

## EMERGENCY FUNDS

### 1. Martin Lewis – the money saving expert

@MartinSLewis has £1million in a fund to provide grants of £5k - £20k to small UK charities who are doing/want to do immediate Coronavirus poverty relief

<https://blog.moneysavingexpert.com/2020/03/i-m-making-p1m-available-to-fund-urgent-small-charity-coronaviru>

How to apply

If you are an appropriate official of a registered charity, then we've arranged a simple **online coronavirus poverty relief grant application form**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd52bTaGvsLvBtBXuvl1TKzKWSY-GMjHrwRv5qAkr58S45teQ/viewform>

*See attachment for the questions*

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 11.59pm ON WED 25 MAR 2020**

- **small charities to be those with a turnover of £10 million or less.** Though we will consider applications from subsidiaries of larger parent charities.
- We're especially interested in projects that **directly help people affected** by the effects of the virus, such as by giving access to food, toiletries, basic necessities, as well as community projects to help people in isolation.
- looking for projects that can help people now, so will welcome applications for **existing projects that could be scaled up** with extra money or projects that are in the process of being set up.
- highlight your project's objectives and outcomes concisely - consider using **bullet points** rather than lengthy answers. Data will only be used for the purpose of giving grants.

### 2. Steve Morgan CEO of Redrow from Flintshire

Steve Morgan Foundation

@stevemorganfdn

Steve Morgan is pledging £1million a week to charities affected by coronavirus.

<https://stevemorganfoundation.org.uk/morgan-pledges-1million-a-week-to-charities-hit-by-coronavirus/>

To help charities

- with the costs of additional emergency services to help people affected by the virus
- experiencing a loss of fund-raising revenue to stay in business

Email [contact@stevemorganfoundation.org.uk](mailto:contact@stevemorganfoundation.org.uk) for an application form

### 3. The National Emergencies Trust

<https://nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk/>

@NatEmergTrust

The National Emergencies Trust has launched an appeal to raise funds to help local charities to support those individuals suffering hardship as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. The National Emergencies Trust will distribute money raised through a number of charitable organisations including local Community Foundations, to ensure it reaches those who need it most. Community Foundations are well placed to support local charities to overcome challenges presented by this ongoing emergency.

The NET said **funds would be released to charities** through their **local community foundations** and would be available **from 23 March**.

UK community foundations

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

@UKCF\_tweets

<https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/news-article/national-emergencies-trust-launch-coronavirus-appeal>

<https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/>

Community Foundation Wales

@foundationwales

Grant aid and information on how to apply to your local community foundation will be available from **Monday 23 March**.

### 4. Wales Coronavirus Resilience Appeal

<https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/wales-coronavirus-resilience-appeal/>

Community Foundation Wales launches the Wales Coronavirus Resilience Appeal.

Community Foundation Wales

@foundationwales

Monies raised through the appeal will fund charities, community groups and not for profit organisations working in Wales, who provide activities to vulnerable groups. It will also support organisations who are adapting the way they work to respond to the rapidly changing needs in their communities.

To ensure the funding really goes to where it's needed, we are urgently consulting with the Welsh third sector to assess their immediate and ongoing needs. Please [click here](#) to access the quick survey we've created to capture the needs. We will be as flexible as possible to ensure funding reaches the communities that need the most help as quickly as is possible.

### 5. £2m fund to support London's voluntary sector

<https://londonfunders.org.uk/>

The Greater London Authority and the City Bridge Trust have contributed £1m to launch a new £2m fund to support London's voluntary sector. The emergency scheme – coordinated by London Funders – will be available to organisations facing immediate financial pressures and uncertainty because of the coronavirus. These include increasing demands for services, higher staff absences, fewer volunteers and lower donations.

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The Mayor of London is making a plea to other funding organisations (including central government) to contribute to this fund. Press release from the Mayor's team.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-contributes-1m-to-emergency-support-fund>

Full details of the fund and how to apply will be published week beginning 23 March at [www.londonfunders.org.uk](http://www.londonfunders.org.uk)

We will provide an update next week in a special edition of our newsletter – sign up here to subscribe to this and stay informed.

<https://londonfunders.us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=7bdc3521dbb689f08db0f3250&id=b40b671e01>

## **6. Funding from the Government**

Charities fail to claim £600m in Gift Aid each year and we now need that money more than ever. Unlike funding bids, as long as you qualify, the money is certain. There are different types. Are you claiming everything you're entitled to? This Charity Excellence resource will give you what you need to get yours.

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/each-year-we-fail-claim-600m-gift-aid-heres-how-get-ian-mclintock/>

That's just one of many tax reliefs and you can claim up to 4 years retrospectively - you can find links to all of them on the Charity Excellence website tax reliefs page.

## **7. Controlling cashflow at a time of economic uncertainty - ideas for charities**

<https://www.cranfieldtrust.org/posts/67-controlling-cashflow-at-a-time-of-economic-uncertainty-ideas-for-charities>

Caroline Clark, an experienced Insolvency practitioner and long-standing Cranfield Trust volunteer provides her professional insight.

## SITES WITH NEWS AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS TO FOLLOW

### 1. Institute of Fundraising

@IoFtweets

<https://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/blog/coronavirus-advice-for-community-fundraising/>

### 2. Charity Commission

@ChtyCommission

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

Guidance to help with running your charity during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

### 3. NCVO

<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/>

@NCVO

#### Coronavirus financial support for charities

NCVO is working closely with government on a package of financial support specifically aimed at supporting the voluntary sector as the coronavirus emergency unfolds. This forms part of a coordinated effort with our sector partners in highlighting to government that charities, like business, are experiencing financial pressures because of coronavirus, while also being on the frontline of supporting vulnerable people at this crucial time.

