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Arts, Culture & Heritage

Fund for Cultural Organisations in England Affected by COVID-19 to Open Soon

A new £500 million Fund aiming to support cultural organisations struggling due to the COVID-19 crisis will open for applications on 10 August 2020.

Government Announces £500m Film and TV Production Restart Scheme

Culture secretary Oliver Dowden has announced a fund to help the UK's film and television production companies that are unable to obtain coronavirus insurance.

Heritage Culture Recovery Fund for Opens for Applications in England

Funding to support organisations across the heritage ecosystem that were financially sustainable before COVID-19, have exhausted all other financing options, and are now at risk of failure.

£30m to Reignite England's Independent Cinemas After COVID-19 Shutdown

Independent commercial and non-profit cinemas in England whose businesses have been interrupted by COVID-19 can access funding to reopen and make safety interventions.

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Business Support

BT Supports SMEs to Grow Following COVID-19

Telecoms firm BT Group has announced the launch of a new scheme to help UK SMEs grow following the disruption caused by COVID-19.

Cumbria Consultancy Subsidy

This programme offers businesses in Cumbria support towards the cost of a consultancy project. This support is delivered by Cumbria Chamber of Commerce.

Government Announces £20m COVID Recovery Fund for England's Small Firm

Small and medium businesses in England can access government funding to help them get back on track following a period of financial hardship and a reduction in trade as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Government Outlines Coronavirus Job Retention Bonus

A one-off payment will be made to UK employers that have used the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme for each furloughed employee who remains continuously employed until 31 January 2021 as a means of providing additional support to retain workers.

IUK Funding for Foundation Industries to Recover from COVID-19 Crisis

UK businesses and research organisations can apply for funding to support an innovation-led recovery from the COVID-19 crisis for the UK's foundation industries.

£50m to Boost UK Customs Intermediaries

HMRC is encouraging customs intermediaries and traders who make their own declarations to take advantage of new funding.

New Funding for Employers to Hire Apprentices

Financial support is being provided to help employers in England hire new apprentices in a move designed to boost employment following the coronavirus outbreak.

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Community Development

Common Call COVID Fund

A limited number of grants are available to support black (and Mixed with Black) social entrepreneurs and change-makers making a difference in their local communities in the UK.

First Steps Enterprise Fund

A loan/grant funding package is available for small community-led charities and social enterprises based and working in England to help them grow their services and become more sustainable.

Lloyds Bank Foundation's New COVID Recovery Fund - NE & Cumbria specific guidance

Grants are available for small and local charities that are working to help people overcome complex social issues so that they can recover beyond the immediate COVID-19 crisis.

Postcode Community Trust's Community Grants – Round 2

Short-term, designated funding is available for new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, that focus on the 2020 themes to improve community health and wellbeing, increase participation in arts and physical recreation, or reduce isolation.

Postcode Local Trust – Round 2

Short-term, designated funding is available for new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, in Great Britain that improve biodiversity and green spaces, increase community access to outdoor space, or combat climate change and promote sustainability.

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust Offers Grants to British Organisations Affected by COVID-19

New funding to help not-for-profit organisations increase resilience by adapting or expanding their services, or to meet new challenges brought on by the coronavirus/ COVID-19 pandemic.

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People's Postcode Trust's Community Project Small Grants - Round 2

Short-term, designated funding is available for projects which focus on the promoting human rights, combatting discrimination, and preventing poverty in Great Britain.

National Lottery Community Fund Announces BAME-led Fund for England

A new black and ethnic minority-led fund to support communities and BAME leadership practice in England is 'expected to be launched within weeks'.

Volant Charitable Trust - COVID-19 Response Fund

Grants are available to UK charities that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.



Digital

Fat Beehive Foundation

Grants are available to small UK registered charities for building websites or digital products that enable them to carry out their work in a more efficient and effective way, resulting in positive social benefit.



Environment

Beyond the Bag Challenge

Innovators from across the world are being challenged and funded for their innovative new design solutions that serve the function of today's single-use plastic retail bag, delivering consumer convenience and lessening environmental impacts.

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Local Funders

- [Carlisle City Council Grants](#)
- [Cumbria County Council Community Grants](#)
- [Cumbria Community Foundation](#)
- [Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership](#)
- [Cumbria Office of Police and Crime Commissioner](#)
- [Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust](#)



National Funders

- [Arts Council England](#)
- [Disability Grants](#)
- [Funding Central](#)
- [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Spacehive - Crowdfunding For Local Projects](#)
- [Sport England](#)
- [The National Lottery Community Fund](#)
- [Turn2us](#)



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