

## Overview

The Coronavirus Community Fund has been established to support community groups through this unprecedented time.

The focus of the fund will be to offer community organisations emergency funding to deal with emerging issues in the community as a result of the continuing threat of coronavirus.

The fund will support the following:

- Community organisations that are preparing themselves to appropriately respond and continue their work in a difficult work environment, and to tailor their specialist services to give help to the people who need it the most
- The development of advice and support initiatives to fill gaps for people and places where there are no current suitable services
- Groups that provide vital community support to maintain some level of viability through these uncertain times where they are experiencing a significant loss of income as a result of the current crisis.

## Groups must:

- Be based in Craven or Richmondshire
- Have a management committee with at least 3 unrelated members
- Be a voluntary organisation, community group, small charity or other not for profit organisation
- Have a bank account in the group's name (with two unrelated signatories)

Grants are available of up to £2000.

Priority will be given to organisations supporting those most vulnerable to meet needs that have arisen as a result of the current crisis including older people, people with long term health conditions, people with mental health difficulties, people affected by homelessness and other groups who are particularly vulnerable at this time. Within this, currently, priority will be given to groups undertaking food and medicine deliveries.

Whilst our first priority is aimed at projects that are providing direct support as outlined above, we are also keen to support groups with organisational running costs. If your organisation is not delivering a direct response to the current crisis but has suffered a loss of income as a result and is seeking a contribution to running costs, priority will be given to organisations that provide vital community support in areas of disadvantage who have a strong and demonstrable community reach and with limited reserves.

This level of support is based on current funds available and may be subject to change.

- Providing telephone support as an alternative means of keeping in touch with your beneficiaries.
- Volunteer/ transport costs to provide food/medicine deliveries.
- Costs of providing web based advice or activity for beneficiaries.
- Equipment or broadband costs to help beneficiaries access web based activity
- Any initiative that will help ensure vulnerable people remain safely connected with the outside world during this time.
- Rental costs
- Heating, lighting, water rates
- Stationery, small capital items, internet
- Lap tops or other equipment to enable home working
- Core staff costs – but not to retain sessional/delivery staff where activities have ceased.

We do expect that groups will make use of their reserves where they have them as we will not be able to meet all of the needs.

### Who cannot apply/ what work will not be supported?

- Individuals
- Private Businesses
- National organisations and their affiliates
- General appeals or sponsorship
- Work normally funded from statutory sources
- Work undertaken by/ on behalf of schools, colleges or universities as part of their statutory curricular activities
- Work undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies
- Work for the advancement of religion
- Work where the main beneficiaries are animals
- Work which does not directly benefit people living in the area of benefit.
- Overseas holidays or trips

**Due to the exceptional circumstances that have led to the creation of the fund, our aim is to keep the application process as straightforward as possible and award grants within 2 weeks of a receiving a completed application.**

### The Process

#### **Applying**

- Complete the electronic application form and email to [michaela.brennan@ydmtd.org](mailto:michaela.brennan@ydmtd.org), attaching supporting documents. We are not able to accept hard copies via post.

If you experience any difficulties with completing the application or providing any of the requested documentation please let us know via email.

#### **Award**

**Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust**  
 Main Street | Clapham via Lancaster | LA2 8DP  
 T 015242 51002 | E [info@ydmtd.org](mailto:info@ydmtd.org) | [www.ydmtd.org](http://www.ydmtd.org)



- An assessor may contact you to obtain further information however we will try to keep this to a minimum.
- All Applications are considered by a local panel and the final decision cannot be changed.
- We will aim to get a decision to you within 2 weeks of receiving a completed application.
- We will contact you by email to let you know the outcome. When we contact you we will copy in a trustee/member of your management committee so it is important that we have email addresses for your Board members.
- Payment runs will be done on a weekly basis. If your application is successful, provided we have everything we need, your payment will be made on the next payment run following your offer email.

If you require any assistance with the completion of your application, please contact Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on 015242 51002.

**Further information can be found in our separate FAQ document.**

**Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust**  
Main Street | Clapham via Lancaster | LA2 8DP  
T 015242 51002 | E [info@ydmtd.org](mailto:info@ydmtd.org) | [www.ydmtd.org](http://www.ydmtd.org)



**INVESTORS IN PEOPLE™**  
We invest in people Standard