

# PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

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**This month's newsletter contains  
11 external funding opportunities**



**Business**



**Communities  
& Culture**



**Environment**



**Health &  
Wellbeing**



**Housing**



**Education &  
Young People**



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## **COVID-19 Recover Loan Re-opens for Cultural Organisations**

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The Culture Recovery Fund - Repayable Finance Programme is intended to support cultural organisations that have been affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis to stay afloat.

A second round of funding has been launched with a total budget of £100 million to be awarded through loan finance. Applicants may apply for a minimum of £1 million.

The majority of applicants are expected to be awarded loans which include a payment term of up to 20 years, an initial repayment holiday of up to four years and a 2% interest rate per annum.

Applicants can use the investment to help prepare for re-opening and re-starting work or to remain cost-efficient in the short-term in order to reopen at a later date.

Eligible organisations include charitable, not-for-profit and commercial enterprises operating within the arts, museums and heritage sectors, including independent cinemas, comedy clubs and nightclubs.

**The deadline for applications is 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 (12:00 GMT).**

## **Community Radio Fund Reopens for Emergency Funding Applications**

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Ofcom-licensed community radio stations 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.

This special third round will provide a total of £200,000 with grants of up to £7,000 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.

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

# Government Launches £46m Changing Futures Fund

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The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) has launched a new £46 million Changing Futures Programme to help improve the way that systems and services work to support individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage - including a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, poor mental health, domestic abuse, and contact with the criminal justice system.

The Changing Futures programme will bring together a selection of local areas that are committed to working with government and with each other over an initial two-year period to improve outcomes for people experiencing multiple disadvantage.

A local partnership will be responsible for delivering the programme in selected areas, with the following representation as a minimum:

- Local Authority. Areas might wish to include representation from public health, housing support, substance misuse and/or adult social care services
- Strategic NHS partners, including one or more of Clinical Commissioning Group, Integrated Care System/Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, Mental Health Trust, and NHS England commissioners
- Police and/or Police and Crime Commissioner
- National Probation Service. Areas might also wish to additionally involve representation from prison, HM Courts and Tribunals, and Youth Offending Services
- Voluntary, social and community sector partners.

Grants of up to £15,000 will be available for shortlisted areas in year one (2020/21) to develop a more detailed delivery plan in partnership with the central government programme team.

The central team will be running a webinar on 6<sup>th</sup> January for areas interested in applying. Please contact the MHCLG for joining details.

**Expressions of interest (EOIs) must be submitted by the deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.**

# New £4m Fund to Help Reduce Loneliness

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Funded by the Government and the National Lottery Community Fund, the new £4 million Local Connections Fund is intended for small constituted voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations with an annual income of £50,000 or less.

There will be two funding rounds, one in January 2021 and one in summer 2021, with a total of £2 million available for each round

Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are to be used to:

- Build relationships in and across communities to help reduce loneliness and build connections between people and communities
- Bring together organisations who are working on social connections to celebrate their work, share learning and best practice, and form/bring together peer networks.

The grants can be used for a number of different things including staff salaries, volunteer expenses, management costs, overheads, small-scale equipment and small-scale venue improvements.

**The deadline for applications for Round 1 is 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

## **Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage – Round Two**

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The funding is for cultural and heritage organisations to make the transition from lockdowns and social distancing to resume business activity and welcome visitors back to the country's diverse heritage sites starting in April 2021.

There is a total funding pot of £36 million for round two. Grants of between £10,000 and £3 million are to be used to cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 only.

The funding can cover any costs associated with shortfalls in income during the April to June period whilst working towards restarting normal operations or business.

This shortfall may be costs incurred as part of operations and business, including:

- Staffing
- Overheads
- Marketing
- Heritage activities
- Maintenance of buildings and land, equipment and services

Two free webinars will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the fund's criteria and answer any queries. There are a limited number of tickets and groups should not wait to register. Registration is via [Ticket Source](#)

**Grant applications will be accepted from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.**

# COVID-19 Emergency Loan Fund for Social Enterprises

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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.

