

COVID-19 Fund in County Durham - 1st November 2021



Name of Funder	Name of Fund	Date Announced / Identified	Total amount of grant available	Fund Aim	Target area Sector	Who can Apply	Level of grant	Application process / Timeline	Note
<b>For Groups / Organisations / Businesses</b>									
Sport England	<a href="#">Together Fund</a>	11/10/2021	£20m	The Together Fund will help community organisations to recover and grow and enable them to reach and engage communities disproportionately affected by the pandemic to become active or get more active. This includes lower socio-economic groups, culturally diverse communities, disabled people and those with long-term health conditions. The support is designed to enable further recovery and growth up until March 2023	England/ Sport	Community organisations		<a href="#">Community organisations wishing to engage in the Together Fund should make contact with their local Active Partnership, i.e. County Durham Sport.</a>	
Arnold Clark	<a href="#">Community Fund</a>	01/11/2021	unknown	To support organisations that have been significantly affected by the coronavirus pandemic to support local communities during the winter months with food banks, toy appeals, poverty relief and housing & accommodation.	UK wide	Charities, community and voluntary groups, CICs, CIOs, and social enterprises across the UK	Up to £1,000	Only one application will be accepted per organisation. Applicants will be randomly selected at the end of each month to receive funding. Applications that are unsuccessful one month will be kept in the draw for the following month. The final deadline for applications is the 31st December 2021.	
The Alec Dickson Trust	<a href="#">Funding to help young people volunteer - currently closed</a>	07/12/2020, updated 28/06/2021, 31/08/2021, 27/9/2021	Not known	The Alec Dickson Trust provides support for young people who aim to enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society, through volunteering or community service.	UK wide	UK-based volunteering or community service projects, organised and run by people under 30 years old, which directly or indirectly respond to COVID-19.	Grants of up to £500 are available. Applications must also align with Public Health England guidance on how to volunteer safely during the pandemic.	Due to re-open in November 2021.	
the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport	<a href="#">Culture Recovery Fund: Continuity Support programme</a>	16/08/2021	unknown	Additional Funding to Help the Cultural, Heritage & Creative Sectors Move Towards Reopening at Full Capacity.	England/ Culture	Theatres, museums, galleries, independent cinemas and organisations in England that have already received funding from rounds one or two of the Culture Recovery Fund. Live Music Venues who were awarded funding from the Emergency Grassroots Music Venues Fund are also eligible to apply	Eligible organisations can apply for grants of over £25,000 to help them into the new year.	Funding for the Culture Recovery Fund: Continuity Support programme will be distributed by Arm's Length Bodies, including the Arts Council England and the British Film Institute. <b>Please refer to individual website for application details and deadlines.</b>	

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	<a href="#">Small Grants</a>	16/08/2021	Unknown	<p>The fund is for front line organisations working directly with families in need. Organisations should have a focus on Community Support, this may further include:</p> <p>Community Services such as community transport schemes; healthy eating and living; foodbanks</p> <p>Running costs for community centres</p> <p>Alternative Education such as homework clubs or supplementary education classes for vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>Training, mentoring, employment &amp; volunteering opportunities</p> <p>Youth clubs, after school clubs, etc.</p> <p>Counselling</p> <p>Family Support Services</p> <p>Substance Misuse recovery projects</p>	UK Wide / Community Support	<p>Voluntary sector organisations with a total annual income under £250,000.</p> <p>Organisation's postcode, or the project area, must be ranked within the most deprived 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) for urban areas or within the most deprived 50% for rural areas.</p>	<p>Single year grants between £2,000 and £10,000 are available for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Grants can be for up to 50% of the total cost.</p> <p>We will no longer fund capital projects.</p>	Applications can be submitted at any time.
Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government	<a href="#">Community Ownership Fund</a>	26/07/2021 - updated 16/8/2021	£150 million across four years	<p>The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help communities across the UK take ownership of local facilities, community assets and amenities. The move is part of the UK Government's strategy to build back better from the pandemic and to foster a sense of community. Projects could include community centres, sporting and leisure facilities, cinemas, theatres, music venues, museums, galleries, parks, pubs, post office buildings, shops</p> <p>For projects in England any building or land which has been listed by a local authority as an asset of community value would be within the scope of the fund.</p>	UK Wide	<p>The legal structures of organisations include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)</li> <li>• Scottish charitable incorporated organisation (SCIO)</li> <li>• co-operatives including Community Benefit Societies</li> <li>• community Interest Company (CIC)</li> <li>• not-for-profit company limited by guarantee</li> </ul>	<p>The priorities for the first round are to invest in projects which are ready to access capital funding and complete their projects within 6 months. Matched capital grants of up to £250,000 will be available for most projects. In exceptional cases, up to £1 million matched capital grants will be available to help establish a community-owned sports club or help buy a sports club or sporting facilities at risk of being lost.</p> <p>The Community Ownership Fund will provide up to 50% of total capital costs, matching other funds and resources raised by the applicant. Applicants will need to demonstrate they have raised other funds to cover the total capital costs of their project. Revenue grants of up to £50,000 (up to 20% of projects costs) are also available and these do not need to be matched.</p>	<p>The Fund will run until 2024/25 and there will be at least 8 bidding rounds in total.</p> <p>*The online portal for applications will open on 30 July 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 August 2021 – deadline for submitting applications to the first bidding round</li> <li>• <b>December 2021 – round 2 will open</b></li> <li>• May 2022 – round 3 will open</li> </ul>
National Heritage Memorial Fund	<a href="#">Covid-19 Response Fund</a>	05/07/2021	£49 million	<p>Launched in June 2021, this funding stream offers project grants to support any heritage asset which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• of outstanding importance to the national heritage</li> <li>• at risk due to the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)</li> </ul>	UK Wide, heritage sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• charities</li> <li>• not-for-profit organisations, for example voluntary groups, trusts, social enterprises and community interest companies</li> <li>• public sector organisations</li> </ul>	<p>Grant will be available for a range of costs in order to safeguard the heritage asset which is at risk. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acquisition/purchase costs, including associated professional fees</li> <li>• transport costs,</li> <li>• interim storage costs and investment in new permanent storage capacity</li> <li>• urgent conservation work necessary due to COVID-19 impact and investment to resolve maintenance backlog/deficit, collection care costs</li> </ul> <p>Full list of costs is available on website.</p>	Funding is available until <b>the end of April 2023</b> and applications can be made at any time.

The National Lottery Community Fund	<a href="#">Bringing People Together programme</a>	07/06/2021		This programme is funded from the National Lottery Community Fund UK Portfolio which explores new approaches, experiments with how to do things differently, and looks to fund work that is more future focused. It expects to make up to twenty awards over the next twelve months to enable organisations to deliver collaborative projects across at least two countries in the UK that focus on equality, diversity, and inclusion, particularly amongst communities disproportionality affected by the pandemic such as people of colour, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, and asylum or refugees seekers.	UK - equality, diversity & inclusion	Charities, voluntary and community organisations, CICs, CIOs and statutory bodies that build stronger connections across communities and improve the infrastructure and conditions that are needed to strengthen these connections.	Up to £300,000	Applications can be made at any time.	
The Theatre Trust - supported by The Linbury Trust	<a href="#">UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme - Re-opened</a>	Added 17/08/2020, updated 12/10/2020, 04/05/2021, 14/06/2021	£100,000	The Small Grants Programme, supported by The Linbury Trust, will provide grants of up to £5,000 to support small projects that make a big impact to a theatre's resilience, sustainability or accessibility.	UK Wide / Theatres	To be eligible you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on buildings in UK</li> <li>• Run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year</li> <li>• Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years</li> </ul>	Eligible projects include small capital works, the installation of key plant and machinery and works that make theatre buildings digital-ready. Applications are also welcome for projects that help theatres reopen as Covid-secure.	The deadline for 1st round applications is 5pm on the 7th June 2021. The next deadline for applications is 5pm on <b>Monday 8 November 2021</b> .	
Believe Housing	<a href="#">Coronavirus Crisis Fund</a>	19/04/2021	Unknown	To support projects in County Durham that are <b>tackling isolation and financial hardship during the crisis</b> . This could include foodbanks, help with shopping for vulnerable people, providing food packs to the community, wellbeing phone calls, creating online social groups, online activities and workshops, and providing extra equipment to encourage outdoor activities within the community.	County Durham - in Believe Housing Association area	Charities, community and voluntary groups, schools, social enterprises, and town, parish or community councils	Up to £1,000	Applications can be made at any time.	
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	<a href="#">Force for Change Programme - re-opened</a>	04/08/2020, updated 07/12/2020, 22/03/2021	Not known	This programme will award grants of up to £10,000 for community projects that reduce isolation and promote integration; supporting post-Covid recovery in local Armed Forces communities affected by isolation. Projects must fit under one of these two main themes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more engaged in their local area.</li> <li>• Providing opportunities for isolated members of the Armed Forces community to take part in activities that improve general wellbeing.</li> </ul>	UK Wide	To be eligible to apply, your organisation must be one of the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An established registered charity or Community Interest Company (CIC) with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities.</li> <li>• An Armed Forces unit or base.</li> <li>• A local authority.</li> <li>• A school.</li> </ul>	One year grants of up to £10,000.  This year, we'll support ideas that need small amounts of funding to deliver nimble and focused local projects to Armed Forces communities. Or we'll make small grants to support services, projects and activities that are used by Armed Forces communities, but which are struggling as a result of the impact of the Covid pandemic.	<b>Round 1</b> – if you apply by midday on <b>12 April 2021</b> , you'll receive a decision by the end of June 2021.  <b>Round 2</b> – if you apply by midday on <b>2 August 2021</b> , you'll receive a decision in late October 2021.  <b>Round 3</b> – if you apply by midday on <b>19 November 2021</b> , you'll receive a decision in late February 2022.	

