

Newsflash

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Support Package to Assist Community Businesses Recover from Impact of Covid-19

The Powering Up programme will provide packages of support based on the unique circumstances that community businesses find themselves in, as they adapt to the rapidly changing landscape during the COVID-19 crisis.

The support can include:

- Business skills advice
- Human Resources advice, employment, redundancy, furlough, working arrangements etc.
- Health & Safety advice, COVID-19 compliance, safe & secure buildings, staff and visitors etc.
- Financial Planning, including managing cashflow and debt within the business.
- Business planning in changing times.
- Change/crisis management.
- Support to move to a new digital offering, including moving service delivery and income streams online.
- Funding masterclass.
- Coaching and peer to peer mentoring
- Resilience and wellbeing

Priority will be given to community businesses in the most deprived areas as well as organisations that are led by disabled people and/or people from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups.

Powering Up is holding a webinar on **Thursday 29th April, 2021 (2pm)** to provide further information about the support programme.

The deadline for funding applications is 17th May, 2021.

Funding for Charities that Support Vulnerable Energy Consumers

Applications have opened for a £4.8 million funding pot that will award grants to charities that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme.

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The Energy Redress Scheme, is managed by Energy Saving Trust, which has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments to charities from energy companies who have breached rules.

The core priority of the Fund is to support energy consumers in vulnerable situations, but funding is also available for the development of innovative products and services related to energy.

Examples of activities that can be funded include:

- Engaging vulnerable customers with energy issues and referring them for support.
- Energy advice that does not duplicate existing advice services.
- Installation of energy saving or renewable energy measures which are being used in innovative ways.
- In-home safety advice and measures related to energy systems.
- Training and education on energy that is targeted at supporting vulnerable customers.

Grants of between £20,000 and £750,000 are available and can be used for capital or revenue funding

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 6th May, 2021.

Funding for Charities to Reduce Carbon Emissions

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There is a total budget of £750,000 for the April 2021 round with grants of between £50,000 and £500,000

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.
- 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.

Applications will be accepted from registered charities that are registered with the Energy Redress Scheme and have passed the due diligence process.

The deadline for applications is 6th May, 2021 (5pm).

Fund for Smallest Clubs in Financial Difficulty Now Open

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The £4 million Clubs in Crisis Fund aims to support the UK's smallest sports clubs that are at risk of closing their doors for good due to the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding is provided by the charity Made By Sport and administered by the UK Community Foundations network through its network of local community foundations and grants of £2,021 will be available to help with core, programme or capital costs.

The fund is looking for applications from clubs and community organisations using sport to improve the lives of young people (primarily between the ages of 5 and 25 years) through one or more of the following means:

- Developing life skills
- Building strong communities
- Improving mental health
- Developing employability skills

Groups must apply via the relevant community foundation in their area. Please note that each community foundation will have their own criteria, application process and deadline.

The application deadline varies across the country. In general, the closing dates range from the first week of May 2021 to the first week of June 2021. Groups must check with their local community foundation in order to avoid the disappointment of a missed deadline.

Funding Available to Help Community Organisations Strengthen Social Fabric

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Community organisations are invited to apply to a new funding programme for projects that will build stronger connections across communities, and improve the infrastructure and conditions that are needed to strengthen these connections.

The fund is interested in bold and experimental responses to bringing people together using new, or new combinations of approaches. All projects will need to:

- Have a clear equality, diversity and inclusion focus.
- Deliver across at least two countries in the UK.
- Demonstrate they can learn and adapt as they go.

Grants of up to £300,000 are available, for up to two years.

Applications may be made at any time while funding remains available.