



FUNDING INFORMATION BRIEFING UPDATE as of 29 April 2020

Listed below are funds for supporting Scotland's response to the coronavirus pandemic. FVA will endeavour to keep the information as up to date as possible and advise of any changes to deadlines and when funding programmes have either been paused or closed.

Third Sector Resilience Fund = Phase 2

Guidance and criteria have been adapted to maximise the number of third sector organisations that benefit from it:

- Applicants must be at risk of or unable to cover essential costs within 12 weeks from the date of application
- The maximum grant amount awarded will be £75,000
- Funding requests must be for a **three month** period (previously four months)
- Eligible costs will be mostly limited to overheads and essential staff (administrative for example) who cannot be furloughed. Please visit the FAQs section for more detailed information
- All grant applications requesting £50,000 or more will be considered for a loan, a grant or a blended approach (part grant, part loan)

We strongly encourage potential applicants to read the fund's [guidance notes](#) and [FAQs](#) prior to starting an application. If organisations are unclear whether they meet the revised criteria or would benefit from support to understand their financial position and likely funding requirements, they are advised to contact [Just Enterprise](#), who can work with them to better articulate their funding needs.

In order to apply to TSRF, organisations must complete a short [eligibility checker](#) to assess their suitability for the fund. Based on the answers provided, interested applicants will be directed to the correct application form depending on their needs or signposted to other sources of relevant funding/support.

The National Lottery Community Fund

All the funding decisions the National Lottery Community Fund make for the next six months (up to £300m of National Lottery funding) will be devoted to addressing the crisis. You can read their update [here](#).

How to apply: online via [website](#).

The National Lottery Heritage Fund – Heritage Emergency Fund

A £50 million fund is available for UK heritage organisations. Short term grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 are available to stabilise operations and manage unforeseen risks. Grants are only available to current or previous National Lottery Heritage Fund grant recipients.

They are happy to give advice to anyone that might need help. You can contact them by calling **0131 376 0033** or emailing scotlandcontact@heritagefund.org.uk

Deadline: 30 June 2020 but apply as soon as possible.
How to apply: online application form on the [website](#).

Museums Galleries Scotland

Urgent Response COVID-19 Fund

Independent Accredited museums can apply for up to £60,000 to cover up to 3 months of core costs if critically affected by the loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Find out more and apply.**

Digital Resilience COVID-19 Fund - Museums can apply for up to £3000 to purchase equipment and software that will enable them to adapt to more digital working during the period of closures brought about by COVID-19 and the associated restrictions. **Find out more and apply.**

Bank of Scotland Foundation Reach Programme

For the remainder of 2020, Reach will be a monthly programme with grants of between £5,000 – £30,000. The next round opens on **11 May 2020**.

Deadline: monthly deadlines, check [website](#) for details.
How to Apply: apply online via [website](#).

Tiny Changes Covid-19 Emergency Fund

Grants between £50 and £10,000 for registered charities to help to keep essential youth mental health services running or support young people's mental health in crisis.

Deadline: rolling programme, apply as soon as possible.
How to apply: Full details on [website](#).

Standard Life Foundation Coronavirus Fund

Grants from £5,000 upwards are available to support projects that contribute to social change which tackles financial problems and improves living standards for those on low-to-middle incomes. Funding is specifically for research, policy work and campaigning activities.

Deadline: apply as soon as possible as applications will be closed once they have funded a certain number of projects.
How to apply: submit one page outline to applications@standardlifefoundation.org.uk.

Clothworkers' Emergency Capital Programme

Small grants of up to £5,000 are available for essential capital items to adapt or increase services. Priority will be given to organisations supporting vulnerable and 'at risk' groups which fall within Clothworkers' **programme areas**.

Deadline: apply as soon as possible.
How to apply: complete the eligibility quiz on the [website](#).

RAFT Fund

Unrestricted grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK charities to meet the rapidly changing needs of their beneficiaries and prepare for delivery when the crisis is over.

Deadline: apply as soon as possible, they will initially accept the first 500 applications and open for additional applications when funding becomes available.

How to Apply: online via [website](#).

Creative Scotland

Three funds are available to support Scotland's creative community. They include one-off bridging bursaries for freelance creative professionals and self-employed screen workers who have lost earnings and an open fund for sustaining creative development.

How to apply: online via [website](#).

Faith in Community Scotland Covid-19 Rapid Response Fund

The William Grant Foundation, Faith in Community Scotland and the National Lottery Community Fund have set up an initial fund of £100,000. Grants of a few hundred pounds will support faith groups to provide immediate support for individuals and families.

Deadline: apply as soon as possible.

How to apply: online application form on the [website](#).

Ryvoan Trust Covid-19 Fund

Funds are available to charitable organisations supporting people in difficulties as a result of COVID 19 restrictions.

Deadline: apply as soon as possible.

How to apply: Email secretary@ryvoantrust.com with an outline of how grant could help. Explain briefly how much is needed and how it will be spent.

Crisis: Emergency Grants Fund – CURRENTLY PAUSED

The fund is for organisations supporting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Small grants of up to £5,000 or larger awards up to £50,000 will support organisations experiencing funding difficulties, additional expenditure or increased service demand.

Ufi VocTech Trust – VocTech Now – CURRENTLY CLOSED

Grants between £10,000 and £25,000 are available to support vocational training providers who need to move to digital delivery methods in order to keep their learners engaged as existing face to face delivery models are restricted.

Charities Aid Foundation Coronavirus Emergency Fund – CURRENTLY PAUSED

The fund helps organisations with an income of less than £1 million to continue to support communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to cover core costs, staffing, volunteers, equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas.

Thomas Pocklington Trust Covid-19 Emergency Fund for the Sight Loss Sector – CURRENTLY CLOSED

Grants of up to £10,000 will be available to sight loss sector organisations which are providing critical services for the physical and emotional well-being of blind and partially sighted people in these uncertain times.

Leathersellers' Company – CURRENTLY CLOSED

A small grants programme with grants of up to £3,000 is available for charities who are working in the areas of homelessness, providing food and supplies, victims of domestic violence, and nursing care.

Princes Countryside Fund Rural Response Emergency Grants Programme – CURRENTLY CLOSED

The fund assists projects that support farm businesses or other rural business and communities to cope. Grants of up to £2,500 are intended for costs outside of regular expenditure. They are available for projects starting in the next six months.

Youth Scotland Action Fund – CURRENTLY CLOSED

The fund is available to help youth groups and youth workers meet the needs of young people in response to the coronavirus. The maximum amount available per application is £500, and grants must be spent within six weeks.