The National Lottery Heritage Fund	<a href="#">National Lottery Grants for Heritage 2021-22</a>	Resumed 25/11/2020, updated 15/02/2021	Unknown	<p>Applications for National Lottery Grants for Heritage have re-opened for applications. The focus for 2021 – 22 will be to support projects that will strengthen the recovery of the Heritage sector from the Covid-19 pandemic, by <b>prioritising six outcomes</b>: skills and jobs, inclusion, organisational resilience, better places, the economy and wellbeing .</p> <p>All projects are expected to demonstrate that they are building long-term environmental sustainability and inclusion into their plans.</p>	UK wide	not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage and partnerships	<p>Three levels of funding are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grants from £3,000 to £10,000</li> <li>• grants from £10,000 to £250,000</li> <li>• grants from £250,000 to £5million</li> </ul> <p>In line with the COVID-19 context, we have made some updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 considerations: you will need to factor in assumptions about social distancing and these assumptions should not entail significant financial risks for your organisation.</li> <li>• Risk: when assessing your application, we will make a measured judgement on the potential risks your project might face due to the current pandemic situation. You should also carefully consider contingency costs within your application.</li> </ul>	Applications can be made at any time. Pre-application advice is available for projects over £10,000.	
AVIVA	<a href="#">Aviva Community Fund</a>	14/05/2020, updated 26/10/2020; 01/02/2021, 08/02/2021, 19/07/2021	£250,000 every three months	<p>Aviva has teamed up with the fundraising platform Crowdfunder for its next round of the Community Fund to small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK with innovative ideas that benefit their community. Projects must fall within one of our two key funding areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial capability and inclusion: promoting financially inclusive communities, where people can better manage their finances and avoid problem debt</li> <li>• Community resilience: tackling inequality and improving environments to build more connected, more resilient communities</li> </ul>	UK Wide	small charities, schools and community interest groups in the UK	<p>Small charities and constituted community groups with innovative ideas that benefit their community can apply for funding of up to £50,000. Once applications have been submitted, applicants will need to create a fundraising page on Crowdfunder that Aviva employees can browse and donate funds to. Applicants can also showcase their projects to raise additional public donations.</p>	Applications are open on a continuous basis and are reviewed every three months.	
The National Lottery Community Fund	<a href="#">Growing Great Ideas programme</a>	Added 25/01/2021	£25 million	<p>The Growing Great Ideas programme is part of the UK Portfolio where the National Lottery Community Fund explores new approaches, experiments with how to do things differently, and look to fund work that is more future focused.</p> <p>The aim of the fund is to invest in different combinations of people, communities, networks and organisations over the long term that demonstrate an ability to seed and grow alternative systems, develop, and test new ways of building a stronger civil society, and to learn and adapt as they go.</p>	UK Wide	Lead organisations need to be a Registered charity; Community interest company ; Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO); Community benefit society ; Co-operative society & Company limited by guarantee (if it has a not-for-profit clause); Voluntary or community organisation Statutory body (including town, parish and community councils) - They can be part of the initiative but not lead it	<p>Grants of up to £150,000 are available. Groups, networks, or partnerships, etc can apply for grants of up to £150,000. The minimum length for projects is two years. Funding can be available for up to ten years in some circumstances.</p>	Applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis.	

Sport England	<a href="#">Return to Play: Small Grants</a>	26/10/2020, updated 25/01/2021, 28/06/2021	£10 million + £5 million	<p>In response to the new Covid-19 lockdown measures, Sport England are making grants of £300 to £10,000 available from a total pot of £15 million, to help sport and activity groups, clubs and organisations respond to the immediate challenges of returning to play in a coronavirus-safe way.</p> <p><b>Priority will be given to projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located in areas of high deprivation (decile 1-3 of the Indices of Deprivation)</li> <li>• Organisations working with Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, people on lower incomes, disabled people, people with long-term health conditions and people experiencing a greater burden of care because of coronavirus.</li> <li>• Organisations that don't have a significant level of reserve funding available to utilise.</li> </ul>	England / community sport	Sports clubs, charities, community clubs, and other not-for-profit organisations	Grants of between £300 and £10,000 can cover costs such as minor amendments to facilities, additional sports equipment, signage, sanitation and training courses for clubs in areas of high deprivation, the Fund will now also support ongoing running costs, for example rent, utilities and insurance, and will give flexibility over the start date for resuming activity.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The programme will remain open until <b>the end of 2021</b> .	
