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Coronavirus:

Legionella, Government's Job Retention Scheme, Charity Commission Guidance and More Grants

This edition reminds those responsible for premises about Legionella, provides links to the government's Job Retention Scheme and Charity Commission guidance for charities and gives outlines of more grants.

Legionella – a reminder for village halls and other premises

A reminder - flushing water systems at least once a month while closed and then a thorough flushing through of everything before re-opening, with particular attention to a system serving any showers, will help avoid the risk of Legionella.

Legionnaires' disease is a potentially fatal pneumonia caused by Legionella bacteria. It tends to be associated with larger water systems (such as hotels, hospitals and cooling towers) but can live in smaller water supply systems.

Under health & safety legislation anyone responsible for premises must consider the risks from legionella that may affect staff or members of the public and take suitable precautions.

Regular throughput of water in the cold water systems of many village halls and community buildings will reduce the risk. However, some buildings may have hot water cylinders and distribution pipework which will need to be considered against factors known to increase the risk. These factors include water temperature, where water is dispersed over a wide area as with showers, infrequently used outlets such as disused taps and the presence of sludge, rust, algae or organic matter.

Information on Legionella and Legionnaires' disease can be found on the Health & Safety Executive website <https://www.hse.gov.uk> and includes the publication, Legionnaires' Disease: A Brief Guide, which you can find at: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg458.pdf>

Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

If you cannot maintain your current workforce because your operations have been severely affected by coronavirus (COVID-19), you can furlough employees and apply for a grant that covers 80% of their usual monthly wage costs. In place for four months from 01 March, but might be extended.

Claim - up to £2,500 a month, plus the associated Employer NI and pension contributions to the level of the minimum automatic enrolment employer pension contribution on that subsidised pay.

Full information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme-step-by-step-guide-for-employers>

To claim: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wages-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

Charity Commission Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for the charity sector

Dated 7th April, this guidance is aimed at helping you run your charity during the coronavirus crisis.

Contains guidance on: charity objects; government financial support; using reserves and unrestricted funds; AGMs and other meetings; holding meetings online or by telephone; reporting serious incidents; keeping people safe; working with a company or business to help with Coronavirus; charity SORP guidance; information from other organisations.

Go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

Small Grant Scheme - Tewkesbury Borough Council

For charitable organisations and voluntary and community groups with charitable aims based and working in the Tewkesbury Borough and which have set up projects in response to Covid-19.

Grants – up to £1,000.

For full information and to apply:

<https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/forms/emergency-grant-for-charitable-organisations-and-community-groups>

Forest of Dean District Council – Community Resilience Fund

For town or parish councils and constituted voluntary community groups supporting the council's response phase to the Covid-19 crisis.

Grants – for £1,000 to £3,000 **the council is sending application forms to eligible organisations.**

For community and voluntary groups (constituted and un-constituted), CICs and registered charities incurring additional costs due to this response and to support innovative grassroots projects.

Administered by Forest Voluntary Action Forum (FVAF).

Grants – up to £1,000.

For further information and guidance contact CEO@FVAF.org.uk

Application form: [Application Form](#)

COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund – Morrisons Foundation

A £500,000 fund to support registered charities caring for the homeless during the coronavirus outbreak.

Grants – up to £10,000.

Applications will be considered on a weekly basis and accepted until the fund is depleted, after which time homeless charities are still welcome to submit applications for support, but will be considered through the established grant funding process.

For full information and to apply go to <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/latest-news/covid-19/>

Gloucestershire Funders COVID-19 Response

A new collaboration between eight charitable foundations and organisations who can provide funding for charities, groups, people and activities in Gloucestershire. The aim is to share information and intelligence so as to support the county in four ways:

- immediate responsive funding
- potential proactive funding
- mentoring and support to charity CEOs and chairs
- longer term recovery, development and support

For full information and to apply go to <https://www.barnwoodtrust.org/news/gloucestershire-funders-covid19-response/>

Neighbourly Community Fund

Micro-grants for work that involves supporting members of the community suffering with loss of income, isolation or ill health as a result of the outbreak.

