Covid 19 Resilience Fund

This fund is only available to organisations who have received funding from Heathrow Community Trust in the period 2017-2020. It is not available to education establishments or local authorities.

Aim
To support community and voluntary groups in their development of organisational resilience post-Covid 19, in particular those groups which have had to change their delivery model or have developed new products and services as a direct result of the impact of the Covid19 pandemic.

Eligibility
Voluntary and community groups which are charitable in purpose and are working for the benefit of the community in Ealing, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Slough, Spelthorne, Runnymede, Richmond, South Bucks, Windsor & Maidenhead.

Groups working with children and/or vulnerable people must have the relevant Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place.

National charities who are current grant-holders may apply where the funds will clearly benefit the community in our target areas and where the potential beneficiaries are clearly involved in co-design of the project.

Not for profit organisations such as CICs or CIOs with a clear social purpose working for the benefit of the community in our target area may apply.

Faith-based groups are eligible where their project clearly benefits the wider community and is open to all.

We cannot support Local Authorities or Education Establishments with this fund.

We cannot award grants to individuals, or to organisations to be used by them to make grants supporting individuals.
Emergency Funds will be awarded of **up to £5k unrestricted core funding** to help charities that we already support to:

- **enable the delivery of services to vulnerable people in particular those most affected by the pandemic**
- Support development or transition of services specifically in response to Covid19 (so implementation of telephone advice or online instead of face to face meetings for example, including purchase of computer hardware or software).
- **Support the development of new services in response to needs arising from the impact of Covid19 pandemic (so for example increased capacity to provide debt advice to those who have lost their jobs, development of new rehabilitation services for Covid19 survivors)**

**Process for HCT Covid19 Emergency Resilience Fund:**
Apply online by 9th September.
Applications will be reviewed on 16th September with funding decisions communicated by the following Monday. Further funding rounds may take place as funding allows.
Payment will be by immediate bank transfer of the full amount.
There will be no formal reporting required, although we would be delighted to hear any good news stories and photographs of how our funding has helped in these difficult times.