



Coronavirus Community Support Fund

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About the CCSF

The Coronavirus Community Support Fund (CCSF) is a joint response to distribute both government and National Lottery emergency funding to organisations in England - launched 22nd May 2020

We can fund:

- Activities supporting people and communities affected by COVID-19.
- Organisations experiencing/facing acute financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic.
- Up to £100,000
- For up to 6 months
- Focus on small and medium-sized charities (Under £1m income/yr)

Who can apply?

You can only apply **once** for COVID-19 emergency funding in England.

You can apply if you already have existing grants with The National Lottery Community Fund.

You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company
- Community Interest Company with two or more directors

We can fund partnership applications led by VCSE organisations.

Who can't apply:

- statutory bodies
- schools
- individuals
- sole traders
- Companies that can pay profits to directors, shareholders or members (including Companies Limited by Shares)
- organisations based outside the UK
- organisations that don't have at least two people on their board or committee who aren't married, in a civil partnership, in a long-term relationship, living together at the same address, or related by blood
- one organisation applying on behalf of another.

What we want to fund?

We are prioritising the following 3 groups:

1. **Organisations supporting people and communities who experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 crisis**

E.g. organisations supporting older people, disabled people (including people with long-term health conditions) and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

Organisations supporting people and families living in poverty or on low incomes, who face further financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

Those working with homeless people and organisations supporting vulnerable children and young people.

What we want to fund?

2. Organisations providing services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis

E.g. organisations providing food and basic essentials to those who are shielding.

Organisations working to prevent domestic abuse and violence.

Organisations supporting people and their families with end of life care.

Organisations who support people experiencing poor mental health and wellbeing.

What we want to fund?

3. Organisations which connect communities and support communities to work together to respond to Covid-19

E.g. organisations supporting VCSE sector infrastructure and capacity building.

Government funding will be used to fund organisations in the first two categories, National Lottery funding will be used to fund organisations in the last category.

What we want to fund?

We particularly would like to encourage applications from organisations that support:

- BAME communities
- disabled people (including people with mental health conditions)
- women
- older people
- young people
- carers
- people experiencing homelessness
- people experiencing the criminal justice sector
- migrants and refugees
- people with low/no income
- sex workers
- LGBT+ communities.

We are also particularly looking to support organisations led by people who have lived experience of the issues they are trying to address.

If your project works with children, young people or vulnerable adults

You need to have a policy in place that explains how they'll be safe.

The NSPCC have lots of [helpful advice about setting up and following good child safeguarding policies](#). NCVO also host a number of [safeguarding resources](#).

If we do fund your organisation, you must comply with [our safeguarding policy](#).

What you can spend the money on

We can fund:

- your organisation's running costs
- essential items for food banks
- small refurbishment projects that can be delivered within Government guidelines
- equipment
- one-off events
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- volunteer expenses
- organisational development

Please check our website for a full list of what we can fund.

We encourage you to think about any organisational costs needed to help your organisation and your community through the current crisis.

Minimal requirements related to PPE, cleaning and adaptations to buildings to meet social distancing standards are eligible if you plan to return to face to face contact in the next 6 months.

What you can spend the money on

We can't fund:

- alcohol
- contingency costs, loans, endowments or interest
- profit-making
- VAT you can reclaim
- statutory activities
- overseas travel
- campaigning or lobbying activities.
- religious activities (we can fund religious organisations if their project benefits the wider community and doesn't include religious content)
- retrospective costs

Large requests for PPE, cleaning and adaptations to buildings which are well beyond government requirements.

Applying for funding

Have a look at our website for [information about funding under £10,000](#) & [information about funding over £10,000](#)

All applications should go through the website unless you have specific communication requirements.

Information you need to apply:

1. Contact details of two different people from your organisation
2. Details about your organisation
3. Information about what you'd like to do including:
 - how your work will involve your community
 - how your project fits with local activities
 - who will benefit from your project - how have they been affected by COVID-19?
 - what difference your project will make - how will it mitigate the impact of COVID-19?
 - how much money you need and what for
 - how long you need the money for

Applying for funding

If your application is eligible and fits well with our priorities, we'll follow up and ask for:

1. How many people your whole organisation supports
2. How many volunteers you have in your whole organisation
3. How many full-time equivalent staff work for your whole organisation
4. What percentage of your leadership (e.g. senior management team, board, committee) have lived experience of the issues that you are trying to address
5. Proposed budget
6. Recent bank statement
7. Overview of your financial position
8. Cashflow forecast for the next 6 months (only for applications for over £50,000)

Once we have all the information your application will progress through 3 different processes, including the local funding team, a national TNLCF panel and a DCMS panel.

Current waiting time for a decision is approx. 6 weeks.

If you're successful

We expect you to return your offer letter within one week and start your grant within one month of the date on your letter.

The full grant amount will usually be made in one payment the week of your start date.

Government will be carrying out an evaluation of the programme using an external agency, but TNLCF will be managing this piece of work.

We'll get in touch with you near the end of your funding and ask you about your progress, including:

- how many people you reached
- how many volunteers you worked with
- what you did
- what difference the funding has made.

Find out More

Visit our website - www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

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Questions