

There is a range of funding available at both a local and national level to support organisations and individuals affected by the Coronavirus. General information on all aspects of the crisis including links to the most up to date Central Government information, can be found via [Hertfordshire County Council's coronavirus pages](#).

Local Funding

Hertfordshire Community Foundation <https://www.hertscf.org.uk/coronavirus>

Grants of up to £5,000 for groups dealing with the emerging issues in the community caused by the threat of the Covid-19 outbreak. The scheme has a rolling deadline and decisions will continue to be made while funds are available. The programme will provide grants to charities and community groups working with those considered to be the most vulnerable during the Covid-19 outbreak. Priority for funding will be given to organisations providing services and support to older and vulnerable people as well as those with low and insecure incomes. Applications are also invited from groups applying to support people of all ages with mental health issues. Local groups are encouraged to work together and joint applications with one application from a lead organisation are welcome.

Hertfordshire County Council Locality Budget <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/locality-budgets/locality-budgets.aspx>

You can apply to your local county council directly if you are a local organisation who is offering support to those affected by the coronavirus.

Crowdfund Hertfordshire: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/programmes/crowdfund-hertfordshire>

Crowdfunder are working with a number of partners across Hertfordshire, helping to make great ideas happen through a combination of expert crowdfunding coaching, events and grants. They are looking to support not-for-profit organisations working with local communities in Hertfordshire that aim to make communities stronger, more connected, capable, active, safer, fairer and more inclusive. For any queries relating to these funds please contact Hertfordshire Community Foundation at ana.siewniak@hertscf.org.uk

Crowdfund Hertfordshire: Small Business Innovation Fund <https://www.visithertsbusiness.co.uk/get-involved/crowdfund-hertfordshire-small-business-innovation-fund/>

Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership and Visit Herts are working in partnership to offer small and micro businesses within the tourism, leisure, hospitality, retail, arts and cultural sectors the chance to unlock match funding to help overcome the challenges of Covid-19. The £200,000 Hertfordshire LEP fund will be administered by Visit Herts. Participating businesses will raise money for their project through pledges from their community and loyal customers. Once a business secures their target, successful applicants will be able to unlock between £2,000 - £5,000 in match-funding. To qualify, your business will need to be located in Hertfordshire and be a micro or small business primarily operating in tourism, leisure, hospitality, retail, arts or culture sectors. You will need to demonstrate that your business has been affected by Covid-19 and how you would use the funding to adapt your current business to either operate during lockdown, or to adjust to post lockdown measures as well as clearly demonstrating that the adjustments you intend to make will help protect jobs directly within your business.

Locally you can find information and support for your organisation via your local Council for Voluntary Service. You can also find out about volunteering opportunities to support others across the County via #TeamHerts.

National Funding

A summary of funding available to support organisations during the Coronavirus crisis, has been pulled together by Grants Online here. <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html>

The Arts Council www.artscouncil.org.uk

Arts Council England has released an Emergency Funding Package to support creative and heritage organisations through the Covid-19 crisis which includes £160m of emergency funding to support individuals and organisations. A range of information and advice can be found on their Covid19 web pages. The Emergency funding applications process closed as of 30 April but the site has a range of other useful information.

Sport England www.sportengland.org

A fund of £195m fund has been identified to help the sports and physical activity sector. This includes a small grants fund of £20m and a range of other support measures and investments. Further information can be found at their website.

National Lottery Heritage Fund www.heritagefund.org.uk

A range of support is being provided for the heritage sector. This includes increased advice and support, longer term skills and capacity building initiatives, and a £50 million Heritage Emergency Fund to provide emergency funding for those most in need. Applications are being accepted for funding from £3,000 to £50,000. Deadline: 30 June 2020.

The National Lottery Community Fund – COVID-19 Response

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england>

The Awards for All England funding programme will remain open to all applications but, for the next six months, will prioritise applications from voluntary and community groups that need help to respond to Covid-19. Awards for All will prioritise applications from 1. Organisations supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19 2. Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of measures to prevent the result of COVID-19 and 3. Organisations with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19. Grants of between £300 to £10,000 will be available to existing grant-holders and is available to help with costs such as running costs, equipment, one-off events, staff and training costs, and transport etc. Applications will be dealt with more quickly than normal and can be made at any time.

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/>

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. The programme is set up to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects.

Music for All - Deadline extended to 1st November 2020 <https://musicforall.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>
Grants of up to £2,500 are available to UK based community groups and schools who would benefit from a “helping hand” to bring music to their community and fulfil their potential in becoming truly sustainable music programmes. The funding can be put towards musical instrument costs, workshops/training, using music to break down barriers, providing a variety of educational opportunities as well as helping to find ways to integrate many diverse and minority groups positively into society. Funding of up to £500 is also available to individuals who do not have the means to access musical instruments and lessons. Due to the Coronavirus crisis, the deadline for applications has been extended to the 1st November 2020.

North Star Project (artist support for applications and advice)

<https://www.middlechildtheatre.co.uk/2020/04/03/get-help-applying-for-emergency-funding-with-the-north-star-project/>

The New Diorama have always worked to support the best artists and companies through difficult times – now, in this moment of crisis, they want to throw support open to whoever needs it across the sector. They are offering a suite of support for artists and companies through COVID-19 and its affects.

If you know of any other opportunities that should be included in this list, please let us know at hyoc2020@hertsmere.gov.uk