

Community Engagement Social Action (CESA) Funding: a round-up of Grants with links.

- **Mental Health Support Fund (COVID-19)** £5m support from the Department of Health and Social Care; grants of £20,000 or £50,000 are available for projects lasting up to 12 months. <https://amhp.org.uk/mental-health-response-fund/>
- **COVID-19 Emergency Surplus Food Grant:** The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has announced a [£3.25 million fund](#) to support food redistribution organisations during COVID-19. The [Emergency Surplus Food Grant](#), administered by WRAP, will assist surplus food redistributors in overcoming challenges that they are currently facing in obtaining surplus food from food businesses (such as retailers and food manufacturers) and distributing this to people in need or those considered vulnerable. The grant can be used to fund both capital and revenue costs associated with redistribution activities such as:
 - access to surplus food through logistical collections;
 - sorting, storing, freezing, labelling / repackaging food; and
 - onward distribution of food to charities or end beneficiaries.

Phase 2 of the grant provides funding opportunities for small surplus food redistributors.

Application deadline: Thursday 4th June 2020, 13.00. [Follow this link](#) for more information and to apply.

Phase 3 of the grant is aimed at medium-to-larger operators.

Application deadline: Thursday 21st May 2020, 13.00. [Follow this link](#) for more information and to apply.

- **London Community Response Emergency Fund: London only:** Applications open for Wave 2 grants, which are purposed to continue the crisis response as well as changing the way you deliver your work to ensure it continues to meet the needs of your communities. You can only apply for one grant in Wave 2 (for either a crisis response, or a delivering differently grant). If you received a grant in Wave 1 (food and essentials), you are able to apply again as part of Wave 2. There is a weekly **rolling deadline** until further notice e.g. applications submitted by Friday will be assessed in the following week. [More information and apply here.](#)
- **The L&Q Foundation Place Makers:** this fund has been adapted so that groups can apply for up to £10k. Submission deadlines fall on the 1st of each month. The application can be accessed through the L&Q website [here](#).
- **Homelessness - St Martin-in- the-Fields Charity:** The VRF - Emergency Fund is for people experiencing homelessness. It offers £150 for access to essential items and basic needs, £400 for support needs to be met during the COVID-19 outbreak, and £1000 to secure accommodation. [Follow this link](#) for more information and to apply.
- **Waitrose Community Support Fund:** a £1 million Community Support Fund to enable Waitrose shop managers across the UK to help those in need in their local communities throughout the coronavirus outbreak. Shops are using this fund to provide care packages to help local charities as well as elderly and vulnerable customers. Ask instore or [find out more](#).

- **Kent Community Foundation;** three [Coronavirus Emergency Funds](#), along with their 'usual' funds. Their Grants Team gives advice on how they can support projects: Contact: admin@kentcf.org.uk or 01303 814 500
- **Kent Online Emergency Cash for Families:** <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kent/news/emergency-cash-fund-for-families-225912/>
- **Standard Life Foundation:** funding for work directly related to the coronavirus pandemic; [Standard Life Foundation](#)
- **Greggs Foundation Coronavirus Emergency Appeal:** urgent funding for emergency food parcels, hardship payments and other support for charities, community groups and schools. [Greggs Foundation Coronavirus Emergency Appeal](#)
- **The National Lottery Community Fund:** two applications streams have been opened with no income restrictions; funding needs to be spent within the next 6 months for both:
 1. **'Awards for All'** for voluntary and community organisations with projects supporting people affected by the crisis. £300 - £10,000.
 2. **'Reaching Communities'** for organisations with activities supporting people affected by the crisis and those organisation who are struggling financially because of the impact of COVID-19. £10,000 - £100,000
- **Direct Line Group:** *LBBromley only:* The fund aims to provide financial support to organisations working locally in Bromley that are either delivering COVID-19 front line services, or whose ability to operate has been impacted by the measures put in place to stem the COVID-19 pandemic to assist:
 - Costs incurred by an impact on service delivery due to increased demand (i.e. costs you are incurring now), AND/OR
 - The effects that Coronavirus is expected to have on your organisation's financial sustainability over the coming six monthsGrants of up to £10,000 available. Applicants should only ask for funds that can be clearly justified as urgent against the criteria above. Eligible applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with a panel sitting and making decisions on a weekly basis until further notice, ie; applications submitted by 23:59 on Sunday will be put forward and assessed at weekly panel meetings held each Wednesday. [Follow this](#) link for more information and to apply.
- **The Phillips Fund (via Kent Community Foundation):** *Kent only:* grants of up to £1,000 for projects which will protect, preserve and enhance the rural landscape for the enjoyment of the communities today and for generations to come. Applications will be considered for a wide variety of projects which benefit the community and landscape. Examples of projects include:
 - Community garden projects (planting costs, rather than staff / overheads)
 - Regeneration of hedgerows or village ponds
 - Creation of wildflower meadows or new native woodlands

- Planting of native trees and hedging regeneration
- Restoration of local habitats

Apply for funding via the Kent Community Foundation Funding page website [here](#). Scroll down the page to find The Phillips Fund and click to apply. For queries about the application process contact Natalie - natalie@kentcf.org.uk or phone the team on 01303 814500.

- **Bridging Loans for Charities:** recognise that many charities, CICs and CIOs will be experiencing significant losses in income due to the interruption of 'business as usual' during this time. These loans are intended to fill that gap in lost income. Unsecured loans of up to £60,000 are available to charities, CICs and CIOs and have an immediate 6 month repayment holiday. [view more details on our website](#)
- **Neighbourly Community Fund:** Micro--grants of up to £400 to support organisations helping communities affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Currently only open to existing Neighbourly members and community groups. [Follow this link](#) for more information and to apply. *Note: This fund is showing up as almost used up.*

Note: **The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) Emergency Support Fund** is currently 'paused' due to high demand, but worth keeping an eye on their website www.cafonline.org/about-us/covid-19