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Art, Culture & Leisure

Awesome Merch 15K Grant Scheme

Grants are available help the music and performing arts industries and small businesses in need during the coronavirus pandemic.

Funding to Support England's Heritage Sector at Risk Due to COVID-19

Grants for charities and social enterprises in England occupying historic buildings to develop new business plans and strategies in light of the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

New Funding Round of History Makers Award for Museums

Grants available to museums in England to fund new exhibitions that will inspire the public through the lives and achievements of extraordinary, historical figures.

New Support for England's Artists and Creative Practitioners

This development fund is designed to support independent creative practitioners and ensure excellence is thriving in England's arts and culture sector.

£500m Film and TV Production Restart Scheme Now Open

This fund is designed to help film and television production companies that are unable to obtain coronavirus insurance recommence their activities.



Animal Welfare

Defra Launch Darwin/Illegal Wildlife Trade COVID-19 Rapid Response Round

Funding available to respond to the immediate impact of COVID-19 on the priorities of the Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus and the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund (IWTCF).

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Business & Enterprise

Barclays Announces £14 Billion Dedicated SME Fund

Loan funding is available to help small and medium businesses in the UK invest for the future.

Business Enterprise Fund Revive Loans

Loans available to SME businesses across the North East and North West of England, North and West Yorkshire, Humberside and North Lincolnshire who require additional funding to develop and grow.

Business Enterprise Fund Thrive Loans

Loans available to businesses across the North East and North West of England, North and West Yorkshire, Humberside and North Lincolnshire who are looking to grow.

Job Support Scheme Expanded for Businesses Forced to Close by COVID Restrictions

The Chancellor has announced that the Government is extending a scheme to help all UK firms mandated to close due to national or local coronavirus restrictions.

Power to Change – Community Business Renewal Fund - next round opens 3 November 2020

Unrestricted grants to help with core costs are available for locally based and community-led businesses in England that have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis in order to respond, evolve and adapt to the challenges they are facing.

SME Leaders Programme Launches Second 2020 Round

Grants, coupled with additional support, can be accessed to improve the leadership skills of those managing engineering start-ups and SMEs in the UK.

SMEs Transforming Food Production - Series A Investor Partnership

Grants are available for UK registered micro, small and medium-sized enterprises aspiring to transform food production through experimental development projects that are closer to market.

£3m to Support Community Businesses in England Affected by COVID-19

Established community businesses in England will be able to apply for unrestricted grants to help them adapt to the challenges moving forward as the country moves into the next phase of the pandemic.

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Children & Young People

£1m Fund to Target Mental Health Support for Students Reopens to Applications

£1 million fund available to higher education providers in England to develop and implement projects which provide innovative approaches to improving mental health outcomes for students.



Community Development

Funding to Deliver COVID-19 Services for BAME Communities in England

Funding for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community groups and organisations that are working to deliver COVID-19 services.

Isla Foundation – Immediate Impact Grants

Grants are available for voluntary and community organisations, schools and PTAs, clubs and societies, and entrepreneurial individuals in the UK for small-scale, short-term projects that create a positive change in people's lives and in their communities.

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PwC ColourBrave Charity Fund

Grants are available for Black-led social enterprises and charities with ethnic minority beneficiaries in the UK.

Resilience Funding for Women's Organisations in England

Grants are available to safeguard vital frontline jobs and support services of women's organisations in England that have been affected by the coronavirus pandemic.

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The Gamesys Foundation - Building a kinder world

Grants are available for organisations who support individuals suffering from mental health issues and who focus on research in the mental health field.

Voice4Change England COVID-19 Partnership Fund

Grants are available for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community groups and organisations, working to deliver coronavirus/COVID-19 related services in England.

£20m Charity Resilience Fund Opens for Applications from England

New targeted emergency funding for charitable organisations delivering services to vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in England who have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus pandemic.



Digital Inclusion

LGA Behavioural Insights Programme Opens for 2020

The Local Government Association (LGA) is providing funding of £20,000 to local authorities for projects that help manage demand on overstretched local services.

LGA Opens Digital Connectivity Programme for Councils in England

New funding available to build on council's skills and capacity to take advantage of the opportunities offered by connectivity to their local place and communities.



Environment & Energy

Funding for Charities in Great Britain that Support Vulnerable Energy Consumers

Charities can apply for grants to support energy consumers in vulnerable situations and/or to develop innovative products and services related to energy.

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Health & Social Welfare

NEW - Care Home Friends and Neighbours: Intergenerational Linking Project

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in England for projects which link younger people aged 5 to 14 from schools and youth organisations with older people living in local care homes.



Housing and Accommodation

Isla Foundation – Tipping Point Grants

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations that are offering creative solutions to homelessness in the UK.



Sports & Recreation

Applications to Close Shortly for Funding that Supports Cycling in Local Communities

Not-for-profit organisations in England have until 16 November to apply for funding for local communities to provide affordable and safe places to cycle.

Sport England Return to Play - Community Asset Fund Opens for Applications

Capital grants to help local sports clubs and community groups adapt and open important places and spaces so that sport and physical activity can happen during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Sports & Recreation

Sport England Return to Play - Small Grants Programme Opens for Applications

Not-for-profit organisations delivering community sport and physical activity in England can apply now for funding to help them adapt to the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.



Deadline Alert

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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](#)
- [Spacehive - Crowdfunding For Local Projects](#)
- [Sport England](#)
- [The National Lottery Community Fund](#)
- [The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)
- [Turn2us](#)



Further support and resources

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