

COVID-19 Specific Funding – New funds since 14/8/2020

Funder / Fund	Amount	Status	Further Information
Coronavirus (COVID-19):support to childcare sector	£1500 - £8000	Opens end of August	<p>Funding will be available to support private and non-profit childcare providers in Scotland to resume normal services in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>The Transitional Support Fund is intended to help Scotland's childcare providers reopen safely, following the coronavirus outbreak. The scheme will help towards the extra costs likely to be incurred by providers in order to comply with public health guidance in response to COVID-19.</p> <p>From a total budget of £11.2 million, the scheme will offer one-off grants to eligible childcare settings. Grant amounts will vary according to the size of the setting, from £1,500 to £8,000. The grants can help towards extra costs for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased cleaning. • Investment in additional equipment and developing outdoor space, to enable more outdoor learning. • Adaptations to support the physical distancing of adults in settings (e.g. changes to entrance and exit areas, additional signage, etc.). <p>All private and third sector childcare providers in Scotland will qualify. Applicants should be registered with the Care Inspectorate as being a 'day care of children' service and a 'private' or 'voluntary or not -for-profit' service. This includes settings delivering out of school care, childcare settings in independent schools and outdoor childcare settings.</p> <p>The scheme will open for applications by the end of August 2020 and the last date for submitting an application will be Friday 9 October 2020.</p> <p>https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-to-childcare-sector/pages/transitional-support-fund-for-childcare-providers/</p>

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Armed Forces Covenant Fund ~ Tackling Loneliness Programme	Up to £70,000	Open	<p>The funding is for projects that tackle loneliness within specific groups of the Armed Forces community who traditionally do not engage with available provision. Projects need to fit at least one of the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building stronger social networks and friendships. • Improving access to local activities and provision. • Building emotional resilience to overcome the causes of loneliness. • Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more independent. <p>Projects could include bereaved families, dual serving families, Foreign and Commonwealth families including Gurkhas, single serving parents, carers of veterans as well as veterans of any age, and serving families with young children, or who are new to Service life or who have family members with SEND.</p> <p>Projects that specifically work with any of the following will also be welcomed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ Armed Forces community members. • Those who have suffered relationship breakdown. • Serving families, veterans and veteran families that live in rural or remote locations. • Transitioning personnel and families (including any children). <p>Applications will be considered from established registered charities, community interest companies and Armed Forces units. Applicants should demonstrate that they have thought about the implications of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic and taken this into account when designing and planning their project.</p> <p>There will be one application round in 2020. The deadline for applications is noon on 9 October 2020.</p> <p>https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/tackling-loneliness-programme/</p>
Armed Forces Covenant Fund: Force for Change programme	Up to £20,000	Open – Round 1 closes 11/9/2020	<p>Applications are now being accepted to a new grants programme that support local Armed Forces communities as they address the needs that have arisen as a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Grants of up to £20,000 are available for projects lasting up to a year.</p> <p>In 2020, there is particular interest in projects that help Armed Forces communities move to a 'new normal' following the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to support local needs and reduce isolation.</p> <p>Projects must fit under one of two main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Empowering Armed Forces communities to become more engaged in their local area. •Providing opportunities for isolated members of the Armed Forces community to take part in activities that improve general wellbeing. <p>Funding can be used for a wide range of projects. Eligible costs might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Staff time for a fixed-term project, including managing volunteers. •Purchasing items that provide practical support, or that can enable activities to take place.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Purchasing items to provide support, such as additional telephones or laptops. •Reasonable costs for storing and transporting items, including wear and tear on private vehicles. •Reasonable overheads that reflect the cost of delivering the project. <p>Applications will be considered from established registered charities or community interest companies with substantial recent experience of supporting Armed Forces communities; Armed Forces unit or bases; local authorities; and schools.</p> <p>There will be two application rounds in 2020. The deadline for Round 1 applications is noon on 11 September 2020.</p> <p>https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-covenant-fund-force-for-change-programme/</p>
Museum Recovery and Resilience Fund (Scotland)	Up to £732,000	Open	<p>Independent museums in Scotland can apply for grants to prevent them from running out of funds, and to support them to develop their resilience by adapting to changed circumstances, supporting their workforce and re-engaging with their communities.</p> <p>A new £4 million Fund has been launched to enable Scottish independent museums to cover a funding gap that they anticipate occurring before 31 March 2021 but also to undertake activity that will build up the organisation's resilience to manage the ongoing financial challenges brought about by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.</p> <p>Grants will be needs-based and most grants are expected to be for more than £10,000. Smaller requests will also be considered. The grants are subject to state aid rules and therefore will not exceed the threshold of €800,000 (around £732,320).</p> <p>The funding can be used for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating costs up to 31 March 2021. • Re-start costs both for the remainder of the 2020 season and for 2021 season. • Critical repairs and maintenance. • Business model review and implementation costs. • Activity to support and develop community wellbeing. • Other activity to build up sustainability and resilience. <p>Independent museums run by a not-for-profit organisation may apply for the funding.</p> <p>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the Fund closes at 5pm on 30 October 2020.</p> <p>https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/recovery-and-resilience-fund/</p>

