

## Information and Guidance for Jersey Charities from Jersey Funders

When the history of coronavirus in Jersey is written, it must be a story of individuals, organisations and the whole community coming together to help those in greatest need. This guidance to Jersey Charities is issued by a group of charitable funders in Jersey, which has convened under the chairmanship of the Lloyds Bank Foundation to help support and coordinate the efforts of our hard-working third sector in these extraordinary times.

### What are Funders doing?

Individually, funders are taking steps to simplify their application procedures and speed up their decision-making to ensure that funds reach charities when they need them. Where possible we have sought to increase the level of funding available. Collectively, we have agreed to share information about funding requests and the needs identified in them, and to work closely with each other and the government to make sure that nobody falls into a gap and that funding is not wasted on duplication. Crucially, we have agreed a mechanism so that **a single application reaches all the participating funders.**

Jersey Funders Group has identified three stages in its response to the crisis:

- Short term                      Emergency response (where we are now)
- Medium term                  Recovery
- Longer term                    Rebuild

### What are Funders' priorities in the emergency response?

It is vital in these emergency circumstances that our limited resources are deployed to serve the neediest people in the most efficient way. We understand that most Jersey Charities will face significant pressure on their finances, and also that some activities will now be impractical under new quarantine restrictions. Sadly, some charities will need to freeze their work for the foreseeable future, while others will need to ramp up their activities. Funders will maintain their own specific rules and priorities, but as a whole will look to support **work which reduces or mitigates the impact of the coronavirus – and allows essential services to be provided - for those most in need.**

Specifically:

#### Staff costs and overheads

We will not fund salaries and overheads of charities which are not able to deliver activities nor will we fund salary costs which are covered by the Government's Co-Funded Payroll Scheme, as it has now been extended to include charities in the same way as businesses. All charities which meet the relevant criteria (those that have suffered a 30% loss of income in a given month) can apply for 80% of their salary costs to be reimbursed under the scheme.

Full details are here.

<https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/BusinessAndEmployment/Pages/GovernmentSupportForBusinesses.aspx#anchor-2>

The Association of Jersey Charities is working on detailed guidance for charity applicants, on behalf of the group, and will look at ways of supporting charities in making their applications to the Co-Funded Payroll Scheme. Meanwhile, contact the helpline on 01534 445566.

We may fund salaries for staff who are not covered by the scheme (for example those you have recruited to cope with increased demand in response to Covid19).

## PPE

For funding requests for PPE, please refer to the PPE guidance for healthcare professionals and other essential workers

<https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/HealthCareProfessionals/Pages/PPEForEssentialWorkers.aspx> and contact [ppe@gov.je](mailto:ppe@gov.je)

## What can Charities do to help?

You can help us to help you to help the community by taking the following actions:

- **Prioritise.** Please only propose projects which reduce or mitigate the impact of the coronavirus, or allow essential charitable activities to continue, for those most in need.
- **Coordinate.** Please try to understand what other charities and the government is doing in your field, and ensure that what you propose fits in. We will be sharing information about your applications between us, and also sharing information about grants awarded.
- **Clarify.** These are emergency times, but please still make as clear as possible the **needs** you are meeting, the **difference** your activities will make, and **how you will know** they have worked. Don't assume Funders know what's going on in each area – in fact, the more information you can provide in your application, the more it will help us understand the needs of the Island as a whole.
- **Economise.** Please cut costs. Use your reserves where you can. Take advantage of government schemes to help business in order to pay salaries and reduce overheads.

## How do I apply for emergency funds?

Send a summary of your requirements Jo Le Poidevin at [Jerseyfunders@gmail.com](mailto:Jerseyfunders@gmail.com) who functions as the **single point of contact for the group**. You will be asked to complete a simple form outlining what you plan to do, which will be passed on for consideration by the other members of this group. You may then be asked for more details by whichever Funder picks it up. Please have patience – we are considering large numbers of requests, and the situation is still very dynamic.

## How do I apply for funding in the recovery and rebuild stages?

Jersey Funders Group is not processing funding requests for these stages currently. All of its members are reserving funding so that resources are available for later distribution to those essential charities whose income and activities have suffered the most and will need support as we move into the recovery and rebuild stages. During the emergency response stage, please send details of your anticipated funding need in stages two and three by email to [jerseyfunders@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyfunders@gmail.com)

This will help us quantify future requirements and manage our resources accordingly.

The situation is constantly changing and we will keep our approach under constant review.

## Participating Funders

Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy	Association of Jersey Charities	Ana Leaf Foundation
Bosdet Foundation	Jersey Overseas Aid	Lloyds Bank Foundation Channel Islands
Philip Gower Charitable Foundation	Roy Overland Charitable Trust	Saltgate Giving
The Ann Alice Rayner Fund	The Greville Bathe Fund	The One Foundation
The Sir James Knott Trust		

## What if I want to contribute?

Some of the funders above will accept donations, which will allow those who wish to contribute anonymously to the general response to do so. Alternatively, if you wish to contribute to a specific organisation or sector (eg Food or Shelter) you can get in touch to find out which charities have appealed to this group for assistance, and also which have recently been funded. You can then contribute directly, in the knowledge that you are helping to meet the latest needs and avoiding duplication or gaps. Please email [jerseyfunders@gmail.com](mailto:jerseyfunders@gmail.com)

JFG update 28/04/20