and crucially it will help sustain jobs, so workers can be ready to return when they are able to reopen.'  Eligible businesses should apply for support through their local authorities.  <https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/19563/Business-support> |
| **Hardship Fund Reopens for Scotland's Creative Freelancers** | £500 - £2,000 | Open | **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.**  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.  The objective of this scheme is to provide a one-off award to creative freelance professionals in Scotland to meet their immediate financial need.  Funds of between £500 and £2,000 can be requested.  The funder welcomes the announcement by the Culture Secretary of a further £3 million for the Hardship Fund for Creative Freelancers. This is an additional investment in support for creative freelancers given the demand experienced during the first round of the Fund. The £3 million will be added to the remaining £2 million.  Freelance creative professionals working in the arts and creative sector who are experiencing immediate financial difficulty due to the loss of income as a result of COVID-19. 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).  The fund is open to:  •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.  The following are not eligible to apply to this fund:  •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.  •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.  The online application portal is once again open. The funds do not have a published deadline – but will only remain open for as long as the funds are available.  To apply, applicants must firstly register on the Creative Scotland online application portal.  More details can be accessed at:  <https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/hardship-fund-for-creative-freelancers> |
| **Adapt & Thrive Programme** | Up to £75,000 | Open 11/1/2021 | Adapt and Thrive is adapting – recovery for the third sector hasn’t been straightforward and organisations of all sizes continue to deal with high levels of uncertainty, making it hard to look beyond Covid-19.  What’s changing?  From 11 January 2021, there will be two changes to the programme’s criteria so it can support more organisations on their journey to recovery:  • Eligible organisations can access funding regardless of turnover size  • The top value of grants will increase from £25K to up to £75K  The remaining criteria will continue to apply. For more information and to apply under the updated criteria, visit the SCVO website on 11 January.  Adapt and Thrive provides the opportunity, space and support so organisations can reflect on their current services and determine which areas they need to change, adapt, innovate, or grow in order to be resilient and successful post-Covid-19. It encourages organisations to think ambitiously about the future and develop bold recovery plans, so they can not only survive, but thrive.  As the response to the Covid-19 pandemic continues to evolve, applications should reflect the tier organisations are currently based within and how moving up or down the tier system will affect their recovery plan. The funding from the programme is unrestricted and designed to be flexible so organisations can respond to the moving situation.  <https://scvo.scot/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/community-recovery/atf> |
| **National Emergencies Trust ~ Resilience Phase (Foundation Scotland)** | £1,000 - £5,000 | **STILL Open** | The National Emergencies Trust has set up a Coronavirus Appeal to raise funds for local charities and grassroots organisations that can provide vital support to people in the quickest way possible. Funds are being sought from members of the public, corporate donors, charitable trusts, community fundraising, and existing and new government funding programmes.  Funds for Scottish organisations will be distributed by Foundation Scotland through the ‘Community Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund’ (RRR).  The first phase on funding focussed on providing emergency funding for local charities and grassroots organisation supporting people most in need.  The fund is now in the Resilience Phase and will support organisations with their long-term planning, helping them become more sustainable in the future, despite the continued uncertainty. They will continue to provide emergency support for those who need it most.  As of 4 December 2020, 1,254 groups across Scotland have been supported through the RRR fund, with over £6.3 million distributed to community groups and organisations supporting the most vulnerable people in Scotland. A list of organisations that have been awarded funding is available on Foundation Scotland’s website  Find out more and apply via Foundation Scotland’s website  <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/community-response,-recovery-resilience-fund/> |
| **Scale+Innovate - Employability & training | Environment & conservation** | Up to £1,000 |  | Open to established small to medium size charities or social enterprises working in employability and training or environment and conservation who are looking to scale their organisation and implement a new initiative to help recover and rebuild from Covid-19. The programme is made up of 10 learning days and additional Action Learning Sets between February and September 2021, focused on helping you scale your organisation. Organisations will also receive a £1,000 Booster grant that can help you towards innovation or cover while you attend the programme.  As well as a £1,000 Booster grant you will also get a free learning online programme made up of 10 learning days and 5 half day Action Learning Sets spread over 8 months.  Established charities or social enterprises working in employability and training or environment and conservation.  Minimum annual income: £75,000  Apply online. Next deadline:14th Jan 2021 Deadline extended to 12pm Thursday 14th January 2021  More information on this fund  <https://www.the-sse.org/courses/scale-innovate-employability-training-environment-conservation/> |
