

Sussex Crisis Fund – guidance for applicants

The Sussex Crisis Fund supports community and voluntary sector organisations who are leading efforts to support people most affected by the coronavirus outbreak. It is primarily designed to help fund the urgent needs facing our communities as the virus affects them and to support for organisations with funding needs to enable them to adapt and respond to the crisis.

Emergency grants of up to £5,000 are offered to charities and community groups which are responding to the immediate crisis in the community and helping those most affected.

We are gathering information about priority needs and will use this to strengthen and develop the criteria.

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.

Examples of the kinds of things that might be funded

- 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 enable them to respond to the crisis (e.g. computer equipment to enable staff or volunteers to work remotely).

How to apply

Applications are to be made online. [Click here](https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/SCF/SussexCrisis) to access the form directly or type this URL into your browser: <https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/SCF/SussexCrisis>

Examples of the kinds of projects and activities that might be funded

- Supporting the ongoing needs of vulnerable people to ensure that their health and wellbeing is maintained
- Activities that relieve pressure on local statutory services, particularly emergency or health and social care provision, or complement their response
- Groups and activities that support vulnerable people self-isolating (older people, people with pre-existing medical conditions etc.)
- Foodbanks and organisations working to combat hardship caused by the pandemic including child hunger
- Community response coordination
- Organisations that have been specifically established to respond to the crisis
- Volunteer costs for new and existing organisations responding to the effect of the crisis
- Additional costs of working remotely and adapting services delivered in the wider community
- Emotional support, mental health and bereavement support

At a later point, should funds allow, the fund may provide:

- Larger grants of up to £10,000 to organisations meeting the above criteria and/or
- Support for organisations that provide support for vulnerable groups to counter the loss of income and fundraising which can be directly linked to the pandemic.