

Staff Briefing 5 – FUNDING INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

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There is currently a range of national funding opportunities available to help businesses, communities and third sector organisations to continue to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information

Business Support Summary

For up to date information please refer to the Business Support Summary, which can be found at the top of the [Coronavirus Business Support](#) webpage. This includes details about:

- Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- Self Employed Income Support Scheme
- Newly Self-Employed Hardship fund
- Business Support Fund
- VAT deferral
- Non-domestic rates relief
- And various others forms of financial support and loan schemes

Shetland businesses can also access advice from the [Business Gateway](#) service.

For help, support or general enquiries contact the Council's Economic Development Service by telephone on 01595 744940, or by email at economicdevelopment@shetland.gov.uk

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

The SCVO has created the [Coronavirus Third Sector Information Hub](#). This webpage is designed to help mitigate the impact of Coronavirus for community groups, charities, social enterprises and third sector organisations. Community groups and voluntary organisations can also sign up for the [SCVO e-bulletins](#) to receive regular updates.

Coronavirus support for communities

Community groups and voluntary organisations seeking support should refer to Shetland Islands Council's [Grants and Funding](#) webpages. This website includes a range of support, help and web links to national funding sources and other information.

Grants Unit

The Council's Grants Unit provides free advice and assistance to community groups and voluntary organisations seeking to identify potential funding opportunities for their service or project. The Grants Unit also has an external funding mailing list and sends out regular funding updates.

Information on existing community grant aid schemes can be accessed from the [Shetland Islands Council's website](#)

Community groups and voluntary organisations can also register to the Council's funding search engine. [Funding Shetland](#) is a free resource and can be used to look for funding and set up alerts.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

SIC Economic
Development
01595 744940

SIC Grants Unit
01595 743828 or
01595 743827

Funding searches

Community groups needing help to search for funding can contact the Grants Unit by phone on 01595 743828 or 01595 743827, or by email at grants.unit@shetland.gov.uk. The Grants Unit also has a funding mailing list.

Funding Opportunities

Links to a range of national external funding bodies can be found below.

- [Third Sector Resilience Fund](#) – This fund provides emergency grants of between £5,000 and £75,000 to help stabilise and manage cashflows during the coronavirus pandemic.
- [National Lottery Heritage Emergency Fund](#) – This fund provides grants between £3,000 and £50,000 to support organisations who are a current or previous recipient of grant funding directly from Heritage Lottery Fund.
- [Open Fund: Sustaining Creative Development](#) – This fund aims to assist creative organisations to explore ways of working that will help them adapt and respond to the current changing circumstances.
- [National Lottery Community Fund](#) – NLCF grant programmes remain open as usual but will prioritise applications that are COVID-19 related. Small grants available from £300 to £10,000 as well as larger grants.
- [Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund](#) – This fund can offer grants of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups. It will prioritise organisations whose need for services has been disrupted, who require to put in place new services, and those facing increased demand.
- [Social Investment Scotland](#) – Loans are available to support social enterprises, charities and community groups across Scotland, whether that's to become sustainable, to grow or take a step change. This includes flexible loan repayments and tailored solutions to best suit organisations.