

COVID-19 fund – FAQs

Why is funding only available in England?

We are distributing money from The National Lottery Community Fund's COVID-19 Response Programme for England. Restrictions that apply to that programme also apply to our Fund.

Why is it only open to charities with an income between £10,000 and £3 million?

In designing the fund we had difficult choices to make. The timescale for distributing funds is very short and our assessment resources are limited. We had to balance making funds available to as many groups as possible and running a single assessment process. Application and assessment processes that are suitable for larger organisations place too much of a burden on very small ones so those with an income of less than £10,000 are excluded from this programme. And we are targeting organisations with an income of less than £3million because we know they are finding it particularly hard to survive.

What do you mean by services targeting refugees, migrants and asylum seekers?

We mean services that were designed specifically to meet the needs of these communities. We recognise that some services designed for refugees, migrants and asylum seekers may occasionally help other vulnerable people. We can consider funding your work if at least 90% of those using your service are from the communities we seek to support.

What do you mean by “acute financial difficulties”?

In addition to funding direct support, our programme can provide funding to organisations that will, over the next six months, experience temporary cash flow problems that puts their survival at risk. To be eligible for this type of funding we need to see that your organisation's underlying finances are reasonably stable, and that you just need access to cash to enable you to overcome a gap where your liabilities exceed your reserves. If you are not sure if your financial picture fits this, please contact us to discuss whether you might be eligible for a grant for this purpose.

We were set up to campaign on behalf of migrants but in the COVID-19 crisis are providing direct support to migrants. Are we eligible to apply?

Yes. You are eligible to apply provided you provide services or support targeted at migrants, refugees or asylum seekers and you are applying for funds that will provide support that those communities need because of the COVID crisis.

My organisation is not eligible. Where can I find funding?

You can find other sources of funding on The [National Lottery Community Fund](#) and the [Charity Excellence Framework](#) websites.

If my organisation is not eligible for the fund or we get turned down, can I apply to Barrow Cadbury's Migration programme?

Yes you can apply but you should read our [guidance](#) carefully and be aware that almost all our funding is already tied up in on-going work with established partners. It is advisable to talk to us before you apply. Our phone number is 020 7632 9060 or email general@barrowcadbury.org.uk.

Can I apply for more funds at the end of this grant?

No. This funding is one-off and we do not expect to have further TNLCF funds to distribute at the end of this programme.

We already have a grant with Barrow Cadbury Trust. Can we apply?

Yes you can apply to this fund. Your application will be assessed in the same way as other applications and there is no benefit or disadvantage in being a current or past Barrow Cadbury grant holder.

We have received emergency COVID-19 support from another funder. Can we still apply to your fund?

You can apply to us if you are in receipt of a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund programme or if you have emergency funds from another funder. However we will ask you to explain how the activities in this grant application will complement the other emergency funds you have received. Usual grant rules apply and you cannot hold duplicate grants for the same activities.

What reporting arrangements are in place and what information will you be collecting?

We will ask you for a short report half way through your grant. We will ask you how the work is going and about your organisation's finances. At the end of the grant we will ask you how the work went, whether any funds remain from your grant, about the numbers of people you supported and how many staff and volunteers were involved in the work. We will provide successful applicants with details of what they will be expected to report on in our offer letter.

Do you expect us to do a formal evaluation of our impact?

As this programme is for emergency short term support we are not requiring grant holders to undertake any formal evaluation, although you may want to do so for your own learning. We will be collecting information on behalf of The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF) including the numbers of people your organisation supported during the course of our grant, the numbers of staff and volunteers involved in your organisation. The National Lottery Community Fund will be undertaking an evaluation of the programme overall and grant-holders will be expected to participate in this if requested. Details of that evaluation will be provided to successful applicants.