Sussex Crisis Fund

The Sussex Crisis Fund has been set up to support the community and voluntary sector in response to the corona virus outbreak. It is designed to help fund the emerging needs facing our communities and the work of organisations whose operations and activities have been severely impacted during this period.

Emergency grants of up to £5,000 are offered to those immediately able to respond to the crisis; organisations with critical funding needs; and at a later point, depending on the success of the fund; larger grants of up to £10,000 to support the ongoing resilience of the sector.

We are in touch with the infrastructure bodies who are working as hard as they can to support the sector in crisis. We are gathering information about priority needs and will use this to strengthen and develop the criteria for this fund.

Timescales

We will be responding to grant requests as soon as we can, aiming for decisions on emergency requests within 2 – 3 weeks.

What can I apply for?

Funding is offered to organisations delivering activities and services to support people who are directly suffering as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. We would also like to offer support to counter the loss of income and reduced fundraising potential for smaller organisations facing crisis as a result of the corona virus.

Examples of costs

- Organisational running costs including volunteer expenses, staff costs, and transport
- Small capital costs to support operational activity relating to the crisis
- Specific costs that enable the charity to adapt to the current circumstances and continue to provide services to the community (e.g. computer equipment to enable staff or volunteers to work remotely).

How to apply

Applications are to be made online using the following simple application form: https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/SCF/SussexCrisis.

Project examples

- Support for vulnerable people to keep help them keep warm and well fed
- Support for people needing help accessing services and medical help
- Enabling and encouraging use of technologies to help with isolation
- Reaching out to isolated people by telephone, and befriending services
- Adaptations for organisations who provide services to support the most vulnerable in our communities