

Sources of emergency funding for Covid-19 related activities and loss of income

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Fundraising support during Covid-19 and beyond

Ecclesiastical Insurance is giving top tips for fundraising during Covid-19 and lists emergency funders supporting faith activities and community action plus Community Foundations. The Ecclesiastical [fundraising hub](#) also gives good practice advice on applying for grants which will be helpful now and in the future.

National Lottery Community Fund

National Lottery Community Fund emergency funding is available to support people and communities affected by Covid-19. The link is here

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-england>.

Funding is specifically for:

- **Organisations supporting people and communities who experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 crisis**
e.g. organisations supporting older people, disabled people (including people with long-term health conditions) and BAME communities
- **Organisations providing services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis**
e.g. supporting people and families who face financial hardship as a result of the pandemic, homeless people and those supporting vulnerable children and young people.
- **Organisations which connect communities and support communities to work together to respond to COVID-19**
e.g. supporting local community activity, including volunteering, and community organising, including development of digital, data and technology capabilities.

Churches providing such community-focused support activities may wish to consider applying for grants worth from £300 to £10,000 or more. The grants will not fund church buildings work or replacing lost income.

Discretionary Business Support Grants

The government has provided funding for Discretionary Business Support Grants which are being awarded by local authorities. These grants are aimed at small businesses and charitable and voluntary sector organisations which have ongoing costs and have lost income. We believe that they may fund parishes with church halls which have lost revenue during the current emergency.

The government has linked the grants to those organisations which are entitled to small business rate relief or the extended retail discount. At the same time local authorities have some discretion as to how they award the grants and their approaches may vary as a result.

We know that some local authorities in the Diocese area will not give grants for the loss of income for church halls but we are waiting to find out if at least one will. Please contact David Bevan for more information.

Further help

Our information on grants for **church buildings** during the emergency and generally is available [here](#) and [here](#).

For further advice on grants contact David Bevan in the first instance at HCBSupport@stalbans.anglican.org.

Stewardship are also working hard at 'helping churches to give and receive' <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/>.