

Havering Funding Insight

Keeping you up to date with the latest funding opportunities

The weekly funding e-magazine from week commencing 29th June 2020

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NatWest Launches Coronavirus Response Fund (UK)

The NatWest Bank has launched a new £1 million Social & Community Capital Coronavirus Response Fund to help to organisations across the UK who employ people from disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.

Social enterprises, charities and community businesses can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 to help them survive the crisis and continue to have a positive impact in their communities.

To be eligible, organisations:

- must employ people from vulnerable or disadvantaged groups;
- must have been founded and trading prior to 1 January 2019;
- must have an annual turnover that ranges from £50,000 to £1 million;
- must generate at least 30% of revenue from trading income
- must have suffered a loss of trading income since March 2020 caused by lockdown restrictions

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The closing date for applications is 9am on the 29th June 2020.

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<https://www.business.natwest.com/business/loans-and-finance/social-and-community-capital/coronavirus-response-fund.html>

Funding for Research and Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of severe learning difficulties, including autism for both children and adults.

Grants are made to cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

Projects funded include:

- Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st August 2020.

Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

Recent awards have been made to:

- Rose Road Association, £30,000 towards capital costs and funding of short breaks.
- Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, £25,000 towards core costs of Play Group.
- Willow Tree Garden, £30,000 towards refurbishment and development of buildings connected with the woodworking workshops.

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<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/grants>

Small Theatres Improvement Grants Available (UK)

The Theatres Trust has announced that theatres across the UK can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. In response to the coronavirus crisis, the scheme will now be able to support theatres to cover the additional costs of reopening after several months' closure, including making adaptations for increased hygiene and social distancing measures.

To be eligible for funding, the theatre must be run by a charity or not-for-profit group that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work in local communities. Please note that applications for technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority for the scheme.

To be eligible the applicant:

- must own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on buildings;
- demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year;
- and 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.

The closing date for applications is noon on the 5th October 2020.

Useful Links:

[Previous UK Theatres Grants Recipients](#)

[Terms & Conditions](#)

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<http://www.theatrust.org.uk/uk-theatres-small-grants-scheme>

Funding for Community Based Projects (UK and Overseas)

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants of an average of £5,000 to causes working at community level in the UK and developing countries which are less likely to be able to raise funds from public subscriptions.

Current UK funding priorities are:

- Homelessness,
- Penal Affairs,
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees,
- Community-Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25.

Overseas, Hilden concentrates on projects in developing countries working on community development, education, and health and particularly welcomes those that address the needs and potential of girls and women.

Only applications submitted on the form supplied on the website will be considered.

Hilden accepts applications at any time but the closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting of Trustees is the 17th July 2020.

Projects funded in 2018 included:

- Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people (aged 16-25) such as The Furniture Recycling Project, Gloucestershire and Watford Citizens Advice Bureau for their apprentice scheme
- Projects helping destitute refugees such as Azadi Trust Birmingham and the Destitution Project Bolton

Useful Links:

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

Funding to Help Museums, Galleries and Cultural Organisations Affected by Coronavirus (UK)

UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives can apply for funding to help them respond to immediate challenges connected to the Covid-19 crisis, and to adapt and reimagine ways of working in the future.

Through the Art Fund's Respond and Reimagine grants, funding of between £10,000 and £50,000 is available to support the priority areas of audiences, collections, adaptable digital skills and infrastructure, and supporting the workforce. Funding can be used to provide immediate practical support connected to reopening such as staffing, equipment, training, or planning for future activities, and to provide opportunities for organisations to help them adapt for the future.

