



East Midlands  
Funding Forum



## EMFF E-Bulletin – October 2020

Welcome to the latest East Midlands Funding Forum e-bulletin, bringing you highlights of the latest funding opportunities and funding related news.

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### What's in this month's bulletin?

#### Grant Schemes open now!

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#### Training and/or Support

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#### Jobs and opportunities

A section for this month to highlight a couple of job opportunities in the region.

**And Finally...**our message to you.

## Grant Schemes

### Local Community Foundations – emergency funds and other general grants

Check your local Community Foundation for their response and the support available during the pandemic. Some are responding with their own grant programmes through local councils, others are distributing funds on behalf of the National Emergencies Trust and most still have other grants relevant to the local area. Please check yours below:

- [Foundation Derbyshire](#)
  - [Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation](#)
  - [Lincolnshire Community Foundation](#)
  - [Northamptonshire Community Foundation](#)
  - [Nottinghamshire Community Foundation](#)
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### British Cycling – Places to Ride UK Wide grants

British Cycling is working closely with Sport England to develop a national network of new cycling facilities which meets local demand, making use of a £15 million investment programme called Places to Ride.

The funding is available to any organisation that is developing cycling activity in their community and can be used for anything from small-medium scale facility improvements or equipment through to large-scale new build facilities across all types of cycling.

- Large scale grants (£50,000 - £500,000) are available, typically for new facilities or significant improvements to existing venues
- Small scale grants (£1000 to £50,000) for equipment, cycle storage, small-scale facilities or venue improvements.
- Equipment packages are also available to activate your local space

For more information please visit the [Places to Ride](#) webpage.

The closing date for applications: **January 2021** – Applications can be submitted anytime and decisions are made every 12 weeks.

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### Boots Charitable Trust – Small grants for projects in Nottinghamshire

The Boots Charitable Trust is an independent registered charity wholly funded by Boots UK. They fund registered charities and smaller voluntary organisations benefitting people who live in Nottinghamshire.

They have not changed their programme during the pandemic as their priorities still include projects that address Health and Social care (as defined below).

The Trusts four main priorities are:

- **Health** – Community healthcare or health education and prevention
- **Lifelong Learning** – helping people to achieve their educational potential
- **Community development** – help for groups to organise and respond to problems and needs of communities or networks.
- **Social care** – Personal social services, social preventative schemes or community social activities

Grants must be for projects of no longer than 1 year and can range from **£100 - £10,000**.

For more details on the Trust, guidance and how to apply please visit: [Boots Charitable Trust](#) website.

Closing dates for applications: **7<sup>th</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

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## Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Food Insecurity Response Fund

The Coalfields Food Insecurity Response Fund is a new fund to tackle food poverty across high [priority and eligible areas](#) in Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has joined forces with Company Shop, the UK's largest commercial redistributor of food and household products, and sells surplus food and household items from well-known retailers and brands at hugely discounted prices.

Projects can apply for up to £2,500 and if successful, will be granted a Company Shop membership to maximise their purchasing power. The discounts offered means for every £10 spent, a project will typically get £30 in goods (if they purchased these goods directly from the retailer). So for a £2,500 award a project could receive goods up to the value of £7,500.

For more information on how to apply please go to our website. <https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/england/the-coalfield-food-insecurity-response-fund/>

Closing date for applications: **rolling process with no deadline**. The programme will close when the funds have been allocated.

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## Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust – Positive Pathways programme

The Positive Pathways Fund will award one-year, fixed grants of £35,000 for project that develop and run activities supporting the mental health and wellbeing of ex-forces.

The fund will not support charities of CICs that do not primarily support Armed Forces veterans, brand new charities or CIC with no track record of supporting these people nor will it fund local authorities, schools or public sector organisations.

There are four themes:

- Sports
- Arts and Cultures

- Getting outside
- Heritage

For more information, eligibility criteria and how to apply please visit: [Positive Pathways](#)

Closing date for applications: **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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### Rebuilding Heritage from National Lottery Heritage Fund – UK Wide

Rebuilding Heritage will support the heritage sector, in its broadest sense, to respond to the crisis and to transition to recovery. It will provide training, advice, and support through:

- one-to-one and group coaching and training sessions
- opportunities for knowledge sharing
- open access webinars
- online guides and case studies

Webinars and resources will be made available once the programme develops.

