

Funding Newsletter April 2020



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Impending Deadlines

- 3 June 2020 (5 p.m.) Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities
- 4 June 2020 Veolia Environmental Trust Grants
- July 2020 Funding for Schools Incurring Additional Costs Due to the Coronavirus to Oct 2020 National Churches Trust Fabric Maintenance.

1. Funding Focus: Funding to Tackle the Impact of Covid-19.

We have some suggestions for Virtual Fundraising, making the most of voluntary online giving methods. Noted are some funding applications that are open as we speak. Several grant givers have launched or have announced plans to launch funds to help combat the impact of Covid-19. Grants Online has produced an online resource to track these funds. This information can be accessed at <https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/coronavirus.html>.

Of note is extra funding and support for schools to cover the exceptional costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) for the period March to July 2020. See later (page 6).

At Silchester, we are exploring online giving using iKnow which is sponsored by the Church of England. iKnow is offering free use of their software, including an online giving page, free of charge credit card processing until September 2020, with just transaction fees. Details can be found at : <https://www.iknowchurch.co.uk/covid19>, <https://lifeeventsdiary.org> and <https://lifeeventsdiary.org/iknow-church/>

In search for other ways to maintain our giving, we are also exploring PayPal Charity giving, Probably the best known of the online payment systems, you can easily receive funds via credit/debit card or from PayPal account holders. (<https://www.paypal.com/uk/webapps/mpp/givingfund/home>). Of course, these are just the supporting mechanics for all the hard work by the parish in contacting and encouraging contributions.

Some other items of interest are: -

Gift Aid

<https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme>

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?

See <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/what-you-can-claim-it-on>.

Crowdfunder Pay it Forward

[Crowdfunder](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stories/zero-fees-zero-fuss-charity-fundraising-made-easy) is offering 100% free crowd-funding throughout the crisis (i.e. you won't pay any fees)
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stories/zero-fees-zero-fuss-charity-fundraising-made-easy>

Raising money for churches (JustGiving)

Raise money for your local church by crowdfunding on JustGiving. You could fund facilities, equipment, renovations and more through the power of your community.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/categories/local-community/church>

Hampshire County Councillors Grant

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Hampshire County Council councillors have £10,000 each to award to groups working in the area they represent. The application window for 2020-21 has been brought forward so you can apply now. For more info see the link with guidance notes and instructions.

Greenham Trust: Coronavirus Emergency Fund

<https://greenhamtrust.com/our-funding/coronavirus-fund/>

Greenham Trust is releasing £250,000 of emergency funding for local charities and voluntary organisations who are supporting the elderly and vulnerable people in North Hampshire and West Berkshire.

Note Churchcare has extended its grant application and claim deadlines. See

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/our-conservation-grants>

Some other useful links: -

Diocese of Winchester Stewardship	https://www.winchester.anglican.org/stewardship/
Diocese of Winchester Finance and Resources: Parish Support	https://www.winchester.anglican.org/finance-and-resources-parish-support-page/
Parish Resources: Coronavirus (COVID-19) financial guidance for churches	https://www.parishresources.org.uk/coronavirus/
Parish Resources: Digital Giving	https://www.parishresources.org.uk/digital-giving/
Using iKnow Church to set up church giving online	https://www.iknowchurch.co.uk/about/news/using-iknow-church-to-set-up-church-giving-online.php
Crowdfunder free charity fundraiser	https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/stories/zero-fees-zero-fuss-charity-fundraising-made-easy
Parish Resources: Online donation platforms list	https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Receiving-Online-Donations-2020.pdf

Be merciful unto me, O God, for my soul trusteth in thee: and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be overpast (Psalm 57)

2. Churches and Buildings

THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND: EMERGENCY FUND

<https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/heritage-emergency-fund-launches-help-sector>

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has put together a £50million fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Grants of between £3,000 and £50,000 will be available to organisations which have received funding in the past or are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant. Priority will be given where there is limited or no access to other sources of support; where heritage is most at risk; and where an organisation is at risk of severe financial crisis due to COVID-19

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST FOUNDATION GRANT FOR FABRIC MAINTENANCE.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/foundationgrants>

Rolling applications between January 2020 and October 2020.

The Foundation Grant Programme will offer grants of between £500 and £5,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report. Also, small investigative works and surveys. Project costs should be up to £10,000 excl. VAT and awards will never exceed 50% of the costs.

