

New funds since 25/09/2020

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<p>BAME Healthy Communities Surviving COVID-19 Fund</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Grants are available for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) led voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations across the UK to help them support their communities during and beyond the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis, building wellbeing, resilience, and capacity.</p> <p>The BAME Healthy Communities Surviving COVID-19 Fund was launched by the African Health Policy Network (AHPN), in partnership with House of Rainbow and the Africa Advocacy Foundation. The funding is provided by Comic Relief.</p> <p>The funding is intended for a range of wellbeing, resilience, and capacity building projects run by small and medium sized BAME-led organisations during the pandemic/post-pandemic period.</p> <p>Three levels of funding are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Grants of up to £5,000 for organisations with an annual income of under £50,000. • Option 2: Grants of up to £10,000 for organisations with an annual income of between £50,000 and £150,000. • Option 3: Micro grants of between £500 and £1,000. <p>Applications are accepted from the following types of organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary and community organisations. • Registered charities. • Charitable incorporated organisations. • Faith groups. • Constituted but unincorporated clubs/associations. • Constituted community groups. <p>To be eligible for funding organisations must be BAME-led. For the purposes of this Fund a “BAME-led organisation” is defined as having a majority of its governing body (or staff make-up) from BAME communities, with its services designed, targeted and delivered to BAME communities.</p> <p>Organisations that are not constituted, do not have a bank account, or are a new organisation can still apply for funding via a host organisation which meets the criteria listed above.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is midnight on 30 October 2020.</p>

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			<p>Further information and an online application form are available on the website of the African Health Policy Network (AHPN).</p> <p>African Health Policy Network - BAME Healthy Communities Surviving COVID-19 Fund</p>
<p>Youth Arts Small Grants Scheme</p>	<p>Up to £50,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Creative Scotland provide the Youth Arts Small Grants Scheme. Grants are available to organisations and local authorities to meet needs in their sector or local area by enabling freelance youth arts practitioners to deliver activity for the benefit of children and young people.</p> <p>The aim of the fund is to support organisations to take ownership of the distribution of funding in their area and strengthen and broaden their links with freelance youth arts practitioners.</p> <p>The overall budget for this fund is £700,000 with at least £500,000 for music and up to £200,000 for wider art forms. Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to organisations and local authorities to distribute grants of between £500 and £5,000 directly to individual freelance artists/creative practitioners. All applicants can apply to cover 100% of their costs but applicants are welcome to include additional partnership funding.</p> <p>Applications are invited from local authorities, arts organisations and third sector organisations. Organisations applying do not need to have an arts focus but they do need to have a track record in supporting/delivering youth arts activity and the capacity to deliver a small grants fund.</p> <p>Applications that demonstrate the capacity to distribute funds to freelance artists/creative practitioners who are likely to work with at least one of the following groups of children and young people will be prioritised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are living in poverty or residing in areas of social and economic deprivation. • Are experiencing or at risk of experiencing harm and neglect. • Are looked after and care leavers. • Are in the early years (0-5) of their life. • Are from Black and/or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. • Have a disability and/or additional support needs. • Are at risk of offending or have previously offended. • Are young carers and/or young parents. • Are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, or who have been homeless. • Are experiencing mental ill health.