TNL Community Fund	<a href="#">Partnerships</a>	Added 18/01/2021	£40 million for 2021	<p>This programme offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work together with a shared set of goals to help their community thrive – whether that's a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.</p> <p>With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, we'll continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. We can support you and your partners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue to deliver activity, whether you're supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity</li> <li>• change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.</li> </ul>	England / Community Partnerships	<p>Both new and existing partnerships led by an eligible organisation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• voluntary and community organisation</li> <li>• registered, exempt or excepted charity</li> <li>• charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)</li> <li>• not-for-profit company limited by guarantee</li> <li>• community interest company (CIC)</li> <li>• school</li> <li>• statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish or community council)</li> <li>• community benefit society</li> <li>• a co-operative society</li> </ul>	<p>£10,001 or more, for up to five years to be used</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direct costs associated with delivering activities in your community - this can include project staff, materials, equipment, room hire, volunteer expenses and project evaluations</li> <li>• organisational development - this can include business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance and leadership, tech or IT upgrades/purchases, developing and sharing impact and learning, and increasing capacity to support collaboration and partnership working</li> <li>• core/fixed costs to support the day-to-day running of your organisation - this can include core salaries, rent, utilities, equipment</li> <li>• the purchasing, refurbishing or developing of land and buildings.</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We'll let you know if your proposal is something we're interested in progressing in around 12 weeks.</li> <li>• If we're interested in your proposal, we'll contact you to explain the next steps.</li> </ul>	
Nesta	<a href="#">The Cultural Impact Development Fund</a>	30/11/2020	£3.5 million	<p>The Cultural Impact Development Fund will now include grants up to 50 % of the total investment. The Fund has been restructured to make it more responsive to the economic shock of COVID-19 and aims to offer more flexible financial support to organisations as they adapt. The fund has been specifically designed to offer flexible finance to arts and culture organisations working with the people and communities in greatest need.</p>	England / Arts & Culture	Arts and culture organisations working with the people and communities in greatest need.	<p>A blended loan and grant financing or loan only package up to £150,000 is on offer. Each investment offer will be bespoke and tailored to the circumstances of each organisation. The fund seeks to invest in organisations that aim to build sustainable business models, such as by using the investment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a new income stream</li> <li>• Grow an existing strand of work</li> <li>• Purchase essential equipment</li> <li>• Refurbish a building</li> <li>• Pre-fund a fundraising campaign</li> </ul>	Deadline for investment application is <b>31 March 2023</b> .	

The Resolution Foundation	<a href="#">The Workertech Partnership</a>	23/11/2020	£1.3 million	The Workertech Partnership programme aims to support social entrepreneurs and start-ups focused on improving conditions and career paths for workers stuck in low-paid and precarious employment. Finding ways of using new technology to improve working conditions has never been more important as the Covid-induced jobs crisis has exposed major problems at the lower-paid and insecure end of the UK labour market.	UK Wide	charities, companies, CICs and cooperatives across the UK, with plans to build worker-focused platforms, apps and online tools - from accessing training, to amplifying workers' voices and assessing whether work sites are Covid-secure.	There are no maximum or minimum amount mentioned. Funding is available for innovative ideas that use new technologies to create better work opportunities for low paid and insecure workers.	Organisations can register their interest at any time, with investment decisions made quarterly.
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	<a href="#">Major Grants</a>	16/11/2020	Unknown	The fund is for front line organisations working directly with families in need. Organisations should have a focus on Family Support, this may further include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Early intervention</li> <li>•Families coping with addiction</li> <li>•Prisoners' families</li> </ul>	UK Wide / Family Support	Voluntary sector organisations with a turnover up to £1 million. Organisation's postcode, or the project area, must be ranked within the most deprived 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) for urban areas or within the most deprived 50% for rural areas.	Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available. This can include one-year grants and grants for up to three years. The funding is available for core costs, salaries, running and project costs. Grants can be for up to 50% of the total cost. We will no longer fund capital projects.	The Major Grants programme is open from the 9th November 2020. Applications can be submitted at any time.
Sport England	<a href="#">Return to Play: Active Together</a>	26/10/2020	£1.5 million	A total £2.5 million fund, with up to £10,000 in match funding, as part of a support package to help clubs and organisations set up and run crowdfunding campaigns related to Covid-19, such as for a loss of income due to the pandemic.	England / community sport	For Groups / organisations that don't meet any of the priority groups on Return to Play: Small Grants or Community Asset Fund funding options, or if you're seeking to raise funds because of a loss of income due to the coronavirus pandemic	Up to £10,000 in match funding from this Programme, to be used for the implementation of changes needed to ensure you're adhering to the latest government guidelines around social distancing, additional coaching, facility hire or the purchasing of personal protective equipment to make sure everyone who takes part in activity is safe.	Campaigns typically run for 28 days but take a few weeks to create – so about six weeks in total.  Applications to Active Together are done through the Crowdfunder site.