Grants – up to £400

For full information and to apply go to <https://www.neighbourly.com/NeighbourlyCommunityFund>

The Antonio Carluccio Foundation Grant

A grant budget of £500,000 in response to the Covid-19 crisis - for registered charities in the UK and Italy working to feed those in need and promote a better understanding of food origins and nutrition.

Grants – up to £10,000.

Grants are for:

- projects which feed those who are suffering poverty and/or malnutrition
- projects which seek to educate those suffering poverty and/or malnutrition in a way they can apply that knowledge to feed themselves and others in a healthy, sustainable manner
- projects and individuals undertaking training of chefs and cooks

For full information and to apply go to <https://antoniocarlucciofoundation.org/covid-19-response/>

Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks – Resilient Communities Fund

The Central Southern England Fund includes small parts of Gloucestershire and is to support community, parish and town councils (includes Cirencester - you can check on the website for other areas covered). Grants to be used to protect welfare of vulnerable community members and finance community facilities.

Grant – up to £3,000.

For full information and to apply <https://www.ssen.co.uk/resiliencefund/>

National Lottery Community Fund

NLCF will continue to honour its current commitments and be flexible with existing grants. However, all funding decisions made for the next six months will prioritise getting funding to groups best placed to support their communities during the crisis. Priority will be given to organisations:

- supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of COVID-19
- with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19.

For full information and updates go to: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates>

The Clothworkers' Foundation COVID-19 Emergency Capital Programme

Capital grants for UK charities and not-for-profits outside of London with an income of less than £2m - to purchase essential items to adapt or increase services in response to the coronavirus/Covid-19 pandemic.

Maximum grant - £5,000

No application deadline, but early contact strongly advised.

For full information and to take an eligibility test go to:

<https://www.clothworkersfoundation.org.uk/clothworkers-emergency-capital-programme/>

Ragdoll Foundation

New small grants programme for organisations developing creative and innovative approaches to engage children and young people using the arts and creative media - not aimed at arts organisations. For small, one-off projects, pilot projects, or research & development to inform a new project or programme or work.

Grants – up to £1,500 for projects costing up to £2,000 (no match funding required)

Deadlines – five deadlines starting from 8th May.

For full information and to apply: <http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

OneFamily grants (a family finance organisation)

OneFamily customers are invited to nominate local groups/charities providing support to those affected by coronavirus, or have themselves been negatively impacted by Coronavirus. Can nominate themselves.

Grants – up to £2,500 with nominations closing on 12th May.

<https://www.onefamily.com/your-foundation/community-grants/#apply>

Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP) in collaboration with government

For not-for-profit food redistributors who are currently running a food redistribution operation in England and which can redistribute surplus food from retailers, wholesalers and food manufacturers to people in need.

Phase 2 for micro and small food redistributors – closes 4th June or earlier if fully allocated.

Grant - £5,000 to £10,000.

Phase 3 for medium to large scale operations - closes 21st May 2020 or earlier if fully allocated.

Grant – up to £50,000.

For full information and to apply go to <https://wrap.org.uk/content/covid-19-emergency-surplus-food-grant>

Coronavirus Mental Health Response Fund

Administered by Mind.

For mental health voluntary sector organisations based in England to respond to anticipated increase in need as a direct result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Small grant – up to £20,000.

Large grant – up to £50,000 (£100,000 will be considered if working across three or more English regions).

For more information and to access full guidance notes and the application process go to:
<https://www.mind.org.uk/news-campaigns/campaigns/coronavirus-mental-health-response-fund/>

Administered by NSUN (National Survivor User Network)

For smaller, un-constituted community groups in England to support community action, peer support, mutual aid and other activities.

Grant – up to £1,000 open to the end of April.

For full information, to become a member and apply: <https://www.nsun.org.uk/nsun-covid-19-fund>

The England and Wales Cricket Board COVID-19 Emergency Support

For affiliated cricket clubs in England and Wales, to cover shortfall in day-to-day costs.

Grant – up to £3,000 (deadline – Friday 17th July)

Interest free loans of up to £5,000 (applications can be made at any time).

For full information and to apply: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/emergency-support-programmes>