There are three funding rounds for these grants:

- Round 1: Apply by Monday 6 July 2020
- Round 2: Apply by Monday 17 August 2020
- Round 3: Apply by Monday 12 October 2020

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<https://www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/respond-and-reimagine-grants#:~:text=Respond%20and%20reimagine%20grants%20offer%20funding%20from%20%C2%A310%2C000%20to%20%C2%A350%2C000.&text=Respond%20and%20reimagine%20grants%20provide,for%20the%20lo>

Capital Grants for Theatre Improvements (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)

The Theatres Trust's Theatre Improvement Scheme awards capital funding as grants of up to £20,000. The Trust works in association with the Wolfson Foundation and each year funds projects with a specific theme – in 2020 the theme is Improving Environmental Sustainability. From sedum roofs to new windows, building management systems to more efficient water heaters, funding will be given to projects that demonstrate how a small intervention can have a big impact.

Theatres and projects of all sizes are eligible as long as they can demonstrate excellence in the pursuit of becoming an accessible theatre. Applicants must also:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 15 years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
- 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.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Trust to discuss their project before applying. Application forms should be downloaded from the website and emailed to advice@theatrust.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 14th September 2020.

Useful Documents:

[Terms and Conditions](#)

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<http://www.theatrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme>

Support for the Homeless Charities and Hospices (England and Wales)

CRASH, the construction and property industries' charity assists homelessness charities and hospices in England and Wales with their construction projects. CRASH offers help in a practical way as well as providing cash grants.

CRASH does this by supporting improvements to hospices, hostels, day centres, night shelters, training centres and move-on accommodation, for frontline homelessness agencies who work directly with homeless people.

CRASH unites the industry and channels the expertise and products of its Patron Companies to:

- transform hostels, day centres, night shelters and move on accommodation for homeless people across the UK.
- create caring environments where adults and children who need end of life care in a hospice, can spend precious time together with their families.
- reduce the cost and increase the quality of your construction project.

To be eligible for support organisations must be registered charities, have legal hold on the building in question, either freehold or lease for at least 5 years, and the building is currently delivering, or will be used to deliver services to single homeless men and women over the age of 18; or used to deliver in-patient and or day services to people in need of end of life care.

Please phone CRASH in advance of making your application to discuss your project and the ways in which CRASH may be able to help.

Useful Links:

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

[Online Application Form](#)

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<http://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/>

Ford Britain Trust Small Grants Programme Re-opens for Applications (England and Wales)

The Ford Britain Trust's large grants programme has re-opened for applications until the 31st July 2020. Through the large grants programme registered charities, Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only) and non-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £250 and £3,000 for projects that:

- Benefit the local community/environment;
- Work with young people/children;
- Promote education/schools (mainstream) as well as special school
- Promotes the teaching of Engineering
- Support special educational needs and people with disabilities.

Grant applications will be considered for projects being undertaken/expenditure being made in all UK postcodes however locations near Ford Motor Company Limited / FCE Bank plc UK operations are given a higher weighting.

These are:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry
- Manchester
- Liverpool;

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Limited employees and retirees are involved. Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment.

The Trust also operates a small grants programme for amounts up to £250. The closing date for applications to the small grants programme is the 30th June 2020.

Useful Links:

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

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<https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust>

Places of Worship Security Funding Boost (England & Wales)

The Home Office has launched a new funding round through the Places of Worship (POW): Protective Security Funding scheme

The scheme provides protective security measures to places of worship that have been subject to, or are vulnerable to a hate crime attack.

Grants can cover security equipment but not the cost of recruiting security personnel and may include: CCTV; perimeter fencing; access control gates; window locks; intruder alarm; external lighting; and security doors and the appropriate labour cost to install the security equipment.

Places of worship including (but not limited to)

- Churches,
- Gurdwaras,
- Mosques
- Temples
- Associated faith community centres (This is defined as a community centre run by a place of worship or near a place of worship that is faith based, and where regular worship takes place)

The Jewish community are not eligible for funding from this scheme as a separate commitment was made to fund security measures at community sites through a grant administered by the [Community Security Trust](#).

Places of worship can submit bids for projects costing up to £56,000 for protective security measures and will be required to contribute at least 20 percent of the total cost of the project.