One Stop Stores & Groundwork	<a href="#">One-stop Community Partnership Programme</a>	26/10/2020	Not known	Groundwork is working with One Stop Stores to administer the One Stop Community Partnership programme.  This programme is designed to support groups who are working to tackle food poverty or supporting the elderly within the local community.	UK Wide	community groups or charities across England, Wales and Scotland	One Stop shops will support local good causes offering a tailored approach for every local partnership which may include, funding, volunteering support, fundraising and raising awareness for your group or organisation.	Applicants are encouraged to visit their local One Stop store for more information.
The Gamesys Foundation	<a href="#">The Gamesys Foundation grant</a>	26/10/2020	Not known	The Gamesys Foundation is a newly formed charity, set up by the Gamesys Group to alleviate Mental Health Issues.	UK Wide & Global / mental health	Charities and other not-for-profit organisations with an income of more than £50,000	Funding is available to support individuals suffering from mental health issues, as well as those who focus on research in the mental health field. The Foundation will also consider funding for other types of organisation so long as they can be proven to have an impact with regard to mental health, support, and treatment. There is no minimum or maximum grant amount	On-line applications can be made at any time.
The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation	<a href="#">New Strategy 2020-25</a>	19/10/2020	Not known	In response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the effects of climate change, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is launching a new strategy, which will focus on three interdependent aims: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Improving the natural world;</li> <li>•Tackling injustice to deliver a fairer future;</li> <li>•Creative, confident communities.</li> </ul>	UK Wide	Charities or initiatives with ideas working towards these aims.	The Foundation will be providing larger and longer-term grants of over £30,000, as well as social investments of between £100,000 and £2 million to charities or initiatives. Funding can be used to cover core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. Collaborative approaches are encouraged.	Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time.

The Fat Beehive Foundation	<a href="#">Small Grants</a>	12/10/2020, updated 04/01/2021, <b>6/4/2021</b>	Not known	<p>The Fat Beehive Foundation awards small grants to support hard-to-fund digital expenditure that other funders will often not cover. Priority will be given to projects which focus on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental protection or climate change mitigation,</li> <li>• Human rights,</li> <li>• International development,</li> <li>• Equality and diversity,</li> <li>• Social justice / refugees / housing,</li> <li>• Education,</li> <li>• Art and culture,</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing,</li> <li>• Prisoner rehabilitation.</li> </ul>	UK Wide	charities with an average income of less than £1 million a year	UK charities can apply for funding of up to £2,500 to help them improve their online digital presence, which may include costs for build websites and apps, digitise services, and purchase digital products.	Applications are considered on a rolling basis at quarterly trustee meetings.	
Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Funding	<a href="#">South Durham CLLD</a>	10/07/2020, updated 04/08/2020, 28/09/2020, 21/12/2020, 29/3/2021, <b>19/4/2021</b>	Unknown	<p>Community Led Local Development is a bottom-up community development initiative to deliver economic outcomes in the most deprived areas. The programme aims to increase employment and skills, social enterprise, and social inclusion in order to support social regeneration within deprived areas. Projects must demonstrate that activity targets the most deprived areas and priority will be given to activity targeting the top 20% deprived wards. Project delivery can now be up until <b>31st December 2022</b>.</p>	The South Durham CLLD programme is delivered in the Bishop Auckland, Coundon, Leeholme, Shildon, Spennymoor, St Helen Auckland and West Auckland areas.	voluntary and community organisations; micro, small and medium sized businesses; community interest companies' registered charities; companies limited by guarantee, companies limited by shares; parish or town councils; local authorities; higher and further education providers (NB this is not an exhaustive list).	<p><b>European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) call</b> invites project proposals around the following priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing Growth &amp; Enterprise</li> <li>• Stimulating Entrepreneurialism</li> <li>• Enterprising Spaces</li> </ul> <p>The Minimum Grant Value for Projects is expected to be £10,000. Applicants can apply for up to 60% of the total project cost from the programme.</p> <p><b>European Social Fund (ESF) call</b> invites project proposals under the priority theme of "Enhancing Economic Inclusion". This involves supporting initiatives focusing on people who are unemployed or inactive and are the furthest from the labour market.</p> <p>The Minimum Grant Value for Projects is expected to be £10,000. Applicants can apply for up to 60% of the total project cost from the programme. We welcome, and will prioritise, projects with Public sector match funding.</p>	<p>The application is a two-stage process. The Call for <b>non-capital ERDF</b> is open, with extended delivery time to December 2022. The Call will be reviewed regularly by the Local Action Group (LAG). An <b>ESF</b> Call opened on 16th April 2021. It will be reviewed regularly by the Local Action Group. NB. Any organisation looking to apply needs to contact the South Durham CLLD Co-ordinator to discuss their project idea prior to applying.</p>	

Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Funding	<a href="#">North Durham CLLD</a>	10/07/2020, updated 24/08/2020, 21/12/2020, 29/3/2021, <b>29/4/2021</b>	Unknown	Community Led Local Development is a bottom-up community development initiative to deliver economic outcomes in the most deprived areas. The programme aims to increase employment and skills, social enterprise, and social inclusion in order to support social regeneration within deprived areas. Projects must demonstrate that activity targets the most deprived areas and priority will be given to activity targeting the top 20% deprived wards. Project delivery can now be up until <b>31st December 2022</b> . North Durham CLLD has recently relaunched its ERDF call, split into capital (with deadline) and non-capital.	North Durham CLLD covers areas Chester-le-Street, Pelton Fell, Whitehills and Pelton, Sacriston, South Stanley, Craghead around the outskirts of Annfield Plain and Harelaw.	voluntary and community organisations; micro, small and medium sized businesses; community interest companies' registered charities; companies limited by guarantee, companies limited by shares; parish or town councils; local authorities; higher and further education providers (NB this is not an exhaustive list).	<p><b>European Regional Development Funding (ERDF)</b> call - looking for proposals to support business (and individuals) to establish and grow through our priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulating Entrepreneurialism</li> <li>• Enterprising Spaces</li> <li>• Developing Growth and Enterprise</li> </ul> <p>The Minimum Grant Value for Projects is expected to be £10,000. Applicants can apply for up to 55% of the total project cost from the programme.</p> <p><b>European Social Fund (ESF) call</b> - looking to support projects focusing offering support to those furthest away from the labour market through activities such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education &amp; Training;</li> <li>• Wellbeing Support; preparing for interviews</li> <li>• Income maximisation</li> <li>• Bringing employability support to where it is most needed.</li> </ul> <p>The Minimum Grant Value is expected to be £10,000. All projects will need to provide a minimum of 50% eligible match funding from public sources.</p>	<p><b>North Durham CLLD has a call open for European Social Funding (ESF) projects with public match funding with extended project delivery time to December 2022.</b></p> <p>The Call for non-capital <b>ERDF</b> is open, with extended delivery time to December 2022. The Call will be reviewed regularly by the Local Action Group (LAG). Any organisation looking to apply needs to contact the North Durham CLLD Co-ordinator to discuss their project idea prior to applying.</p>	
The National Lottery Community Fund	<a href="#">Reaching Communities</a>	08/04/2020, new scheme opened on 22/05/2020, updated 04/08/2020, 29/3/2021, 26/07/2021	Not known	<p>This programme offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work with their community to help them thrive. We fund projects that work to make positive changes in their community – whether that is for people living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.</p> <p>With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, we'll continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. We can support you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•continue to deliver activity, whether you're supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity</li> <li>•change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.</li> </ul>	England / voluntary or community organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•a voluntary and community organisation</li> <li>•a registered, exempt or excepted charity</li> <li>•a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)</li> <li>•a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee</li> <li>•a community interest company (CIC)</li> <li>•a school</li> <li>•a statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish or community council)</li> <li>•a community benefit society</li> <li>•a co-operative society</li> <li>•a group of organisations, as long as they're led by an eligible organisation.</li> </ul>	<p>We can fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•direct costs associated with delivering activities in your community - this can include project staff, materials, equipment, room hire, volunteer expenses and project evaluations</li> <li>•organisational development - this can include business planning, testing new ways of working, staff training and development, developing governance and leadership, tech or IT upgrades/purchases, developing and sharing impact and learning, and increasing capacity to support collaboration and partnership working</li> <li>•core/fixed costs to support the day-to-day running of your organisation - this can include core salaries, rent, utilities, equipment</li> <li>•the purchasing, refurbishing or developing of land and buildings.</li> </ul>	<p>Either by filling in an online application or send a video. We'll let you know if your proposal is something we're interested in progressing in around 12 weeks.</p>	

The National Lottery Community Fund	<a href="#">Awards for All</a>	15/04/2020, updated 14/05/2020, 04/08/2020, <b>29/3/2021</b> , 26/07/2021	Not known	<p>With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, we'll continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19.</p> <p>We can support you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•continue to deliver activity - whether your community needs crisis response, recovery or business as usual activity</li> <li>•change and adapt, becoming more resilient to respond to new and future challenges.</li> </ul>	England	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•voluntary and community organisation</li> <li>•constituted group or club</li> <li>•registered charity</li> <li>•charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)</li> <li>•not-for-profit company</li> <li>•community interest company (CIC)</li> <li>•school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school)</li> <li>•statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish and community council)</li> <li>•community benefit society.</li> </ul>	<p>A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000, for up to one year. We can fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•your organisation's running costs</li> <li>•small land or refurbishment projects</li> <li>•equipment</li> <li>•one-off events</li> <li>•staff costs</li> <li>•training costs</li> <li>•transport</li> <li>•utilities</li> <li>•volunteer expenses.</li> </ul> <p>We encourage you to think about any organisational costs needed to help you and your community through the current crisis.</p>	A decision will be notified around 12 weeks once an online application has been submitted. Please bear with us as our funding teams respond to the huge demand for our funding. We'll assess applications in the order they're submitted.