| **Volant Charitable Trust Covid-19 Response Fund** |  |  | The Volant Trust accepts applications from charities in the UK and internationally that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered.  Notes on award amounts:Grants are made at the sole discretion of the Trustees.  How to apply. Complete the online eligibility checklist and application form.  When to apply. Next deadline:31st Jul 2021  To receive a decision by October 2021 applications must be submitted between 1st January and 31st July 2021.  More information on this fund  <https://www.volanttrust.org/how-to-apply-covid-19/> |
| **Allchurches Trust - Hope Beyond** | Up to £50,000 | **Open** | Our Hope Beyond grants programme aims to enable churches and Christian charities to meet changing needs within their communities, helping them and the communities they support to adapt to the challenges and opportunities presented by the Coronavirus pandemic. The funding will address 3 themes - reducing loneliness and isolation - growing community resilience and promoting mental and emotional health and wellbeing - growing technological capability and resilience.  Maximum: £50,000  Notes on award amounts:The amount you receive will depend upon the cost of your project and the level of need in your community, ranging from 10% of project cost through to 80%. In addition to funding capital projects, such as adaptation of buildings and the purchase of equipment, the programme will also fund project-related salaries and some other revenue costs (to the end of 2021), such as training of staff and/or volunteers.  Christian church so long as they are part of Churches Together in England (CTE), Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS), Churches Together in Wales (Cytun), or the Irish Council of Churches  How to apply. Apply online. Full guidance notes available via the website.  Exclusions  Schools and other educational establishments are not eligible to apply for funding under this programme.  When to apply. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and there is no fixed deadline while funds for the programme are still available.  Contact. More information on this fund  <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/hopebeyond/> |
| **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Peace and Security** |  | **Open** | JRCT wishes to prioritise support for charitable work on the following issues: Challenging militarism, Scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures in the context of human rights and peacebuilding, Building support for alternative approaches to defence and security, and Responding to the dual harms of Covid-19 and systemic racism.  If your organisation is a registered, excepted or exempt charity based within any of the four jurisdictions of the UK and all of your work fits within their published programmes, they encourage you to consider applying for unrestricted or core support, although you may apply for programme or project funding if you prefer. For all other organisations or individual applicants, you may apply for a specific project or defined programme of work that would provide public benefit and further our aims as set out in the published policies.  How to apply. They will only accept applications submitted online.  Exclusions. This fund lists a large number of exclusions: check the website for details.  When to apply. Next deadline:22nd Mar 2021  The programme has several deadlines throughout the year. Upcoming deadlines are: 22 March 2021, 31 August 2021. Please note the registration deadline is a few weeks prior to the application deadline.  More information on this fund  <http://www.jrct.org.uk/peace-and-security> |
| **Alpkit Foundation Grassroots Support Now** |  | **Open** | Prioritising our funds to support projects that demonstrate an immediate impact on those affected by the Covid-19 virus crisis. Welcome any applications from individuals or organisations serving those affected by coronavirus across the country.  How to apply. Apply online  When to apply. At any time  Contact. More information on this fund  <https://alpkit.com/blogs/foundation/adapting-to-the-coranavirus-crisis> |
| **Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme** | £1,000 – £10,000 | **Open** | The scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. The focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability. The priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.  One year grants for core costs, equipment or project funding. Please note that competition for funding is intense and they receive many more applications than they are able to fund. Annual total and average for Scotland for 2019 from their website.  The Foundation can only accept applications from organisations with charitable status. This includes registered charities, charitable incorporated organisations (SCIOs), excepted charities and exempt charities. Organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme.  Maximum annual income: £150,000  How to apply. Apply online via website. There is revised criteria due to Covid-19. See website for full details.  Exclusions. At present, it will not be a priority to consider building projects unless these are for essential repairs or re-equipping, in order for you to carry out your work more efficiently or cost effectively and where you can demonstrate why there is an immediate need to carry out these works. Until Spring 2021 they are unlikely to consider activities which involve social gatherings. Will not support retrospective funding.  When to apply. At any time, it may take up to three months to obtain a decision from Trustees.  Contact. More information on this fund.  <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/> |
