

COVID-19 Specific Funding – New funds since 07/8/2020

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
Theatre Reopening Fund	Up to £5,000	Open	<p>Grants are available to help UK not-for-profit theatres to make coronavirus/COVID-19-related adaptations.</p> <p>Capital grants are available for necessary building alterations and equipment to allow theatres to reopen safely with regards to coronavirus/COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Works that support a risk-assessed approach to reopening could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alterations to circulation spaces to enable social distancing. • Changes to ventilation systems. • Purchase and installation of Perspex screens and sanitisation stations. • Any other equipment and building improvements that support reopening. <p>Priority will be given to applications which demonstrate how the project will support the theatre's safe reopening.</p> <p>Applications can be made at any time and will be assessed on a rolling basis. The Trust aims to make decisions on applications within four weeks.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to get in touch with the Trust to discuss the project/work before applying. Following this initial discussion, applicants should complete the application form available to download from the Trust's website. This must be submitted by email.</p> <p>http://www.theatrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-reopening-fund</p>
Theatre Improvement Scheme	Up to £20,000	Open	<p>Grants are available for not-for-profit theatres in the UK for capital improvement projects on a specific theme each year. The theme for the 2020 fund is Improving Environmental Sustainability.</p> <p>To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. • Demonstrate that they run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year. • Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years. • Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance.

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			<p>Grants can be used for capital costs of building or equipment.</p> <p>In the 2020 round the theme for applications is Improving Environmental Sustainability. Funding will be given to projects that demonstrate how a small intervention can have a big impact on reducing the theatre's environmental impact.</p> <p>Examples of eligible projects might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sedum roofs. • New windows • Building management systems. • More efficient water heaters. <p>The deadline for applications is 14 September 2020 (12:00).</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to first contact Tom Stickland, Theatres Adviser, to discuss their project before applying. An application form is available to download from the Theatres Trust website. This must be submitted by email to advice@theatrestrust.org.uk.</p> <p>http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme</p>
<p>The Supporting Communities Fund – Covid-19 Response</p>	<p>£1,000 to £2,500</p>	<p>Deadline 11.59pm 23/8/2020</p>	<p>The Covid19 Pandemic has affected the lives of everyone in Scotland and has resulted in fundamental adjustments to society and the economy. For the most vulnerable of our communities, this has resulted in additional challenges over and above the effects on the general population.</p> <p>The Scottish Refugee Council have secured funding from the Supporting Communities Fund. This funding is being made available by the Scottish Government and administered by The National Lottery Community Fund on their behalf. SRC will use this additional funding to build upon the huge contribution community groups have already made in responding to the COVID19 pandemic crisis by undertaking a further, competitive funding opportunity through delivery of a Small Grants Programme.</p> <p>The primary aim of this initiative is to distribute small grants to refugee-led and refugee supporting community groups so they are able to adapt or increase existing services and resources in support of their community during this emergency period.</p> <p>Research has been undertaken to assess the impact of social isolation, with one of the activities designed to ascertain future needs and ongoing sustainability of refugee community groups. Based on this survey data the SRC have identified the criteria for this funding round, of grants up to £2,500, to be used by community groups to provide activities and community support work towards addressing their community's needs in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation and loneliness,

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical/technology poverty, • Deteriorating mental/physical health, and • Food poverty. <p>Small Grants of between £1000 and £2500 are available to address these identified community needs. The deadline is 11:59pm on Sunday 23rd August 2020.</p> <p>www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/</p> <p>Telephone – 0141 223 7979 or 07523909213</p>
National Emergency Trust ~ Recovery Phase	£1,000 to £5,000	Open	<p>The fund is now focusing on Recovery and will support organisations to continue their operations in the 'new normal', to re-establish or re-design their activities to comply with new regulations in addition to providing emergency support for those who need it most.</p> <p>Applications for the Recovery phase opened on Monday 3rd August 2020.</p> <p>Find out more and apply via Foundation Scotland's website.</p> <p>https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/community-response,-recovery-resilience-fund/</p>
Creative Scotland Open Fund -Sustaining Creative Development	£1,000 to £50,000	Open – no deadlines	<p>The fund aims to enable organisations to explore ways of working that will help them to adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic. The fund will prioritise ideas and activities that help organisations sustain their creative practice and / or programmes of work.</p> <p>Organisations and individuals can apply.</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-fund-sustaining-creative-development</p> <p>enquiries@creativescotland.com</p>

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