

# Funder List – Crisis & Growth

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This is one of 20+ funder lists from the free [Charity Excellence Framework](#) Maximising Income questionnaire. Double click the funder name to be taken to their website.

If you're in a bit of trouble, remember that securing funding takes time and managing cost is almost always quicker and more controllable. I've done a number of turnarounds and, whilst cost cutting is often a race to the bottom, it doesn't have to be. This [CEF Resource](#) identifies a whole range of ways to safely manage down your costs.

In particular, if it's all a bit urgent, there are lots of tax reliefs and most allow you to claim 4 years retrospectively, which can provide a nice lump sum injection of cash. The biggest I ever found was £0.25m. The CEF Resource Hub [tax relief page](#) lists them all, with links to the relevant guidance for each.

1. [ASDA Foundation First Steps Enterprise Fund](#) - loan-grant package is available for small community-led charities and social enterprises, working in communities in England, to help them grow their services and become more sustainable.
2. [CAN Invest](#) - supports voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs) to build sustainable businesses by providing capital and business support.
3. [Comic Relief](#) – £500 capacity building grants for small grass roots community groups, with income under £250k.
4. [Co-Op Foundation](#) - interest-free loans of up to £50k to help organisations that own or manage a community space to grow their trading activities and become more sustainable.
5. [DWF Foundation](#) - initiatives that develop and improve local communities, including helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient.
6. [Emergency School Improvement Fund \(Non-Capital\)](#) - schools in England facing unexpected or imminent failure.
7. [Esmee Fairbairn](#) - organisations in the early phases of thinking about a merger with an identified potential merger partner (or partners); maximum £15k. One must be a grantee.
8. [Fidelity UK Foundation](#) - registered charities in London, Kent or Surrey for strategic, transformational projects in arts and culture, community development, education, health or environment.
9. [First Steps Enterprise Fund](#) - charities and social enterprises) based in England that are looking to take on their first loan to help them grow and become more sustainable. Particularly, work in: Older people, Health and wellbeing, Employment for young people.
10. [Impetus - Private Equity Foundation](#) - Financial and other support to ambitious, innovative social enterprises that are helping children and young people in poverty in the UK to succeed at school and work.

11. [Newby Trust](#) - core funding or overheads, in particular for very small charities, but would expect a broad description of what the grant will be used for. May provide small grants for short-term emergency relief.
12. [Oak Foundation](#) - Special Interest Programme reflects the Trustees' interests in making dynamic, diverse, large, innovative and challenging grants.
13. [Porticus UK](#) – education, society, faith and care, will consider applications for core or project costs, including staff salaries and overheads. Particularly interested in proven models that organisations wish to roll-out or expand.
14. [Postcode Communities Fund](#) - new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, that focus on the 2020 themes to improve community health and wellbeing, increase participation in arts and physical recreation, or reduce isolation.
15. [Postcode Lottery Dream Fund](#) - gives organisations the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life.
16. [Reaching Communities](#) - £10k+, communities, voluntary and community organisations or social enterprises for up to 5 years; project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs.
17. [Scaling Up Improvement](#) - health and social care provider organisations in the UK to scale and spread tested interventions or approaches to improve the delivery of health care services.
18. [SCCF Capacity Development Grants](#) – DfID, for expert not-for-profits and networks to build the capacity of small UK-based international development charities.
19. [The Rayne Foundation](#) - tend to award core funding when an organisation is making a step-change in the way that it works or tackles a particular issue.
20. [Triangle Trust](#) – community and voluntary organisations supporting carers or the rehabilitation of offenders and ex-offenders to improve future resilience. This might be a short piece of work over a few months or a more significant programme for up to 3 years.
21. [Trust For London](#) - new and imaginative ways to tackle poverty and inequality in London.
22. [Tudor Trust](#) - smaller community-led groups that support people at the margins of society in the UK. Normally £10k plus, for up to 3 years. Will consider grants to help strengthen your organisation and may consider making short-term loans.
23. [Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund](#) - smaller UK based charities working with young offenders, prisoners and ex-prisoners, and young disadvantaged people, especially those at risk of criminal involvement. Will consider innovative projects, pump-priming funding and core costs.
24. [Whitely Animal Protection Trust](#) - most grants up to £25k. Will consider essential core funding to smaller charities finding it hard to maintain their activities.

## Urgent Funding

If you have a recovery plan, but need urgent funding, you could consider approaching funders who already know and trust you, or [Awards For All](#) has a fairly quick turnaround time.



Or, consider a loan – here’s [some advice](#). If you have short-term cash flow issues, you might consider a bridging loan. Here’s some [advice from NCVO](#), with links to a number of providers. See also the Tudor Trust and Newby Trust above. Finally, [the Key Fund](#) – Northern Impact Fund - unsecured lending for new and early stage social enterprises based in the North or the Midlands that are seeking finance to support growth or become more robust.

## Core Funding

If what you need is core funding, there is another funder list for that.

The CEF works on a community collaboration basis. Can you help me help others by adding anything to this resource? If so, e mail me at [charityexcellence@gmail.com](mailto:charityexcellence@gmail.com).