### 4. Association of Charitable Foundations

<https://www.acf.org.uk/news/acfs-response-to-coronavirus>

@ACFoundations

#Covid19Foundations

The Association of Charitable Foundations (ACF), which represents 380 foundations and grantmaking charities, has published a blog on what foundations need to be thinking about in regards of the coronavirus crisis.

Other organisations that have pledged to support their grantees include the **National Lottery Community Fund** and the **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation** – see below

### 5. CWVYS

Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS) is the independent representative body for the voluntary youth work sector in Wales.

@CWVYS

#### **Covid-19 and Role of CWVYS and the Voluntary Youth Work sector**

<https://www.cwvys.org.uk/covid-19-and-role-of-cwvys-and-the-voluntary-youth-work-sector/>

The youth work sector has a key role to play in supporting young people, and also as part of the overall response, in Wales to the Covid-19 outbreak.

CWVYS met with the Minister for Education on 17 March to discuss the challenges and solutions which have been suggested by our Members in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Today, we have written separately to the Minister for Education and to the First Minister of Wales in order to re-iterate those messages.

In addition, CWVYS Trustees met yesterday at their Executive Committee meeting. Trustees were keen to indicate their support for current initiatives but highlighted concerns as well as potential opportunities:

- The welfare of young people is paramount and that this is uppermost in their collective minds. Many Member organisations work with the most vulnerable young people experiencing mental health and emotional wellbeing issues, amongst many others, and are seriously concerned about service disruption at such a critical time
- Potential solutions include the use of digital networks operated by paid and unpaid practitioners and drawing upon the expertise of Members such as ProMo Cymru and Swansea MAD (amongst others); more effective communication of messages plus the publicising of services such as Meic; mobilisation of young people in response to the needs of local communities; access to information in support of those in need of free school meals, food bank facilities; young people who are homeless and detached youth work responses
- Other possible areas to consider include: a pooling of resources within the whole sector on a collaborative basis; 'cluster' groups of practitioners to lead/support groups of young people in youth and community centres, church halls etc which remain open and/or schools post 20 March; the waiving of payments for hire of venues; linking older people with young people via landlines and/or mobiles and/or digital means
- Funders need to be sympathetic to the needs of organisations, provide as much flexibility as possible to ensure that no voluntary sector youth work organisation is adversely affected by a loss of revenue (without which they would be unable to deliver vital services and will ultimately be forced to permanently shut down) and to release funding much more quickly

**[CWVYS has sent an open letter to all Funders, requesting an urgent and compassionate response to the needs of voluntary youth work sector organisations](#)**

## **6. The National Lottery Community Fund**

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

@TNLComFundWales

Please focus on helping your communities and we'll be flexible about your current grant, whether that is around reporting or changes to events.

You can get in touch via email – directly to your Funding Officer or using our enquiries line. We have already started to shift application deadlines for some of our funds that were due to close soon.

## **7. Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

All staff are working from home and available by phone or email. The best way to get in contact is to email [info@esmefairbairn.org.uk](mailto:info@esmefairbairn.org.uk)

As the situation changes day by day, it's most important that we concentrate on our core business: supporting the organisations we fund. We are taking a range of actions including: moving payments and relaxing our reporting guidelines, expanding our grants plus programme, and making top-up or emergency grants to those we already fund. We are also in close contact with other funders to co-ordinate collectively support the sector.

We are due to start a new funding strategy in May 2020 and so will **close to new applications on 3 April 2020**, reopening in May.  
<https://www.esmefairbairn.org.uk/coronavirus---reassurance-for-those-we-fund>  
@EsmeeFairbairn

#### **8. Support from funders during coronavirus**

<https://londonfunders.org.uk/>

@LondonFunders

London Funders have published a statement signed by over 150 grant makers promising to support charities during the coronavirus emergency. The statement offers reassurance that signatories will be understanding of difficulties encountered by charities, including flexibility on reporting requirements and how funding is used.

**This includes national, as well as London, grant makers**

#### **9. Arts Council Wales**

@Arts\_Wales\_

<https://arts.wales/news-jobs-opportunities/arts-council-wales-responding-coronavirus-covid-19>

We're acutely aware of the very difficult situation facing arts organisations and individual practitioners. These difficulties are serious and significant. Arts organisations are facing multi-million-pound losses to income as a result of cancelled and postponed events. Individual artists are trying to work out how they can avoid the financial consequences of cancelled contracts and the loss of work.

The scale of the problem is beyond our financial resources alone; so we're urgently exploring with the Welsh Government what financial support might be available to mitigate the effects of closures, cancellations and loss of income.

At present, we don't know what form such support might take. However, in the meantime we can offer straightforward guidance now on more immediate action that we can take – see website

#### **10. Arts Council England lifts grant conditions**

Arts Council England said it has lifted grant conditions because the priority is ensuring that organisations can continue to operate.

In a statement it said: “We will refocus some grant programmes to help compensate individual artists and freelancers for lost earnings. This will require further planning. It may take about 10 days before we can announce the details.

“National Portfolio Organisations (NPOs) and Creative People and Places (CPPs) will continue to receive funding but funding conditions will not apply for at least three months with immediate effect. We can also advance grant payments to assist with cashflow.

“For NPOs and CPPs, the priority is staying in business. In exchange for our support we ask them to honour contracts agreed with freelancers and artists and to think about what help they can offer their communities.”

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19>

@ace\_national