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<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.**

# Funding for Charities to Reduce Carbon Emissions

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The new £1 million Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund is offering grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 for projects that meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate measurable and lasting reductions in the carbon intensity of energy end use and accelerate the transition to net zero carbon
- Show a realistic prospect of delivering broadly replicable benefits to existing and/or future energy consumers
- Proved to be efficiently managed throughout the project.

Examples of the types of carbon emissions reduction projects that could be funded include (but are not limited to):

- Capital or development funding to bridge the viability gap and enable the development of renewable energy projects which benefit energy consumers.
- Projects which explore innovative approaches to engaging end users with carbon saving measures such as demand side management, virtual power plants, smart EV charging, microgrids etc.

- Innovative projects increasing community ownership of - or engagement with - energy assets which reduce carbon emissions.
- Initiatives that seek to increase the uptake, accessibility and affordability of carbon reduction improvements for energy consumers such as renewable heating and power or super insulation.

The funding can support both capital and revenue costs for projects lasting up to two years.

The Energy Savings Trust is encouraging charities to register by 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

**The application deadline for the first round is 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 (5pm).**

## **Home Office Accepting Applications to Windrush Community Fund**

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The new £500,000 scheme offers grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 for projects that reflect the objectives of the Windrush Community Fund.

The funding is for activities including, but are not limited to:

- Holding events, for example: cost of venue, refreshments and other associated costs.
- Producing and distributing marketing materials.
- Running communications campaigns, both online and in person. The guidance notes provide details on social distancing measures related to Covid-19).
- Engaging and supporting people who are eligible under the Windrush Scheme (documentation) and Windrush Compensation Scheme.
- Accessing and using communication channels, for example social media, local radio.
- Securing support from corporate partners, public or prominent figures or advocates.

There will be two phases of funding.

**The deadline for phase 1 funding is 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**

## **£2m 'Binrastructure' Fund to Tackle Littering**

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WRAP is providing Litter Binrastructure grants to support the release of the Defra's ['Binrastructure - The right bin in the right place'](#) guidance released in October.

The scheme will award capital grants to successful local authorities for the purchase and installation of new bins, with the aim of providing infrastructure in identified litter-prone 'hotspot' locations.

Litter authorities (not including parish and town councils) are eligible to apply.

Applicants are required to already have a Litter or Binrastructure Strategy in place at their local authority.

There is a finite budget of £2 million available for this scheme. Capital grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 are available.

Grants shall be awarded on a 'first come first served' basis, until the total funds have been fully allocated within a set timeframe.

**Applications must be submitted by the deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (1pm).**

## **New Grants for Angling Aficionados**

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In the wake of the first coronavirus lockdown, an increase in the popularity of fishing was observed, with nearly a million people buying or renewing a fishing licence since the spring. As a means of encouraging the wellbeing benefits the sport can offer, the Get Fishing Fund has been created to encourage more people to take up fishing or get involved for the first time.



Grants of up to £500 for small-scale projects and up to £5,000 for larger projects will be available.

The funding is expected to help the delivery of future angling participation events, including any additional equipment needed to ensure fisheries are following COVID-19 safety guidelines, PPE and signage. It can also cover the costs of fishing equipment, tackle and bait, as well as event resources including promotional material, gazebos and basic storage facilities.

Applications are accepted from angling clubs, fisheries, charities, schools and local authorities that want to increase the number of people being introduced to angling.

**The deadline for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.**

## **National Lottery Community Fund Re-Opens Regular Funding Programmes**

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For the past months, the National Lottery Community Fund has been focussing on providing emergency funding for VCSE organisations in response to the coronavirus crisis.



The Community Fund has now announced that the short-term emergency phase of funding is coming to an end and the following regular funding programmes have re-opened for applications:

- National Lottery Awards for All
- Reaching Communities

- Partnerships

The aim of the programmes is to support communities to thrive by funding activities that:

- Build strong relationships in and across communities.
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- Help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.

Organisations can apply for funding to:

- Continue to deliver activity - whether the community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity.
- Change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.

The Community Fund emphasised that it will continue to support people and communities that are most adversely impacted by the crisis and will be flexible and responsive to the needs of communities and the organisations supporting them.

**Applications for all three programmes are accepted on an ongoing basis.**