



# England

Coronavirus Community  
Support Fund - Standard



# Context

The Coronavirus Community Support Fund (CCSF) is a joint response to distribute government and National Lottery funding - it is not Reaching Communities.

Priority groups:

1. Organisations supporting people and communities who experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 crisis
2. Organisations providing services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis
3. Organisations which connect communities and support communities to work together to respond to Covid-19 (Just TNLCF money)

# Key policy changes

- **Eligibility**

Schools and statutory organisations aren't eligible to apply for Covid-19 funding.

Only one application per organisation (Partnerships - includes the lead partners but not delivery partners)

- **Change in priorities**

Focus on reducing inequalities.

No change in People in the Lead (When people are in the lead, communities thrive. People understand what's needed in their communities better than anyone. We listen, collaborate and fund so that good things happen.)

- **Individual benefit**

Now can fund organisations who support individuals with crisis funding including individual items such as support packages, electronic items, food.



# Who can apply

- voluntary and community organisations
- registered charity or charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- group of organisations, as long as they're led by a voluntary or community organisation
- not for profit company including companies limited by guarantee and Community Interest Companies with two or more directors (some CICs we can't fund).

# Who can't apply

- organisations that have already applied to the COVID-19 funding - including Coronavirus Community Support Fund since 22 May
- statutory bodies (including town, parish and community councils)
- schools
- individuals
- sole traders
- organisations based outside the UK
- anyone who's applying for another organisation
- organisations that look to make profits and share these profits privately. This includes organisations without the right asset locks. Or organisations that can pay profits to directors or shareholders - this might mean some CICs limited by shares
- 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.

# What can you apply for?

- You can apply for £10,000 to £100,000 for 6 months, for ...
  - investments in your systems
  - investments in your people
  - investments in your infrastructure
  - dedicated capacity development
  - staff salaries
  - project activities
  - running costs
  - small-scale refurbishment
  - equipment
  - organisational development
  - contributions to fixed costs.

# We can't fund ...

- activities that make profits for private gain
- campaigning activities (this fund is to support the delivery of direct services for vulnerable people)
- religious activities (we can fund religious organisations if their project benefits the wider community and doesn't include religious content)
- political or lobbying activities
- things you've spent money on in the past and are looking to claim for now
- loan repayments.

# Assessment process

1. All applicants to come through the portal [on our website](#)
2. Your application will be directed to your local Funding Officer (FO) - [Clare Compton](#) for Preston.
3. Local FO will assess your idea and write it up.
4. The idea will go to a local panel where it will be discussed alongside other applications from Lancashire by people who know Lancashire well.
5. If successful at local panel stage, your FO will send the same report to the National panel. There is no second, more in depth application - although panel may ask for clarifications.



# Financial requirements

- Proposed budget (mandatory)
- Recent bank statement (mandatory)
- Overview of your financial position form (mandatory)
- Cashflow forecast for the next 6 months (only for applications for over £50,000)
- Annual accounts (optional)

## We'd like to understand

1. How you expect COVID-19 to affect your plans for the next 6 months? For example,
  - What difference is it making to your income and spending?
  - Do you expect to be able to generate enough income to cover your costs?
  - If not, how much additional income do you think you'll need?
  - Are you worried that you might run out of cash? If so, when might that happen?
  - How much cash or unrestricted reserves do you have that you could draw on if needed? How many months operating costs should that cover?
  - Are you already planning to use your reserves to cover costs?

You can write up to 400 words for this section, but don't worry if you use less.

2. What actions are you taking to mitigate the financial effects of COVID-19? For example, have you applied to furlough any staff through the Government Job Retention Scheme?

**You can write up to 350 words for this section, but don't worry if you use less.**

# Priorities

We will consider alignment to overall CCSF priorities

- a) Organisations supporting people and communities who experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the Covid-19 crisis
- b) Organisations providing services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis
- c) Organisations which connect communities and support communities to work together to respond to Covid-19

# Timescales and next steps

- Local FOs have a busy 'pipeline'
- Local panels currently held weekly
- National panels currently held twice weekly
- FO will call applicants after minutes of the panel have been signed off (Usually within 24 hours)
- Offer letter and Terms and Conditions will be sent (may not be by FO)
- If successful, 1 month from date on offer letter to start project
- If successful, 1 week allowed to return signed offer letters (Photographs currently being accepted)
- Payments can be made in one lump sum
- Funding inductions are difficult at present but will be carried out over the phone once all documents have been received
- Light touch monitoring at 4 months, with lessons learned / difference made report required after the 6 month funding

# Existing grant holders

May apply for a variation to their existing award, either to

- a) Increase budget to do specific COVID-19 related work, or
- b) Increase funding period as Reaching Communities is currently not open for continuation grants.

May apply for a CCSF application directly as outlined

# Contact and Questions?

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