The Arts Council	<a href="#">National Lottery Project Grants</a>	10/07/2020, updated 27/07/2020, 5/10/2020, 29/3/2021, <b>1/11/2021</b>	£77.9 million	<p>The Arts Council has announced that its National Lottery Project Grants programme is changing from November 2021. The fund will continue to be open to individuals, arts organisations, museums and libraries.</p>	England	<p>In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the programme will be improved to make it more responsive to the needs of smaller independent organisations and individual practitioners, whilst still including a budget for grassroots music venues, touring extensions and national activities over and under £100,000.</p>	<p>Grants of between £1,000 and £100,000 will be available from the £77.9 million rolling funding programme until April 2021 to support those in the cultural sector and for work that has longer term positive impact such as Research and Development.</p> <p><b>From November, the small grants threshold will increase from £15k to £30k. The application form and criteria will be aligned with the funder's three Outcomes and four Investment Principles set out in Let's Create.</b></p>	<p>High number of applications are expected therefore unable to offer a time sensitive permission process.</p> <p>Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application more quickly than the standard turnarounds of six weeks (for applications under £15,000) and 12 weeks (for applications over £15,000). However this depends on the number of applications we receive and may not always be possible.</p>
Volant Trust	<a href="#">Covid-19 Response Fund</a>	27/07/2020, updated 02/08/2021	Not known	<p>The Volant Trust accepts applications from charities in the UK and internationally that demonstrate a strong focus on alleviating social deprivation and helping vulnerable groups who have been particularly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications for medical equipment and the production or distribution of PPE will also be considered.</p>	UK / International	<p>a registered charity, community interest company, community organisation or social enterprise</p>	<p>Level of grants are made at the sole discretion of the Trustees. Funding can be applied for project, running or core costs only or for the purchase of medical equipment or PPE in connection with the Covid-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>To receive a <b>decision by April 2022</b> applications must be submitted by 31st <b>December 2021</b>.</p>

The Foyle Foundation	<a href="#">Main Grants Scheme</a>	23/07/2020, 1/11/2021	Not known	Encouraged by the Government's support package for the Arts sector, The Foyle Foundation has re-opened its Main Grants Scheme to support charities registered and operating in the UK with a core remit of the Arts or Learning. The programme criteria has been revised to taking into consideration of the needs and different circumstances since March 2020 lockdown.	UK Wide	Arts or Learning Charities with a turnover over £150,000 per annum who can demonstrate ongoing financial viability over the next 12 months.	The majority of Main Grants are expected to be in the range of £10,000 to £50,000 for revenue projects, with some larger grants possible depending upon need and purpose. The Trust will make one-year grants only (no multi-year grants). More grants to cover core costs, favouring those with no, or without significant, public funding. Grants to cover essential equipment or re-equipping to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, delivery of on-line digital services and education work. Grants to enable minor works, or fund equipment, to enable social distancing within buildings. Projects/schemes that employ or support skilled freelance and independent artists and practitioners. Grants to support capital projects. Projects/proposals that help reduce fixed or variable costs to promote efficiency savings, or which enable the generation of higher income, or additional revenue streams. Projects that promote environmental efficiency and reduce your carbon footprint or energy costs.	Online applications are accepted all year round, there are no deadlines for submission. It may take up to four months, occasionally longer, to receive a decision from the Trustees, so apply well in advance. NB capital projects seeking more than £75k are only considered twice per year.
The Foyle Foundation	<a href="#">Small Grants Scheme</a>	08/06/2020 updated 5/10/2020	Not known	The Foyle Foundation re-opened its Small Grants Scheme to support smaller, grass-roots and local charities across the UK during the Covid-19 crisis.	UK Wide	Charities with a turnover of less than £150,000 per annum that can show financial stability and a clear need for their services and are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support.	Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 can be used to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services.	Competition for funding is expected to be strong. Applications can be submitted at any time.