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			<p>Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 2 November 2020. An application form and guidance notes are available from the website.</p> <p>More details can be accessed at:</p> <p>https://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/youth-arts-fund/small-grant-scheme</p>
<p>Rapid Recovery Challenge</p>	<p>Up to £475,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Registered UK businesses, charities, community interest companies, community groups and public bodies are invited to apply for support to accelerate innovations that can help vulnerable workers that have been hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis to access jobs and financial help.</p> <p>This programme is funded by Nesta in partnership with JP Morgan Chase Foundation and Money and Pensions Service. Nesta is a registered charity, operating as the UK's innovation foundation and supporting new ideas that are able to address some of the major challenges of modern times.</p> <p>Nesta has identified what it describes as an 'urgent need' to support people at risk of losing their livelihoods and financial security in the wake of the coronavirus crisis. Nesta believes there is a requirement for innovative products and services that can help families build savings easily, enable them to access financial assistance that exists already, provide tailored advice and support, and give much greater access to affordable credit.</p> <p>The Rapid Recovery Challenge has been launched to stimulate innovation in the fields of employment, skills and financial services. The programme will find and support tools and services that improve access to jobs and money for people across the UK, focusing on those hardest hit by the economic shock resulting from coronavirus (COVID-19).</p> <p>Nesta will award 12 participants an initial prize, based on plans to scale their products to 10,000+ users. Depending on their progress, up to six finalists will later be awarded more funds to help reach a further 50,000 users. The whole process is expected to take a year, with the aim that the solutions supported by the prize will ultimately reach one million people in the UK by 2023.</p> <p>The Challenge has two streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job Recovery Stream - supporting solutions that connect younger workers or those in (or who have recently lost) low-paid or insecure work into open jobs that match their skill sets. To help make these connections to live jobs, Nesta expects solutions in this stream may also provide tailored learning, training, or advice to people seeking work.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Recovery Stream - supporting solutions that help younger workers or those in (or who have recently lost) low-paid or insecure work access financial assistance more easily, manage their cash flow or, where necessary, access affordable, responsible credit. The Challenge will support solutions that positively impact: • Those currently or recently (within the past 12 months) in low paid roles. 'Low paid' is defined as earning less than £18,252/year (60% or less the national median annual pay in 2019, £30,420). • Those currently or recently (within the past 12 months) in insecure roles. An 'insecure role' is defined as temporary contracts less than six months, variable (zero-hour) contracts or self-employed earning less than £18,252/year. • Young people, whether employed or unemployed. 'Young people' are defined as those aged 16-24. <p>The Challenge's target end users are statistically more likely to be women, migrants, those from Black ethnic groups, and those in particular geographic areas. Supporting these groups might be one way, but not the only way, for solutions to have a meaningful impact.</p> <p>Throughout the Challenge, Nesta will support innovators to develop and scale their potential solutions and expand their reach and impact. The two winning projects will be announced at the end of the programme in September 2021.</p> <p>The programme has a total prize fund of £2.8 million. Funds will be released in increments, with funding being awarded at each stage, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December 2020, 12 semi-finalists (six in each stream) will each receive £125,000. • In May 2021, six finalists (three in each stream) will each receive £150,000. • In September 2021, two winners (one in each stream) will each receive £200,000. <p>In addition to funding, the challenge will offer participants non-financial support from internal experts and external partners. Participants will have a dedicated member of the Nesta team to help them access this support and navigate all elements of the challenge.</p> <p>To support the most promising innovations from the not-for-profit sector, at least six semi-finalist awards will be made to not-for-profit organisations in each stream. And, in the next stage, at least two finalist awards will be made to not-for-profit organisations for solutions in either stream.</p> <p>Applications are accepted from registered UK entities, including businesses, charities, community interest companies, community groups and public bodies. Organisations can enter in partnership. Proposed solutions must directly benefit the UK population.</p>

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			<p>Applicants should (at minimum) have a well-functioning prototype of their solution that has been piloted with at least 1,000 users.</p> <p>Applicants must select which stream of the Challenge they are applying for: Job Recovery or Financial Recovery. However, applicants are able to separately enter into both streams and solutions that involve elements of both streams are welcome.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is 26 October 2020 (12:00 GMT).</p> <p>Applications are made online at the programme website. More details can be accessed here Those who have questions can get in touch with Nesta by emailing rapid.recovery@nesta.org.uk</p>
<p>The Prince's Countryside Fund</p>	<p>Up to £10,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Established by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2010, The Prince's Countryside Fund exists to support thriving rural communities with farming at their heart. In the last decade, the Fund has awarded over £10 million to more than 350 projects across the UK. The Fund is supported by the People's Postcode Lottery.</p> <p>The theme for this round is Rural Community Resilience. Applications should build on some of the amazing projects that came about as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the effect that this had on rural communities. The funding is for projects which protect or boost community assets and enterprises, or otherwise strengthen the sense of community.</p> <p>Rural Community Resilience means different things to different communities, and in this case refers to projects which will allow the community to survive and thrive, especially when facing a situation which affects everyday rural life.</p> <p>Grants of up to £10,000 are available for up to one year. Projects must be completed within one year of their start date and no later than 31 March 2022. Some match funding is expected. Groups should have at least raised some local funding if the project is needed by the local community.</p> <p>Applications will be considered from the following which is not an exhaustive list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charities • Community Benefit Society • Community Interest Companies • Companies limited by guarantee • Not-for-profit organisations • Social enterprises • Unincorporated associations

