



Focus on Funding

Voluntary Sector Early Years and Childcare Cumbria

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This Focus on Funding has been produced to assist voluntary sector early years and childcare organisations across Cumbria with information on potential sources of funding to assist with the financial challenges you may now be facing due to the impact of Covid-19.

Cumbria CVS has dedicated Funding Officers to help your organisation or group. If you want our help, advice and support in relation to funding for your not-for-profit organisation or group please contact us by e-mailing:

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If you do not have access to e-mail, please call 01768 800 350.

The report provides examples of some of the national and local funds that are currently open for applications that may be of relevance to the work of your voluntary sector early years childcare organisations.

Happy Childhood Fund

The ethical, organic baby and children's clothing company Frugi has launched the Happy Childhood Fund. Its aim is to improve the lives of vulnerable children living in poverty in the UK. Applications are welcome from UK registered charities working with children and communities in any of the following three areas to apply:

Hunger – Food banks, Community kitchens, Holiday hunger
Shelter – Homelessness, Community Centres, Foster Care
Nature – Community gardens, Parks and playgrounds, Experiences of nature.

Applications from grassroots charities of any size are welcome. The maximum award is £5000 and the fund looks to prioritise costs of delivering projects rather than organisational running costs.

[Find out more/apply for the Happy Childhood Fund](#)

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 8th July 2020.

Coronavirus **Community** Support Fund – England

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You can apply if your organisation is a:

- voluntary or community organisation
- registered charity
- constituted group or club
- not-for-profit company or Community Interest Company

What can be funded?

Through the Coronavirus Community Support Fund we can fund:

- Activities supporting people and communities affected by COVID-19

and/or

- Organisations to overcome any acute financial difficulties they're facing because of the pandemic

Organisations can apply for between £300 - £10,000 and over £10,000 to cover up to **six months** of costs. We are asking people to only apply for what they need and expect most grants to be under £100,000.

What can be funded?

- your organisation's running costs
- essential items for food banks
- small land or refurbishment projects that can be delivered within Government guidelines
- equipment
- one-off events
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities/running costs
- volunteer expenses
- Organisational development

[Apply/find out more information about The National Lottery Community Fund](#)

Barbara Ward Children's Foundation

The Barbara Ward Children's Foundation is a grant-making body that helps the smaller non-religious charities to serve severely disadvantaged children across the United Kingdom and anywhere in the world where our grants are likely to make a real difference. To do this the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation focuses its support on financially healthy children's charities where funding is not forthcoming from statutory bodies, where incomes and fund balances are constantly put to good use and where administration overheads are kept to a minimum. All applications that fit these simple criteria are welcome.

[More details and to apply for the Barbara Ward Children's Foundation.](#)

Boshier-Hinton Foundation

The Boshier-Hinton Foundation exists to improve quality of life for people with disabilities, learning difficulties or sensory impairment and their families, by the awarding of grants. The foundation supports organisations working with children and adults with special educational or other needs. Awards grants of up to £2000

[Find out more about the Boshier-Hinton Foundation](#)

Comic Relief Community Fund

Offers grants to grassroots community organisations whose work delivers on one of their four strategic themes. One of these is “CHILDREN SURVIVE AND THRIVE.” This is for projects that support children under the age of 5 to reach their potential and have the best start in life. They have two separate grants – one for Capacity Building and one for Project Delivery. To find out more and to apply please visit:

[Find out more about the Comic Relief Community Fund](#)

Francis C Scott Charitable Trust

The Francis C Scott Charitable Trust awards over £1 million in grants every year to charities operating in Cumbria and the very north of Lancashire.

Their core purpose is to support charitable organisations who enable young people from the most deprived areas of Cumbria/North Lancashire to achieve their full potential in life.

They are particularly interested in effective approaches to addressing the needs of children, young people and young adults (up to 24 years old) in the following areas:

- victims/survivors of abuse and exploitation
- homelessness and its underlying causes
- those suffering from mental health problems
- those leaving care
- those leaving the criminal justice system
- problems of isolation experienced in rural areas
- enterprising solutions to job creation
- targeted, issues-based youthwork
- those living in poverty

If you would like to make an application for funding support [contact](#)

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Monica Rabagliati Charitable Trust

Funding is available for UK registered charities working to alleviate child suffering and deprivation. Priority is given to small and medium sized charities.

[Find out more about the Monica Rabagliati Charitable Trust](#)

Ragdoll Foundation

The Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants Scheme supports the cultural sector's work with children and young people. The vision of Ragdoll Foundation is to support quality arts engagement projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. Priority will be given to innovative arts-based projects that share the same values of imagination and creativity as the Ragdoll Foundation and, in particular, projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and young people and allow their perceptions and feelings to be understood. Although most applicants will be an arts organisation, other not for profit organisations which intend to partner with arts organisations or work with artists within their project will be considered.

There are two strands to the Scheme:

Small Grants (for grants of up to £1500)

Main Grants (for grants between £5000 and £20000)

[Find out more about the Rag Doll Foundation](#)

Wooden Spoon

Wooden spoon funds projects that support children and young people with disabilities or living in disadvantage. Their focus is to help children and young people through projects such as sensory rooms, playground and outdoor activities, health and wellbeing and specialist equipment

[Find out more about the Wooden Spoon Fund](#)

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