Places of worship, including mosques, will also benefit from a new £5 million fund over 3 years to provide protective security training to build on some of the positive work already happening in communities.

The closing date for applications is 23.59 on the 9th August 2020.

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme#timetable>

Billion Pound Package to Tackle the Impact of Lost Teaching Time due to Covid-19 (England)

The UK Government has launched a £1 billion catch up package to tackle the impact of lost teaching time due to the Covid19 pandemic. £650 million will be shared across state-maintained primary and secondary schools over the 2020/21 academic year to allow head teachers to provide extra support to children who have fallen behind while out of school, particularly for those who are most disadvantaged.

Head teachers will decide how the money is spent, but the government expects this to be spent on small group tuition for whoever needs it.

Additionally, a National Tutoring Programme, worth £350 million, will increase access to high-quality tuition for up to two million of England's most disadvantaged young people over the 2020/21 academic year.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/billion-pound-covid-catch-up-plan-to-tackle-impact-of-lost-teaching-time>

100 Places Move a Step Closer to Multi-Million-Pound Towns Fund Investment (England)

The UK government has announced that one hundred places across England selected for its £3.6 billion Towns Fund can now draw up their investment proposals to regenerate town centres, boost businesses and improve infrastructure.

Communities, businesses and local leaders can draw up plans to push long term economic growth and productivity with a focus on improved transport, broadband connectivity, skills and culture. Town Hubs, which consists of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Towns Fund Delivery Partnership led by Arup will support the 100 places throughout the development of their plans.

The selected places have 4 weeks to decide whether or not to submit a Towns Investment Plan by the 31st July 2020 or at a later date at the end of the year or early 2021.

Useful Links:

[Town Fund: Further Guidance](#)

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/100-places-move-a-step-closer-to-multi-million-pound-towns-fund-investment>

£1 Million Fund to Support Communities Affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic (England - various locations)

Anglian Water is working with fifteen Community Foundations in the East of England to allocate their £1million Positive Difference Fund to support communities affected by the covid-19 pandemic.

Charities and community organisations who are supporting vulnerable people who are isolated, considered high risk and in need of practical support can apply to their local Community Foundation.

Half of the fund is being made available immediately, with the remaining half released later in the year to meet emerging needs from the fallout from the pandemic. Eligible organisations will be able to apply to their local Community Foundation for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000.

Projects could include support for foodbanks, services which tackles homelessness, and which provide groceries and/or ready-made meals. Larger grants may be available for groups working in partnership.

Requests for funding should be made through the applicant's local Community Foundation. All the information, including the eligibility criteria, can be found on their websites which are listed below.

County Community Foundations where applications can be made directly to the Positive Difference Fund

[Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation](#)

[Cambridgeshire Community Foundation](#)

[Essex Community Foundation](#)

[Hartlepool \(County Durham\) Community Foundation](#)

[Hertfordshire Community Foundation](#)

[Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#)

[Milton Keynes Community Foundation](#)

[Norfolk Community Foundation](#)

[Northamptonshire Community Foundation](#)

[Suffolk Community Foundation](#)

County Community Foundations where applicants should apply through their Coronavirus Fund

[Buckinghamshire Community Foundation](#)

[Nottinghamshire Community Foundation](#)

[Oxfordshire Community Foundation](#)

[Rutland and Leicestershire Community Foundation](#)

[South Yorkshire Community Foundation](#)

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<https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/in-the-community/charity-work/positive-difference-fund/>

Funding to Accelerate the Green Economic Recovery in Transport, Energy and Industrial sectors (England)

Businesses of any size can apply for a share of £15 million to accelerate the green economic recovery in transport, energy and industrial sectors from covid-19. Funding comes from the UK Government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund Driving the Electric Revolution Challenge.

