

Coronavirus Response Funding

Aim and Priorities

The overall aim of the Programme is to support local voluntary and community organisations that are helping vulnerable people impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Funds made available for distribution in Surrey from the National Emergencies Trust Coronavirus Appeal and DCMS will support community and voluntary groups assisting in the relief effort, in easing the immediate difficulties communities are facing and to support their recovery over the coming weeks and months.

Priority will be given to voluntary organisations providing support to the most vulnerable and isolated, including:

- Older people
- People with disabilities
- People with mental health needs
- People on low incomes; and
- Disadvantaged children and young children

Grant Criteria

Grants of up to £5,000 may be awarded to support the following:

- **Enabling the delivery of services to vulnerable people** – including but not limited to food banks, befriending schemes and other crucial community services and activities to support vulnerable people at this time.
- **Providing information, advice, counselling and other support** and community services to help people cope with isolation and the emotional stress caused in the short and medium term.
- **Enabling organisations to deliver differently** – for example equipment to enable remote working or telephone helplines rather than face-to-face support, and moving to one-to-one outreach rather than group activities.

Grant awards must be fully spent down by **31st March 2021**

Eligibility

The Surrey Coronavirus Response Fund is open to applications from:

- Local voluntary and community groups which are charitable in purpose and are working for the benefit of people in Surrey
- Eligible organisations which are not registered charities but they should have a constitution (or set of rules) and a management committee of a minimum of 3 unrelated members
- Not for profit organisations such as CICs with a clear social purpose, based in and working for the benefit of people in Surrey may apply
- Small and new groups which are not constituted which may apply where they are working with the local CVS (see list below) which will act as a fund holder for the grant.
- Organisations must conform with Charity Commission rules

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- Organisations must have a bank account in the organisation's name which requires dual authorisation for all withdrawals. In addition, all signatories must be unrelated and live at different addresses
- Organisations must have a financial policy
- Groups working with children and/or vulnerable people must have the relevant Safeguarding Policy in place
- National charities may apply where the project is clearly locally driven, there is local governance, funds are held and accounted for locally and funding will be used to support work which is for the benefit of the people of Surrey
- Faith-based groups are eligible where their project clearly benefits the wider community and is not deemed to be proselytising
- Individuals may not apply

NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS PROGRAMME

- Grants that are solely for the provision of bursaries to individuals or families cannot be awarded. However, other provisions such as emergency food parcels or other items can be purchased and distributed to their beneficiaries. For example, foodbanks that are low on supplies of specific items. Individuals cannot apply.
- Statutory bodies such as city and county councils or health institutions cannot apply.
- Applications for retrospective funding where the equipment has already been purchased.

Additional requirement for Grants paid from DCMS Funds

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW FROM APPLICANTS:

- Name of organisation
- Address of organisation
- Charity number
- Purpose and main activities of the organisation
- Name of main contact
- Date of birth of main contact
- Email address for main contact
- Phone number for main contact
- Method of payment
- Bank sort code
- Bank account number
- Building society roll number
- Primary beneficiary for Grant
- Where they geographically operate
- How they are operating during the crisis
- What services they are operating during the crisis
- How funding could be utilised, e.g. equipment and IT provision, transport costs, telephone helpline, foodbank provision, additional staffing costs, replacing lost income.
- Estimated number of beneficiaries
- Estimated number of volunteers involved

MONITORING

The following data is required as a minimum for all grants awarded.

- Name and address of the organisation.

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- Contact details for the person completing the form.
- Amount awarded.
- Amount spent and reasons for underspend together with plans to use funding in full.
- What activities/services were provided.
- What difference they made.
- Estimated number of beneficiaries.
- Estimated number of volunteers.
- Primary beneficiary group.
- Primary ethnic group.
- Primary age group.
- Primary gender.
- Primary issue tackled by the grant.

CVS Network

Voluntary Action South West Surrey <https://voluntaryactionsws.org.uk/>

Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead <https://www.varb.org.uk/>

Central Surrey Voluntary Action <https://www.centralsurreyvoluntaryaction.co.uk/>

Tandridge Voluntary Action <https://tva.org.uk/>

Voluntary Support North Surrey <https://voluntarysupport.org.uk/>