Apply at: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/15200>

ALLCHURCHES TRUST - GRANTS FOR BUILDING RESTORATIONS AND PROJECTS

<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/grants>

No Close Date

Grants up to £5,000 are available for churches of all denominations, charities, and other charitable organisations with income derived from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group. Most grants awarded are for between £1,000 and £5,000 although larger grants can also be awarded depending on the cost of the project. Churches must be members of Churches Together in England (CTAT). For further information or advice, contact: - Grants Administrator, Allchurches Trust Limited, Beaufort House, Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1JZ. Telephone: 01452 873189. **Useful links:** -

Email: atl@allchurches.co.uk Application forms are available to download from: -

<https://www.allchurches.co.uk/how-to-apply>

MAINTENANCEBOOKER PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE MICRO-GRANTS

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/preventative-maintenance-micro-grants-apply>

No Close Date

If the cost of booking maintenance services is a financial problem, the National Churches Trust, with its partner the Pilgrim Trust, can offer grants towards the cost of your building's maintenance services. Either £250 for services costing between £500 and £1,000 - or - £500 for services costing over £1,000. Applications from churches booking their first service through MaintenanceBooker, with small congregations, or limited financial means, will be prioritised. Churches are only eligible if they book one of the following services through the MaintenanceBooker website: Rainwater Goods Maintenance; Lightning Protection System Repairs; Asbestos Removal; Masonry Repairs and High Level Maintenance (from March 2019).

3. Contents and Treasures

LPOW MEMORIALS GRANTS SCHEME

<http://www.memorialgrant.org.uk/>

No Date

The Listed Places of Worship Memorials Grant Scheme allows faith groups and charities that look after statues and monuments to claim grants equal to the VAT amount they pay on upkeep and improvement works. You can find out more, including which types of statues, monuments and similar structures are eligible for a grant, on the website above.

4. Schools, Music & Community Projects (including Covid-19 grants)

FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS INCURRING ADDITIONAL COSTS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-financial-support-for-schools/school-funding-exceptional-costs-associated-with-coronavirus-covid-19-for-the-period-march-to-july-2020#contents>

The Government has announced extra funding and support for schools to cover the exceptional costs associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) for the period March to July 2020.

Funding will be available for all state-funded mainstream and special schools, and alternative provision. This can relate to additional costs associated with keeping schools open during the Easter and/or summer half term holidays, for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers; the provision of free school meals (FSM) for eligible children who are not attending school; and additional cleaning – required due to confirmed or suspected coronavirus (COVID-19) cases; etc.

Funding will be available to schools that are unable to meet such additional costs from their existing resources, or which they could only meet by drawing down on reserves and undermining their long-term financial sustainability. The Department for Education are asking schools to make the necessary payments from their existing budgets and record these in line with local finance policies.

Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme

https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/feeding-people-in-need/support-for-school-breakfast-clubs/grants-for-schools.html

During the Covid 19 schools shutdown, the Kellogg's Breakfast Club Programme will prioritise schools who remain open to vulnerable children and the families of key workers. The Kellogg's Breakfast Club Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Through the programme grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools in the UK to set up Breakfast clubs. To qualify for the programme the breakfast club must be based in a school in England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland and priority will be given to schools that have 35% and above of children eligible for pupil premium funding and / or eligible for free school meals or that are based in an area which is classified as falling in the 10% of most deprived areas according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation. Only one grant per school in each academic year will be available.

HIWCF EMERGENCY GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

www.hiwcf.com/grants/

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation (HIWCF) currently has two grant programmes available to help local groups and organisations tackle the coronavirus crisis in our local communities:

- **HIWCF 'We're All Together' Fund** – Emergency support for charities and community groups that are supporting vulnerable people during the current crisis
- **National Emergencies Trust (NET)** – Emergency support for Hampshire organisations supporting local communities suffering hardship as a result of the coronavirus outbreak

For more information and to apply for a grant, please visit the HIWCF website. *In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, HIWCF has taken the difficult decision to temporarily halt our regular grant programmes. Please check the website and social media for continued updates.*

TALBOT VILLAGE TRUST (BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH & POOLE) COVID-19 SUPPORT FUND

<https://www.talbotvillagetrust.org/covid-19-support-fund/>

A total of £1 million pounds is being made available to help charities and other not for profit organisations in and around the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole areas that are struggling to provide critical support to the community in light of the Coronavirus epidemic. Grants of up to £50,000 are available and priority will be given to organisations directly helping in the COVID-19 related crisis.