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Tesco Bags for Help Covid-19 Fund	£500	Closing date 18/9/2020	<p>Funding to support a wide range of community groups, charities, schools and other not-for-profit organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups as part of their coronavirus/COVID-19 emergency response.</p> <p>In April, Tesco responded to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic by setting up a new short-term fund to support local communities across the UK and to support organisational needs rather than fund specific projects. In order respond quickly to the emergency, a streamlined application and payment process was created to make it easier to get funds out quickly.</p> <p>Organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups, as part of their emergency response in supporting local communities, still have time to apply for a single payment of £500.</p> <p>Applications will be welcomed from a wide range of organisations including: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, schools, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.</p> <p>Groups must be constituted and be able to provide a copy of their governing document.</p> <p>Typically, the fund will support organisations that have experienced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased demand – a holiday hunger club needs more resources to support children through the summer months or a food bank whose stocks are running low and needs an immediate donation to enable the food bank to restock. • Disrupted services – a local charity setting up a delivery service to replace its monthly lunch club, or a charity needing to set up a telephone service to support beneficiaries. • New services – a health focused charity having to set up a new online patient service requires new IT equipment or a mental health charity developing a new service. <p>The final date to submit an application is 18 September 2020.</p> <p>https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/</p>
Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme	Up to £5000	Open	<p>The Scottish Broadband Voucher Scheme (SBVS) aims to help ensure every home and business in Scotland will have access to superfast broadband of 30 Megabits per second (Mbps) by the end of 2021.</p> <p>The SBVS will provide two distinct levels of subsidy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A voucher worth up to £5,000 to help deliver a permanent broadband connection to those properties for which there is no roll-out of superfast broadband planned.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A voucher worth up to £400 to help deliver an interim connection to those properties for which there is roll-out of superfast broadband planned, but not until after the end of 2021. Properties in more difficult-to-reach locations may be eligible for an additional subsidy of £250. <p>Applications are made online at the programme website.</p> <p>Interested parties should complete this form and the provider will double check their eligibility. When the scheme launches in September 2020 applicants can access a list of eligible suppliers who can deliver superfast connections in their area, along with contact details to find out more information. Once a chosen supplier has confirmed that the address is eligible, they will request the voucher on the applicant's behalf.</p> <p>More details can be accessed at:</p> <p>https://www.scotlandsuperfast.com/how-can-i-get-it/voucher-scheme/</p>
Connecting Scotland		Phase 2 open	<p>Connecting Scotland is a Scottish Government programme set up in response to coronavirus.</p> <p>It provides iPads, Chromebooks and support to develop digital skills for people who digitally excluded and on low incomes.</p> <p>Phase 2 launched on 18th August and is focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • households with children, or where a child is normally resident (this includes pregnant women with no child in the household) • care leavers up to the age of twenty-six (in line with eligibility for aftercare support) <p>Organisations working with people in the target groups for Phase 2 can <u>apply for devices to distribute</u>. The closing date for applications is 11am on 5th October 2020.</p> <p>There is also a <u>separate Scottish Government programme</u> to provide 25,000 laptops or tablets, with internet access, for disadvantaged pupils to support learning outside school when they return in August.</p>

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