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			<p>Priority will be given to communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In remote rural areas, specifically areas of Locality Related Deprivation. • With an ageing population or with a limited number of working age people in the area. • With a population of under 3,000 residents, with a drive time of over 30 minutes to a settlement of 10,000 or more. <p>The funding will pay for revenue costs that are directly associated with projects that are helping rural communities deal with the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. Some capital items may be funded.</p> <p>Projects should address the 'Rural Community Resilience' theme.</p> <p>Examples could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A village shop that moved into food or medicine delivery and has realised that this is of real benefit to the community but now wishes to take this a step further, or to continue the service. • A community may have discovered some hard to reach households within their community that have now started to engage - our grants could facilitate some exciting projects to continue and improve that engagement. • Reinvigorating a rural transport scheme to tackle isolation in the countryside. <p>To date the funding has been used to address and combat issues such as isolation, financial pressures, and issues with physical and mental health. Grants have supported a range of projects including a volunteer-run telephone helpline that supports local farmers, local transport to help rural residents access vital services, helping rural communities access and learn how to use online services, and the re-opening of a village shop in a remote rural community.</p> <p>The deadline for applications is midday on 3 November 2020 with outcome of decisions to all applicants by 11 December 2020.</p> <p>Please note the Fund could close earlier than the published deadline if a large number of eligible applications are received. Projects are thus advised to apply early.</p> <p>The guidelines, short eligibility quiz, and application form are available from the Prince's Countryside Fund website: https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/</p> <p>The completed application form should be sent by email to grants@countrysidefund.org.uk</p>

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<p>The Scottish Veterans Fund - Funding to Improve the Lives of Ex-Service Personnel in Scotland</p>	<p>Up to £15,000</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>Grants for non-profit projects that provide new or innovative approaches to improving the lives of veterans and their families, including projects that address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the veterans community.</p> <p>The Scottish Veterans Fund, which supports innovative projects to help veterans overcome any disadvantage experienced as a result of service, has opened to new applications. The initiative aims to help veterans and their families achieve a successful transition to civilian life and make Scotland the most attractive place to be for those leaving the services.</p> <p>A total of £200,000, provided by the Scottish Government and Standard Life Aberdeen, is being made available during the 2021/22 funding round. Not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to £15,000 per year.</p> <p>Projects should include one or more of the following aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting access for veterans and their families to health and social care; housing; employment, skills and education; financial advice; or any other services provided by the public or third sector; as well as those going through the justice system. • Supporting veterans and their families in their meaningful inclusion in civilian life, including promoting positive health and wellbeing and aiding social integration, with an emphasis on inclusion amongst civilian/non-military communities. • Supporting the successful transition to civilian life following service for the service person and their family. • Raising awareness of veterans and their families amongst the general public, emphasising their positive contribution to society and local communities. <p>This year, the criteria have been extended to include projects which address the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic on the veterans community.</p> <p>Groups that would like some additional guidance can sign up for one or both of the following sessions by contacting Allyson.Forrester@gov.scot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 October - Evaluation Support Scotland will run a three hour session on defining project outcomes. • 13 October - the Scottish Government will run a one hour session providing an overview of the scheme, application form and will hold a Q&A session <p>The deadline for applications to the Fund is midnight on 30 November 2020.</p> <p>Link: https://www.gov.scot/policies/veterans-and-armed-forces/scottish-veterans-fund/</p>

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Resilient and Inclusive Communities Fund	Up to £3,000	Open	<p>Small grants are available for new programmes and services that support disadvantaged and excluded communities.</p> <p>Applications are being invited from diverse Ethnic Minority non-profit community groups in Scotland that are looking to set up new projects, services or programmes for the benefit of one or more of the following disadvantaged communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those experiencing, or at risk of, domestic abuse. • Those living with poor, interrupted or impaired access to food, shelter and necessary amenities (eg, sanitation, heating). • Those experiencing poor or interrupted access to critical advice, services or care (owing to poor digital access, language barriers, physical or cognitive restrictions, changing circumstances). • Those experiencing poor or worsening mental health (e.g. compulsion, dependencies, depression) • Those in poverty, or at risk of poverty or destitution (especially those with no recourse to public funds). <p>Groups must have an annual turnover of no more than £100,000 to be eligible to apply.</p> <p>Grants of up to £3,000 will be awarded and can be used to cover costs such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment for use by beneficiaries (for example to help with digital exclusion). • Software and online services. • Services/contracted costs. • Volunteer costs. <p>The Fund is open on a rolling call basis until March 2021.</p> <p>Organisations will receive a decision on their application within two to three weeks. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2021.</p> <p>Applications should be submitted via email to ricfund@bemis.org.uk</p> <p>The application form and further information are available on the website of BEMIS.</p> <p>Link: BEMIS - Resilient and Inclusive Communities Fund</p>
The Robertson Trust	Various	Open	<p>Scotland's charities and community organisations will be able to access funding to support work which aims to alleviate the effects of poverty and trauma on individuals and communities across the country.</p>