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY FUND

<https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund>

Smaller charities, not for profit organisations, social enterprises and unregistered community groups can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help them to continue to deliver much needed support to within their communities. The funding is available to help with core costs, staffing, volunteer costs, supplies and equipment, communications or other critical charitable areas. CAF will aim for grants to be paid to selected organisations within 14 days of application.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP COVID-19 COMMUNITIES FUND

<https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/tesco-cv-fund/>

Tesco Bags of Help is responding to the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities. Organisations that support vulnerable groups will be encouraged to apply for a grant of £500 to support organisational need in this time of crisis rather than fund specific projects. Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish and Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and social housing organisations. The Fund prioritises organisations whose need for services has been disrupted; Require to put in place new services, and/or; Have increased demand. For any queries please contact: tescocv@groundwork.org.uk

THE LEATHERSELLERS COMPANY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

<https://leathersellers.co.uk/small-grants-programme/>

In light of the current Coronavirus crisis that now faces small charities providing vital services to the most vulnerable members of the community, their small grants programme invite applications from UK registered charities which are currently supporting the homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless; provision of food and essential supplies; victims of domestic violence; and nursing care to vulnerable patients. The value of the grant awarded could be up to a maximum of £3,000.

VEOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST GRANTS

<https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

4th June 2020

The next closing date for stage 1 applications to the Veolia Environmental Trust is the 4th June 2020 for projects that will start between 23rd September 2020 and the 5th January 2021.

Grants of between £10,200 and £75,000 are available to constituted not for profit organisations and registered Environmental Bodies towards:

- Community buildings
- Parks and paths, play, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and recreational facilities
- Nature reserves
- Biodiversity projects.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation needs to be within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site (please see post code checker below); the projects must have a total cost of under £250,000 (including VAT and professional costs); the applicant must have secured 10% of funding towards the project prior to submitting a full (stage 2) application.

Useful Link:

[Post Code Checker](#)

[Funding Criteria](#)

GRANTS OF UP TO £100,000 AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

3rd June 2020 (5 p.m.)

Registered Charities, churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 for the provision, maintenance or improvement of community facilities. This can include: Village Halls and Community Centres; Churches – community spaces only;

The funding is being made available through the FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site.

Useful Links: [Application Guidelines](#)

5. Hints, Tips and Tools for Grant Applications

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme to rollover until March 2021

[Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme](#)

DCMS says that the Scheme to reclaim VAT charged on repair projects and alterations will roll over until end of March 2021.

CHURCHCARE GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION REPORTS

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/grant-conservation-report>

Conservation reports are an essential first step in projects involving the repair and conservation of artworks and historic furnishings in churches. They are also a key document to support faculty and grant applications.

THE HISTORIC RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS ALLIANCE TOOLKIT: 'Crossing the threshold'

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit/> (Diocese of Hereford website)

HRBA in collaboration with the Diocese of Hereford have produced this guide to developing your place of worship for wider community use and managing a successful building project.

LOCAL AUTHORITY INVESTMENT IN CHURCH BUILDINGS

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news/1083-local-authority-investment-in-church-buildings>

The Church Buildings Council has concluded that the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 and the Local Government Act 1972 allow for all local authorities, including Parish Councils, to contribute to the upkeep of church property under certain circumstances.

CoFe RESOURCE CENTRE:

<https://www.resourcecentre.org.uk/information/writing-a-funding-application/>

Some useful guidelines for writing funding applications at The *Resource Centre*, how to write a letter of application and how to complete an application form.

PARISH RESOURCES LIST OF FUNDERS FOR CHURCHES

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding>

See section 4. *National List of Charitable Grants for Churches* for a useful PDF download file on a National List of Charitable Grants for Churches.

Winchester City Council provides free grants database (GRANTFinder)

<http://portal.grantsonlinelocal.uk/grant,85>

Funding Central. Free subscription for organisations under £100,000

<https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>

6. Contact Us

We hope you find this newsletter helpful, and if you find you need the postal addresses just let us know. We welcome suggestions for a specific topic for a future article. And if you'd like to contribute, just email us!

For more information, a conversation, or to arrange a visit you can contact myself or Mike (details are below). If you would like your own copy of this newsletter, please contact us.

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We have provided examples of live funding applications (all in PDF form) at <https://www.winchester.anglican.org/project-grants-and-funding/>.

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