

COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY GRANTS

Braintree District Council recognise that the needs across our communities have changed significantly as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Many of these needs have been met through the mobilisation of informal volunteers coming together to help their local community. Understandably the groups may require funding to continue into the recovery period which will be different in different areas.

Ward councillors are encouraged to give priority to groups both formal and informal to support this.

With this in mind the Councillors' Community Grants scheme has been adapted to enable grants to be awarded which;

- ▶ Support communities to respond to issues arising from the coronavirus pandemic
- ▶ Reduce barriers that prevent groups of volunteers from helping in their communities, whilst ensuring that proportionate safeguards are in place to protect the vulnerable people, the volunteers and public money
- ▶ Harness the community spirit and enthusiasm being displayed across the district into long term volunteering opportunities

Constituted groups can continue to access the grants scheme in the usual way. However for those that are not constituted the scheme has been made more flexible to enable support to those that are helping and want to continue helping.

Groups of volunteers that do not have a constitution or a bank account but require funding to assist them with the work they are doing within their community can apply with the endorsement of a statutory body such as a parish council or an established not for profit organisation with a constitution and bank account that could hold and take responsibility for the funding.

If there is no obvious local link officers at Braintree District Council will endeavour to match the group with an appropriate one.

Please contact your local ward councillor for an initial discussion.

Further information can be found at
www.braintree.gov.uk/councillorscommunitygrants

NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

This fund is reprioritising over the next 6 months to respond to Covid 19.

The fund will prioritise:

- ▶ Organisations supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- ▶ Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of COVID-19
- ▶ Organisations with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19

If you think your organisation fits with the priorities above and are currently able to do your work through this crisis, then the Community Fund want to try and make sure that you have the resources you need to support your community.

It will fund organisations that can provide immediate and early action to their communities.

The funding is available to support groups to deliver activities in the next 6 months.

For further information please visit
www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk or for a discussion email
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ESSEX CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PROGRAMME EMERGENCY GRANTS

The purpose of the Essex Coronavirus Response and Recovery Programme is to get help quickly to voluntary and community organisations in Essex, Southend and Thurrock that are in crisis as a result of the pandemic and need emergency funding to keep their vital services running.

Initially grants of up to £15,000 will be available. Priority will be given to those delivering vital services to older and vulnerable people, organisations helping to relieve pressure on public services and those co-ordinating a local community response.

Who can apply?

- ▶ Registered charities, including charitable incorporated organisations
- ▶ Constituted organisations and non-registered charities
- ▶ Community interest companies and community benefit societies
- ▶ Non-constituted or recently established organisations that can be endorsed by a statutory body, established charity, parochial church council or parish/town council
- ▶ Parish and Town Councils (if the activity is not deemed part of their statutory duties)
- ▶ Churches and other religious organisations (if the activity is not deemed to be proselytising)
- ▶ Partnerships or organisations working collaboratively can apply. The lead applicant would need to be one of the above

What can be funded?

- ▶ Projects that have been established due to an increase in demand as a direct response to the pandemic
- ▶ Projects that have been changed, or adapted, as a direct response to the pandemic and where additional costs are being incurred
- ▶ Organisations that have experienced a loss of funding as a direct result of the pandemic including, but not limited to, general fundraising, the need to close services or postpone projects which would normally generate an income
- ▶ Organisations who have had their operations impacted by the pandemic

For further information please visit:
[www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/
grants/grants](http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/grants)

MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS 2020

The Magic Little Grants 2020 programme launched on Tuesday 10th March 2020.

Together with Postcode Community Trust, a grant giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery, Localgiving is delighted to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500.

The fund will be awarding over 900 grants to community projects across Great Britain. Successful projects will support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants.

Applications will receive a decision on their application and, if successful, the funding within two months of submitting a complete application. The deadline for applications will be 31st October 2020.

Important Coronavirus Update

Organisations now have longer than 12 months to spend the grant and we do not require specific dates for projects that you would like us to support. We want our funding to be able to be used flexibly and trust that you will deliver projects only when it is safe to do so.

We are happy to support projects that support people to stay active during social distancing, such as online fitness classes delivered via video conferencing software or YouTube.

For further information regarding eligibility and criteria please visit
localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/