Further information and details of the application process should be available at the time of reading. To receive the latest updates, join their mailing list. Details can be found on the [Rebuilding Heritage website](#).

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### Winter Well-being for older and vulnerable people – Northamptonshire

The fund welcomes applications from all groups including: constituted community groups, registered charities, community interest companies running activities to protect and help older and vulnerable people in supported environments during the winter months.

A Winter Well-being grant is for a project activity between **£250 and £5,000** for projects which meet one of the following aims:

- Keep home warm
- Dress for warmth
- Stay warm at night
- Eat well
- Keep active

For further information and application please visit: [Winter Well-being](#)

Closing date for applications: The grants panel meets on a bi-monthly basis, accepting applications between **September and February** for winter activity.

### £25m fund to support the arts. Coming soon – Garfield Weston Foundation

The Weston Culture Fund is a one-off fund for museums, performing and visual arts organisations across the UK which will open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October and remain open to applications **until the 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

The Garfield Weston Foundation says that as well as providing their usual funding for charities from many different sectors, it felt it was important to continue to support cultural organisations that had been badly affected by the pandemic and needed help to get back on their feet.

The Weston Culture Fund is open to performing and visual arts organisations, art centres, accredited museums and galleries (excluding those who are local authority maintained) with a minimum annual income of £500,000 in a typical year. Grants will range from a minimum of £100,000 up to a maximum of £2 million based on the size of the organisation

For more information we recommend you visit the [Weston Garfield Foundation](#) website on or around 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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## Training and/or support

### Top Tips for writing funding applications – Nottingham CVS

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** £10 per person

For organisations and community groups who are new to applying for funding, or for those in need of a refresher. Relevant for groups applying for COVID-19 funding and recovery support as well as other general funding.

For further information and to register please visit: [NottinghamCVS Events](#)

### Voluntary Action LeicesterShire – Future Focus 2020 Conference

**When:** 13<sup>th</sup> Oct – 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

**Where:** Online

**Cost:** FREE

Each year VAL runs an annual conference for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector in Leicester and Leicestershire.

This year, the [conference](#) will be running virtually via Zoom over three days, each day starting at 10am and finishing by 12:45pm.

Each day will feature three workshops for you to choose from including a workshop on grant making by Lloyds Bank Foundation, a workshop on charity leadership by the Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership and more.

If you have any questions or queries about the day, please contact James Smalley at VAL: [james.s@valonline.org.uk](mailto:james.s@valonline.org.uk).

For further information and to register please visit: [Future Focus 2020](#)

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## Jobs and opportunities

- [Community Action – Community Link Worker](#)  
Location: Derbyshire  
Full time, fixed term for 1 year, salary: £25,000  
Closing Date 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- [The National Lottery Community Fund – Funding Manager](#)  
Location: Multiple  
Full Time, fixed term for 1 year, salary: £32,016 - £40,278  
Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020
- [Lloyds Bank Foundation – Development Partnership Opportunity](#)  
Consultancy - max of £300 per day plus VAT  
A Development Partner will support charities, over 12 months and will provide bespoke 1:1 support to build organisational resilience, adapt service and business models and create stronger links with their local ecosystem. The Development Partner will work with each charity, on average, half a day per month to provide coaching and practical support as required, in addition to facilitating cohort and peer to peer learning.  
Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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## And Finally.....

Its certainly another period of change, with a good dash of uncertainty thrown in for the sector. Hopefully the second wave or spike wont stall and halt services to those in need, and if anything, organisations and groups are now far better set-up and ready to meet these changing demands. Similarly, funders and investors are also better prepared, and as this month's E-Bulletin highlights there are opportunities coming out regularly so keep your eye out for these.

And if there are further restrictions or lockdowns there are likely to be further response funds available both through the Government funds and the independent Trusts and Foundations.

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