The Challenge aims to accelerate the UK's ability to deliver; next generation electric vehicles, hybrid aircraft, energy generation, smart grids, robotics & industrial drives, consumer products, low-carbon off-highway vehicles for construction and agriculture, low-carbon maritime and rail supporting the realisation of Net Zero targets through clean innovation.

Businesses of any size may apply and must work with at least one other organisation

The challenge has 2 strands:

- Up to £5 million is available for business-led projects that aim to improve the UK supply chain for power electronics, machines, and drives;
- Up to £10 million is available for projects which must target zero or very low emissions.

The deadline for applications is 11am on the 29th July 2020.

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<https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/648/overview#summary>

Launch of the Local Digital C-19 Challenge (England)

The Ministry for Housing and Local Government has made funding of up to £800,000 available for data and digital projects to help local authorities in England to combat the challenges as a direct result of COVID-19 and to respond to the need for digital and data-enabled approaches to council operations post-COVID-19.

The Ministry is inviting applications in three thematic areas:

- Data and reporting
- Community engagement
- Developing new working practices

Applications can be submitted by single councils or a group of councils. This challenge is open to local authorities in England only and lead applicants and partner organisations must be Local Digital Declaration signatories.

Projects are expected to deliver a product or outcome directly related to a COVID-19 challenge within 2 months. Project outputs must be relevant to, and reusable by, other councils.

The successful project teams will be expected to work closely with the Ministry, as well as digital and data professionals from the private sector, throughout the duration of the project.

The fund will be open for applications between the 1st and 15th July 2020.

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<https://localdigital.gov.uk/c19-challenge/>

Funding for Urgent Building Projects in Small Theatres (London)

The Theatres Trust has announced that the next application deadline for its Small Grants Scheme is noon on the 2nd November 2020.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to small theatres in London for small capital building projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. The scheme can also be used to help lever in other sources of investment, particularly philanthropic support.

In response to the coronavirus crisis, the scheme will now be able to support theatres to cover the additional costs of reopening after several months' closure, including making adaptations for increased hygiene and social distancing measures.

The Theatres Trust has made some changes to the criteria for this round so widen the eligibility, which should mean more pub theatres are now eligible.

In reviewing applications Trustees take into account a project's urgency, other resources available to the applicant and the extent to which the grant would make a significant difference to promoting the better protection of theatres. Funds are generally awarded where they are considered to have the most impact in realising an applicant's capital project.

Previous projects supported include:

- The Tricycle Theatre which received a grant of £5,000 to help install an accessible shower and WC in a backstage dressing room, which currently has no accessible provision. These works are part of a wider capital project to address the urgent renewal of the theatre, which has been put under considerable strain due to growing audiences and increasingly ambitious programming.
- The Young Actors Theatre received a grant of £5,000 to help address phase one of a larger project that concentrates on urgent repairs to leaking roofs and refurbishment to basement toilets and dressing rooms needed to bring the building up to a basic standard.

Useful Links:

[Terms and Conditions of the Grant](#)

[Previous Grant Recipients](#)

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<http://www.theatrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/london-small-theatres-grants-scheme%C2%A0>

Covid-19 School Holiday Activity Fund (London)

Grants of up to £6,000 are available to registered charities and mainstream state schools to deliver fun and accessible activities for children and young people during the school holidays in accordance with Government Covid-19 Guidelines.

Activities must take place in the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, and the City of London.

Funding from the John Lyon's Charity's Covid-19 School Holiday Activity Fund is available to pay for the running costs of holiday programmes that are delivered between the 1st July 2020 and the 31st August 2020. Running costs can include:

- Sessional staffing costs
- Transport for children with special needs and/or disabilities only
- Additional sessions
- Digital delivery
- Other direct project costs such as equipment (not IT equipment)
- Food, within the context of activity taking place.

Funds are limited and applications will be considered in the order that they are received. The deadline for applications is the 1st August 2020.

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<http://jlc.london/grants/which-grant-fund-should-i-apply-to/school-holiday-activity-fund/>