

# COVID-19 and Homelessness Funding Opportunities

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This is a non-exhaustive list of national grant funding opportunities in response to COVID-19. There are also local funds, for example through [Community Foundations](#) or Local Authorities (including upper and lower tier councils).

For London opportunities, there is a central information and access point set up by London Funders working collaboratively, the [London Community Response](#).

As well as grant funding, specialist loan assistance for social enterprises and charities affected by Covid-19 may also be available such as the [Resilience & Recover Loan Fund](#) through Social Investment Business (SIB)

Many national organisations and funders also provide lists of funding opportunities such as [CAF](#), [NVCO](#) and [Civil Society](#).

Name of Funder	Name of Fund	Closing Date/s	Amounts	Notes
<b>Homeless Link</b>	Covid-19 Homelessness Response Fund Comic Relief and National Lottery	14 September for both second round National Lottery and extended deadline for Comic Relief	£10k- £100k	Emergency financial assistance to homelessness org's (charities and CIC's) to prevent closure, service cuts or redundancies due to pandemic or to cover vital service changes or expansion to meet need. Fund made up of £4.8m National Lottery and £680k Comic Relief. CR fund primarily to be allocated to charities in Scotland, Wales & NI. <a href="http://www.homeless.org.uk/covid-19-homelessness-response-fund">www.homeless.org.uk/covid-19-homelessness-response-fund</a>
<b>Lloyds Bank Foundation</b>	COVID Recovery Fund	5pm 11 September 2020	Up to £50k	COVID Recovery Fund "will offer around 140 charities a two-year unrestricted grant of up to £50,000 alongside a Development Partner to help charities navigate a tumultuous future." They will look for person-centred approaches and outcome-based changes. Small defined as annual income £25k-£1m. 25% funding to orgs led by and for BAME communities. Charities must work on complex social issues, such as homelessness. <a href="http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund">www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund</a>
<b>Morrison's Foundation</b>	Covid-19 Homeless Support Fund	Ongoing until funds exhausted	Up to £10k	Grants to support charities who are working directly with people who are experiencing homelessness <a href="http://www.morrisonfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/">www.morrisonfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/</a>
<b>School for Entrepreneurs</b>	Social Enterprise Support Fund	Round 2 13 - 20 Aug 2020  Round 3 10 - 17 Sept 2020	£10k - £300k	Grants to provide essential financial support to social enterprises including charities that trade – for those supporting people at high risk of Covid-19 and those facing increased social & economic challenges. Organisations should have income between £25k & £1m and be substantially reliant on trading. Partnership bids accepted – lead partner must be eligible. <a href="http://www.the-sse.org/news/apply-now-to-our-new-18-7m-grant-fund-for-social-enterprises/">www.the-sse.org/news/apply-now-to-our-new-18-7m-grant-fund-for-social-enterprises/</a>

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<b>Do it Now Now</b>	Common Call Fund	31 August 2020	£1,000 - £3,000	<p>Grants for Black-led social enterprises and charities. For UK based organisations led by people that identify as Black or Mixed with Black For organisations that are creating impact in deprived communities and providing services to people that have been adversely affected by the COVID crisis in terms of physical health, mental health and/or financially. Beneficiaries should primarily be people that identify as Black or Mixed with Black.</p> <p><a href="http://www.commoncall.fund/">www.commoncall.fund/</a></p>
<b>Barrow Cadbury</b>	Covid-19 Support Fund for the Specialist Migration Sector	Ongoing until funds exhausted	Up to £50k (or 3 months expenditure)	<p>Grants to charities and CICs to relieve hardship caused by pandemic among refugees and asylum seekers or to relieve acute financial difficulties on an organisation as a result of pandemic. Organisation's main purpose must be supporting asylum seekers, refugees or migrants or 'have track record'. The fund initially closed on 2 August, but re-opened with extended eligibility criteria - now open to organisations with an income of between £10,000 and £3 million that provide services and support targeted at refugees and migrants. Applications will close once enough applications submitted to ensure the funds are spent. Decisions will be made by mid-October and grants must be spent within six months.</p> <p><a href="http://www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/covid-19-support-fund/">www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/covid-19-support-fund/</a></p>
<b>Comic Relief</b>	Change Maker Safe Place To Be - Homelessness  Safe Place To Be - Migration	28 August 2020	£150k - £600k	<p>Grants for longer term post-Covid projects from May 2021 over 3-5 years. 20% for BAME. Expect to fund approx. 30 projects in total across all 4 nations. Single organisations or collaborations.</p> <p><a href="http://www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities/change-makers/">www.comicrelief.com/funding/funding-opportunities/change-makers/</a></p>