| **Aviva - Community Fund** | Up to £50,000 | **Open** | In response to the current pandemic, the Aviva Community Fund have broadened their eligibility criteria to support causes in addressing the impact of the outbreak. It supports projects that boost the resilience of communities in the face of uncertainty and is investing in two key areas: community resilience and financial capability and inclusion. The focus is on funding small charities and giving them the opportunity to innovate and test new ideas without fear of risk. Any projects submitted should be to develop a new approach, product or technology, pilot a new scheme, implement a new initiative, or expand existing services to a new area or beneficiary group OR covering the core running costs of causes looking to adapt or continue their vital services throughout the COVID-19 outbreak.  Any not-for-profit community organisation whose income is less than £1 million and has existed for at least 12 months. Maximum annual income: £1,000,000  How to apply.  Eligible projects should submit an online application form and create a project page which explains your idea. These pages will be available to all Aviva employees to browse and donate to. Charities can also share their pages to also raise public donations. The full process is shown here - https://acf.crowdfunder.co.uk/start-crowdfunding  Exclusions.  In response to the current pandemic, they have broadened their eligibility criteria to support causes in addressing the impact of the outbreak. Check guidance for full details.  When to apply.Applications are open all year, with quarterly funding rounds for eligible charities.  Contact. More information on this fund  <https://acf.crowdfunder.co.uk/> |
| **DISRUPT** | Up to £5,000 | **Open – deadline 30/1/2020** | Grants are available to support the showcasing of new or existing creative work at the online digital arts festival 'DISRUPT' in July 2021.  DISRUPT is a new digital arts festival taking place in July 2021, coordinated by the Guildhall School of Music & Drama. It has been set up to explore how performing arts has supported communities across the UK during the pandemic and how this time of uncertainty has encouraged new and radical ways of working.  DISRUPT festival has been created in partnership with Barbican; Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance; Culture Mile; Guildhall School of Music & Drama; Lived Experience Network, Maya Productions; Museum of London; and Slung Low.  The festival aims to bring together creatives, arts, communities, cultural and community organisations, researchers, charities, and schools from across the UK and is particularly keen to fund the following types of work which will be showcased at DISRUPT:  •New and experimental performance-based projects created with, by and for communities during the pandemic.  •Tools and tactics to build skills on new or different ways of working in the performing arts, including practical steps on how communities, artists and organisations can collaborate.  •Projects that explore alternative and more democratic futures for the performing arts.  The programme offers three funding strands:  •Community Commissions - grants of up to £5,000 are available for experimental and collaborative performance projects between communities and creative partners. The project should be a response to the COVID-19 pandemic or its consequences.  •Tools and Tactics - grants of up to £1,000 are available to encourage and develop new collaborative skills by looking at what radical new ways of working have developed because of the pandemic. This could include how art is made, selected or thought about by involving and broadening who and how communities are involved in decision-making.  •Alternative Futures - grants of up to £1,000 are available to help open up spaces to explore what needs to change in order to harness collective learnings (or unlearnings) about community collaboration.  Applications are welcome from communities, community organisations, researchers, creatives, artists, charities and arts organisations.  In order to be eligible, the following criteria apply:  •All applications must be a co-written and collaborative project between a community partner and creative partner.  •Applicants must be based in the UK.  •Applications must have a creative digital element that can form part of DISRUPT 2021 eg a live performance, a film, photography, an exhibition, an online zine etc.  The Open Call for creative proposals has been split into three strands:  •Community Commissions ◦For proposals for experimental and collaborative performance projects between communities and creative partners. The project should be a response to the pandemic or its consequences, and stem from something a community needs or wants to make.  •Tools and Tactics ◦To encourage and develop new collaborative skills by looking at radical new ways of working that have developed as result of the pandemic. This could include how art is made, selected or thought about by involving and broadening who and how communities are involved in decision-making.  •Alternative Futures ◦To explore and develop changes that need to occur to harness collective learnings/unlearnings about community collaboration.  Grants can be used for the following:  •Artist(s) fees.  •Production fees and costs.  •Project management costs including any insurance or legal costs.  •Equipment and software necessary to produce the work, whether hired or purchased.  •Rights clearance costs for online publication.  •Marketing costs.  •Expenses and travel.  •Access support costs.  Applications must be submitted by the deadline of noon on 30 January 2021.  Guidelines, an application form and budget template are available from the website of Guildhall School of Music & Drama.  <https://www.gsmd.ac.uk/disrupt/> |