County Durham Community Foundation	<a href="#">COVID-19 Fund - Closing soon</a>	30/03/2020 updated 5/10/2020,	Not known	The COVID-19 Fund has been set up to support community groups and organisations through this period of uncertainty. Our focus is to offer funding to deal with emerging issues in the community as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus. This will be to directly support a group's work in their community in response to the virus, and to help organisations survive over this period of closures and isolation.	County Durham, Darlington, Tees Valley	Groups must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be based in County Durham, Darlington or Tees Valley</li> <li>• Have a management committee with at least 3 unrelated members</li> <li>• Be a voluntary organisation, community group, small charity or other not for profit organisation</li> <li>• Have a bank account in the group's name (with two unrelated signatories)</li> </ul>	Up to £5,000 is available to support the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations that are supporting older people and other vulnerable groups affected by the COVID-19 outbreak</li> <li>• Additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community including volunteer costs</li> <li>• Activities to support community coordinated resources</li> <li>• Initiatives working to combat poverty (e.g. initiatives to tackle food poverty or 'holiday' hunger etc.)</li> <li>• Advisory services that complement those being put in place by statutory authorities such as directing people to local services or listening on the phone and giving emotional support.</li> </ul>	The Fund opened to applications on Monday 30th March and applications to this fund will be assessed on an ongoing basis subject to available funds. You can access an online application form <b>NB the Covid-19 Fund, set up to support community groups and organisations through the initial period of lockdown, will soon be closing. Support for community projects addressing the impact of coronavirus, both short term and long term, remains available from our Community Grants Programme</b>

**For Individuals**

BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme	<a href="#">Family Fund Business Services</a>	26/04/2021	Unknown	In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, this programme has been expanded to include a broader range of basic essentials to support children and young people living with severe poverty across the UK. The fund supports families with children who are living with financial, health and social difficulties, by providing items that meet children's most basic needs and are critical to children's wellbeing.	child poverty	A registered referral agency that is supporting the family or young person.	Support provided in the form of needed kitchen appliances, furniture, baby equipment, beds, clothing, etc.	Applications can be made at any time	
The Hellenic Society	<a href="#">Hellenic Society Hardship Grants - re-opened</a>	10/08/2020, updated 02/11/2020, <b>12/04/2021</b>	Not known	The Society is offering, on a temporary basis, small hardship grants to those who have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. All those working on an area of Hellenic Studies are eligible to apply.	UK Wide	Individuals that a) have held a temporary post in a UK HEI in the last 12 months and whose employment has come to an end during 2020; b) self-funded PGRs, especially those in their third or fourth year; c) self-funded MA/MPhil/MSt students.	Small grants normally of up to £200 are to be used for academic or professional purposes, or living expenses.	Applications should be received by the last day of every month. They will be dealt with as soon as possible in the month after they are received and monies disbursed by the 15th day of that month.	
Friends of the Elderly	<a href="#">Small Grants</a>	Added 02/11/2020	Unknown	Friends of the Elderly currently have four grant streams open for older people living on low incomes in England and Wales: • Home Essentials to help with the cost of replacing everyday items, small home repairs and mobility adaptations; • Digital Connection to help older people get online; • Financial Support to help with unexpected bills; • Essential Living Costs including clothing, food, medicines and books.	England & Wales / Older People	older people who are of/over state pension age, have savings of less than £4,000, and who do not fit the criteria for other funders	Small grants, normally up to £400, are available. Applications must be made via a third-party Referral Agent such as charities, local authority and social services representatives.	Applications can be made at any time, but resources are limited.	
Family Fund	<a href="#">Family Fund</a>	Added 20/05/2020	£37.3 million	Children with special educational needs and disabilities in England will benefit from £37.3 million of direct support in 2020-21. Families with children that have complex needs and disabilities will receive grants from the Family Fund for vital equipment to make their lives easier while implementing social distancing measures, including computers, specialist equipment and educational toys. £10 million of the total has been committed <b>specifically in response to the unique difficulties presented by the coronavirus pandemic, helping parents educate and look after disabled or critically ill children who are staying at home more than usual.</b>	England	Families that • live in England, • are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 0-17 who lives with you • Your child is not in Local Authority care • You have evidence of entitlement of certain benefits. • Your child or young person meeting our eligibility criteria.	For a full list of grant items, please visit the website. We are <b>NOT</b> able to consider requests for: • A car, other vehicle or driving lessons • Items already purchased • Requests where a statutory agency (such as local authorities or health services) has assessed a need and have a responsibility to provide the item.	If you have applied to Family Fund before, you could apply online for your grant. If it's your first application, you can download an application form. If you would like a form sending out to you, please fill out an online request form. You should hear from us within 10 weeks of us receiving your application.	
Fashion and Textile Children's Trust	<a href="#">Grants for families financially affected by Coronavirus</a>	03/04/2020	Not known	Grants are available to help parents and carers who have worked in the UK fashion or textile industry and whose household income has reduced as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.	UK wide	To apply for an FTCT grant, one parent/carer must have worked in the UK fashion and textile industry, for at least one year within the last nine years.	Not specified. Parents and carers to apply for items their children will need for the year ahead. These can include essential clothing; baby clothing, equipment or bedding; children's bedroom furniture; essential White Goods; specialist items for children with additional needs, e.g. sensory toys, adaptive clothing or SEN adapted computers	Online application	