
COVID-19: SUPPORT FOR TOWNS & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

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This document signposts to key sources of support and advice relevant to towns, city-districts and communities in order to help the custodians of Scotland's places respond to the impact of coronavirus.

This briefing will be updated as new announcements are made, and you can email any resources which have been missed to ewan@scotlandstowns.org. Updates will be posted on the [Scotland's Towns Partnership](#) and [Scotland's Improvement Districts](#) websites. We continue to support our towns and city districts through this time, and so please get in touch with any queries that we may be able to help with.

Official Government Information Portals

- [UK Government – Coronavirus Response](#). [includes section on 'businesses and other organisations']
- [UK Government – Guidance for Employees, Employers and Businesses](#).
- [Scottish Government – Coronavirus Response](#).

Businesses in Scotland

- [Scottish Government: Coronavirus Advice for Businesses in Scotland](#).
- [Business Gateway - Guidance for Business Owners in Scotland on Coronavirus](#).
- [Scottish Government: £2.2bn Business Support Package](#). [18/03/2020]
 - > [£10k & £25k Business Support Grants](#) (see link below for info & to apply)
 - > [Local Authorities - Coronavirus Grants](#) (full info on eligibility and applying for business grants)
 - > [Information on Eligibility and Access to Non-Domestic Rates Relief and Grants](#).
 - > **Business Gateway Advice Portal**: free virtual and local support is available [here](#).
 - > **Scottish Government Business Helpline**: businesses can contact **0300 303 0660** for more information Monday – Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Select Option 1 to speak to the COVID – 19 team.

Improvement Districts

- [COVID-19 BID Resilience Fund: Application, Guidance and Support](#)
- [Responding to COVID-19: Webinar and Presentation Slides](#)

Third Sector, Social Enterprise, Culture & Community

Key Funds

- [Scottish Government: £350 Communities Funding for Coronavirus Resilience](#)
- [£20m Third Sector Resilience Fund](#)
- [Creative Scotland COVID-19 Impact Funds](#)
- [Charities Aid Foundation: Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#)
- [MGS Urgent Response Fund](#) (small arts, culture and heritage organisations)
- [NLF Heritage Emergency Fund](#) (grants between £3,000 and £50,000)

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Information and Directories to Funds by Sector

- [SCVO: Third-Sector Information Hub](#)
- [Support for Cultural Heritage and Built Environment Organisations \(BEFS\)](#)
- [Support for Social Enterprises \(SES\)](#)
- [Support for Communities \(CDAS\)](#)
- [Support for the Creative Sector \(Creative Edinburgh\)](#)

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