**RDA UK Update 28 May**

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**Group survey – next steps**

Thank you to everyone for taking part in the online group survey and for your discussions with your Regional or County Chairs. We now have an almost complete picture of the impact of closure on groups across the UK, the different ways you are supporting your RDA communities, the challenges you face in the coming weeks and months and – most importantly – which groups are most vulnerable as the situation continues.

Next week we will be updating you on the findings of the report and how we will be using this to steer our support to groups.

**Getting started**

This week at [www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/getting-started-after-lockdown](http://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/getting-started-after-lockdown) we have the following updates to share with you:

**New resources:**

* Guidance update 28 May, including FAQs and notes for first aiders
* Example Participant Induction Briefing

**Updated resources:**

• Glossary of Terms to include government wording for clinically vulnerable

**National Lottery and Government’s new Coronavirus Community Support Fund.**

We’re delighted to confirm that the Government’s new Coronavirus Community Support Fund in collaboration with the National Lottery is open for applications. The fund will support organisations at the heart of their local community to continue to deliver services to people and communities affected by COVID-19. This new funding stream makes available £200m in Government funding aimed primarily at small to medium organisations in **England, for 6 months of expenditure.** Although the application deadline is ongoing it will be reviewed continually as demand is anticipated to be high. Applications will be assessed as and when they are submitted.

The Fund has two key objectives:

1. **To increase community support to vulnerable people** affected by the COVID-19 crisis, through the work of civil society organisations.
2. **To reduce temporary closures of essential charities and social enterprises,** ensuring services for vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19 have the financial resources to operate, and so reduce the burden on public services.

**What types of projects are prioritised?** Projects and organisations playing a vital role in helping their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will prioritise:

* **Organisations supporting people and communities who experience disproportionate challenge and difficulty as a result of the COVID-19 crisis** – for e.g. supporting older people, disabled people (including people with long-term health conditions) and Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities, all of whom are facing specific challenges during the current crisis. It also includes organisations who provide advice and support to those pushed in crisis as a result of the pandemic. This category also includes those organisations supporting people and their families with end of life care.
* **Organisations providing services and support for vulnerable people, for which there will be increased demand as a result of the COVID-19 crisis –** for e.g**.** organisations supporting people and families who face financial hardship as a result of the pandemic. It also includes organisations working to prevent domestic abuse and violence against protected groups, those working with homeless people and those supporting vulnerable children and young people. Finally, we also know that there is increased demand for mental health support and support to mitigate the increased challenges of loneliness and isolation.
* **Organisations which connect communities and support communities to work together to respond to COVID-19** – for e.g. supporting local community activity, including volunteering, and community organising. It also includes organisations supporting community and sector infrastructure, including public information. We know there is increased demand for support with the development of digital, data and technology capabilities. Finally, we want to support building capacity and infrastructure of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and other marginalised communities to ensure they are in a better position after the initial emergency response.

Grants will allow organisations to meet service costs, where they are experiencing increased demand and/or short-term income disruption. Grants will also allow organisations to refocus services to address more immediate beneficiary needs in light of COVID-19.

**There are three funding streams within this fund and for further information on each and how to apply please follow the links provided.**

1. **COVID-19 funding under £10,000 – including Coronavirus Community Support Fund**

**The amount of funding and length of funding**: £300 - £10,000 to cover six months of expenditure.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/covid-19-funding-under-10k#section-4>

1. **COVID -19 funding over £10,000 – including Coronavirus Community Support Fund**

**The amount of funding and length of funding**: £10,000 - £100,000 to cover six months of expenditure. Larger awards or longer timeframes will be considered, particularly for organisations working across more than one area of England, on a case-by-case basis.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/covid-19-funding-over-10k#section-3>

1. **COVID-19 funding over £10,000 for partnerships – including Coronavirus Community Support Fund**

**The amount of funding and length of funding**: £10,000 - £100,000 to cover six months of expenditure. Larger awards or longer timeframes will be considered, particularly for organisations working across more than one area of England, on a case-by-case basis.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/covid-19-funding-over-10k-for-partnerships#section-1>

**Volunteers Week 1-7 June**

This year’s Volunteers Week we will be recognising and thanking those volunteers (like yourselves) keeping their RDA communities together during lockdown. We are part of a network of charities co-ordinating this year’s event and RDA features in a special film narrated by Clare Balding, which launches on Monday.

Look out for more information and ways you can join in at [www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/covid19/](http://www.myrda.org.uk/runningyourgroup/covid19/) under ‘Publicity’. Or you can follow and share online throughout next week using #VolunteersWeek or #VolunteersWeek2020