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<b>Catalyst &amp; National Lottery Community Fund</b>	Covid-19 Digital Response	Discovery Programme: 7 September 2020  Development Programme: 20 September 2020	£5,000 - £60,000	Fund aimed at non-profit organisations whose work has been affected by COVID-19 and who need emergency funding to continue to deliver essential services. It will support them to develop the digital, data and design capabilities that allow them to address urgent issues and serve the most vulnerable. This funding is a combination of direct grants and support from digital agencies. Partnership between the National Lottery Community Fund and Centre for Acceleration of Social Technology (CAST) with support from the Catalyst Network. Must be spent by the end of March 2021. Organisations must be part of a formal or informal network of ten or more other charities committed to proactively sharing learnings from the programme within their group. <a href="http://www.thecatalyst.org.uk/covid-digital-fund">www.thecatalyst.org.uk/covid-digital-fund</a>
<b>Groundwork</b>	Comic Relief Covid-19 Community Grants	31 December 2020	Up to £4,000	For small charities and community groups (turnover <£250k) to provide emergency relief in areas including gender justice, mental health & homelessness. Must be spent by end Feb 2021. Also some capacity building grants up to £1k. <a href="http://www.groundwork.org.uk/groundwork-launches-comic-relief-covid-19-community-grants/">www.groundwork.org.uk/groundwork-launches-comic-relief-covid-19-community-grants/</a>
<b>St Martin-in-the-Fields Frontline Network</b>	VRF Emergency Fund	Ongoing for Securing Accommodation	Up to £1,000 per individual	Emergency grants to help individuals access/secure accommodation including deposit payments or payment of rent arrears where there is imminent risk of homelessness. <a href="http://frontlinenetwork.org.uk/vrf-emergency-fund/">http://frontlinenetwork.org.uk/vrf-emergency-fund/</a>
<b>Tesco community Grants</b>	Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund	Ongoing	£500	Small grants of £500 community organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups including people experiencing homelessness during pandemic. <a href="https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/">https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/</a>

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<b>Youth Futures Foundation</b>	Development & Impact Grants	Ongoing	£30k - £150k pa (Development Grant for 1 – 2 yrs)  £100k pa (Impact Grant for 1-5 yrs)	Rolling grants programme for organisations working with young people aged 14-24 to help them overcome barriers to finding meaningful work. Looking for approaches that can be tested, evaluated and expanded. Whilst not specifically Covid-19 related they say that 'in response to Covid-19 we have significantly increased funding available for these grants'. Organisations must have income over £100k pa. Offer includes funding and support. <a href="https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/development-and-impact-grants/">https://youthfuturesfoundation.org/development-and-impact-grants/</a>
<b>Crisis</b>	Home For All	Paused at 31 July, check website for any future rounds	£20k - £50k	To fund post-Covid housing led solutions which help with finding and sustaining homes such as conversion of buildings to create self-contained spaces or adapting street support services to home based support including services for those with no recourse. Open to registered charities providing services to those experiencing homelessness <a href="http://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/home-for-all/help-for-charities/">www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/home-for-all/help-for-charities/</a>

Funds now closed				
<b>Nationwide</b>	Community Grant	Closed until Spring 2021	£10k - £50k	Grants to support local housing projects which help prevent people losing their homes, help people into a home or help them sustain their homes, including post-Covid recovery projects. Charities and CICs. Grants cover between one and two years. Partnerships & consortia can apply via a lead partner. <a href="http://www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk">www.nationwidecommunitygrants.co.uk</a> <a href="https://nw-help-documents.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Applying+for+a+Community+Grant.pdf">https://nw-help-documents.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Applying+for+a+Community+Grant.pdf</a>
<b>Princes Trust &amp; Natwest</b>	Enterprise Relief fund	Closed to applications	No min or max	Emergency grants for 18 to 30-year olds who are self-employed and/or running their own business to maintain core business operations during the crisis, meet existing financial commitments and/or support to diversify their business to respond to opportunities created by the crises. One-to-one support and guidance available. <a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/coronavirus-response/enterprise-relief-fund">www.princes-trust.org.uk/about-the-trust/coronavirus-response/enterprise-relief-fund</a>