

Funding News Related to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Outbreak

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Funding for Innovators Creating Digital Tech for Self-isolators

Funding is being offered to UK technology companies for new digital solutions that can support elderly and vulnerable people who need help while self-isolating during the coronavirus outbreak. The deadline for applications is 31st March 2020

<https://techforce19.uk/>

Coronavirus Business Relief Support Schemes

Businesses across the UK are now able to access government support to keep operating in the face of the global economic emergency brought on by coronavirus.

For small and medium-sized businesses – [Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme](#)

The Bank of England's new lending facility for larger firms – the [Covid Corporate Financing Facility](#)

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

Employers will be able to contract HMRC for a grant to cover most of the wages of their workforce who remain on payroll but are temporarily not working during the coronavirus outbreak. Any employer in the country – small or large, charitable or non-profit will be eligible for the scheme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Emergency Funding to Help Rough Sleeper Self-Isolate

Funding announced to help Local Authorities in England to support rough sleepers during the coronavirus outbreak.

Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick has announced £3.2m emergency funding to help rough sleepers to self-isolate to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The funding will be available to all Local Authorities in England and will reimburse them for the cost of providing accommodation and services to those sleeping on the streets to help them to self-isolate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-2-million-emergency-support-for-rough-sleepers-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme

The temporary Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme will support SMEs with access to loans, overdrafts, invoice finance and asset finance of up to £5m and for up to 6 years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-the-coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme>

Lloyds Banking Group

Has allocated up to £2billion to ensure the UK's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) have access to additional finance to overcome any impact to cash flow in relation to the coronavirus.

<https://www.lloydsbank.com/business/coronavirus.html>

Natwest – Growth Funding Package

Support to SMEs across the UK, including a £5billion Working Capital Support extension to its Growth Funding Package, ongoing support and practical advice for businesses.

<https://www.rbs.com/rbs/news/2020/03/natwest-pledges-p5bn-working-capital-support-for-smes-during-cor.html>

Forever Manchester – Community Support Fund

Applications up to £1,000 for Greater Manchester community groups who are supporting their communities however they can.

<https://forevermanchester.com/community-support-fund/>

B&M Covid -19 Foodbank Support

Each of our stores is authorised to provide a local foodbank with a £1,500 donation, so the can buy essential groceries, cleaning goods and toiletries. The foodbank needs to be a registered charity and one foodbank per store is eligible.

Email foodbank@bmstores.co.uk with details of your foodbank, stating the registered charity number, the registered address and the full name of the representative authorised to collect the donation. Please also state your preferred nearby B&M branch that you wish to visit. We will then reply on how to access the donation.

<https://www.bmstores.co.uk/news/covid-19-1-million-foodbank-support>

Money Saving Expert – Urgent Small-Charity Coronavirus Poverty Relief

Grants of £5,000 to £20,000 to small registered charities, or local arms of bigger charities, across the UK – to help with specific UK coronavirus-related poverty relief projects.

Closes on Wednesday 25th March

https://blog.moneysavingexpert.com/2020/03/i-m-making-p1m-available-to-fund-urgent-small-charity-coronaviru/?_ga=2.245131075.79612746.1585059051-1091408540.1584719757

John Lewis Community Support Fund

£1m community support fund to be distributed across the country ‘at this time of national crisis’

<https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/media/press/y2020/jlp-announces-new-measures-to-support-customers.html>

Arts Council England – Emergency Funding Package

We will offer individuals and organisations working in the cultural sector new financial support during the crisis, totalling £160m. We’ve re-purposed all our investment strands to be able to offer this support. These emergency funding streams will be open to applications very soon.

<https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19>

GMCA Covid-19 Creative Commissions

Applications now available for GMCA COVID-19 Creative Commissions. 60 micro commissions worth £500 each to be given to artists and creators, based in Greater Manchester, across all artforms. Work created will form a permanent archive of GMs creative response to COVID-19.

Deadline 5pm Wednesday 1st April. Email cultureteam@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk to request more information and an application form.