

# Coronavirus Response Funding

## Aim and Priorities

Donations raised through the Community Foundation's own local Surrey Coronavirus Response Fund, as well as funds made available for distribution in Surrey from the National Emergencies Trust Coronavirus Appeal 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
- Families with 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.
- **Essential running costs** to enable organisations to continue to deliver vital services.
- **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.

**Please Note:** While emergency response must be the initial priority, it is also our intent to consider support for medium/longer term financial needs of charities and community groups in due course.

## Principles

- **Retrospective payments** may be made to cover costs incurred in urgent response to the crisis.
- Applicants may apply to the fund more than once.

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## 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
- 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

Additional criteria for Grants paid from NET Funds

- National charities may apply where the local branch is independent and locally constituted.
- Grants that are solely for the provision of bursaries to individuals or families cannot be awarded
- Statutory bodies such as city and county councils or health institutions cannot apply

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/>