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			<p>The Trust aims to deliver in excess of £200 million in funding over the ten-year strategic period and initially organisations will be able to apply to one of five separate funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wee Grants: Following the success of their Wee Grants for Wee Groups pilot last year, they have used the learning to inform our Wee Grants offering. These awards are for constituted community groups and charities with an annual income of less than £25,000 and offer funding of up to £2,000 for one year only. • Small Grants: For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £100,000, these offer restricted or unrestricted revenue funding of between £2,000 to £15,000 per year for up to five years. • Large Grants: For registered charities with an annual income of between £100,000 and £2 million, these offer restricted or unrestricted revenue funding of between £15,000 to £50,000 per year for up to five years. • Community Vehicle Grants: For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million, these offer funding of up to £10,000 for a vehicle to support your work. <p>Community Building Grants: For registered charities with an annual income of between £25,000 and £2 million, these offer funding of up to £75,000 towards 'community hubs'.</p> <p>Webinars</p> <p>The Trust are hosting three webinars next week to help introduce their funds and give more information about the application process. More information about these can be accessed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for Wee Grants - 1300-1430, 6th October • Applying for Small and Large Grants - 1300-1430 7th October • Applying for Community Vehicle and Building Grants - 1300-1430 8th October
Funding to Give Disabled Children/Young	Up to £35,000	Open	Better Breaks is a funding programme of the Short Breaks Fund, operated by Shared Care Scotland on behalf of the National Carers Organisations and the Scottish Government.

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<p>People/Carers a Short Break</p>			<p>The Short Breaks Fund aims to increase the range, availability and choice of short breaks for unpaid carers and those they care for across Scotland.</p> <p>Third sector organisations in Scotland can apply now for funding in 2021/2022 to develop and deliver short breaks projects and services for disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under), and their carers.</p> <p>A total of £1 million is available for the next financial year with grants of up to £35,000 to cover a period of one year.</p> <p>The maximum grant depends on whether the organisation is incorporated (£35,000) or unincorporated (£5,000). The average grant award is likely to be around £15,000. Grants are for 12 months only and all funded activities must take place between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.</p> <p>The funding is for projects and activities that benefit both disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under) and their carers, by providing a break from their normal routine. These breaks should increase opportunities for disabled children and young people to engage in activities they enjoy, give carers a break from their caring role, and improve wellbeing for all involved.</p> <p>The grants will support a wide range of short breaks projects and activities, including overnight stays, residential breaks, days out, and shorter regular activities and sessions.</p> <p>The activities can be for disabled children and young people (aged 20 and under), for their carers, or for families to enjoy together.</p> <p>This is an annual programme with a closing date in November each year. The 2020 deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 19 November.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 all workshops will be delivered online this year. In addition, 'call in' days are being held to support applicants.</p> <p>Full details of the workshops and 'call in' sessions as well as the guidance notes, application form and budget template are available from the SharedCare Scotland. website.</p> <p>Link: https://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/shortbreaksfund/betterbreaks/</p>

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Postcode Dream Trust	Grant available between £500,000 and £1 million	Open	<p>The £3 million Postcode Recovery Fund has been created to support charities to develop innovative solutions that address the many issues affecting people as society recovers from the effects of the pandemic.</p> <p>British charities can apply now for funding to support projects that address a systemic societal issue related to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Charities can apply for grants of between £500,000 and £1 million from a £3 million funding pot to support high impact and original projects.</p> <p>Priority areas for support include educational inequalities, homelessness, domestic violence, health and wellbeing, poverty, social exclusion and isolation. Applications where there are other clear benefits to the community will also be considered.</p> <p>Projects must be delivered within Great Britain in 2021-2023.</p> <p>Applications will be considered from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charities in Great Britain, who are registered with the Charity Commission or with OSCR. • Charities who have an annual income at least twice the amount that is being applied for (i.e. if applying for £500,000 then the lead applicant must have an income of at least £1 million and if applying for £1 million then the lead applicant must have an income of at least £2 million as evidenced by their latest audited accounts). <p>The funding comes from the Postcode Dream Trust which was created to provide opportunities for charities to deliver their dream projects through collaboration. The Trust's work has been realigned this year to support COVID-19 recovery efforts.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted from 1 October until 30 October 2020.</p> <p>Link: Postcode Dream Trust - Postcode Recovery Fund</p>

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