

## COVID-19: How we're supporting people and their communities

The COVID-19 pandemic has altered people's daily lives massively, causing an increased reliance on supporting services and the need for charities is greater than ever.

We recognised the need to support the range of people living in vulnerable situations and committed an emergency grant to the Trussell Trust on March 20<sup>th</sup> of £240,000 and a further grant to the Royal Voluntary Service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> of £100,000.

To further support charities that are responding to the pandemic and delivering for their local communities, we will be accepting a **small number** of grant applications for COVID-19 related projects for up to £5,000 **without** the need for a Cadent employee sponsor.

### Information for applying for a COVID-19 related grant

For COVID-19 related applications, we are seeking out projects that still fall within our focus areas of people, environment and communities. We are expecting that majority will fall within people and communities.

We want to support those most affected and believe charities and community groups are a way to do this.

In the application for this type of grant, we are looking for organisations that are delivering to the most vulnerable in society and are suffering because of the pandemic.

Therefore, an application must give detail on:

- 1) What the funding will be spent on
- 2) How many people it will support and impact
- 3) Why the funding is needed as a response to COVID-19
- 4) How your organisation is delivering to those in the most vulnerable situations during the pandemic
- 5) How it fits with **one** of our focus areas of people, communities or the environment

For a COVID-19 related application, you **do not** need a Cadent employee sponsor and email address. This is now an optional part on the application, if you have a cadent employee sponsor you can input it.

Majority of the criteria and eligibility for the grant application is similar to the standard application and details can be found in our Guidelines and Exclusions document on the website.

However, crucial guidelines for applying are found below:



## **Eligibility and criteria below, still apply:**

- **£100 - £5,000** – local community groups, community Interest Groups (CICs), UK registered charities, not-for-profit organisations

## **Exclusions: What we can't fund**

Unfortunately, we cannot accept applications or grant funds to any of the following groups or related:

- Animal groups
- The benefit of individuals
- The purpose of repaying loans
- Sponsorship of events or activities
- Religious or faith-based groups
- Overseas travel or groups
- Political or lobbyists groups
- Sporting groups (and groups that sport is their main focus)
- Natural disaster relief
- Heritage and historic buildings
- Projects that are not sustainable
- Refurbishment of buildings (we may consider community spaces)
- Schools and Nurseries
- Medical (hospitals, hospices, research, illnesses and disease related organisations)
- Projects that are outside of Cadent's region

## **Additional organisational requirements:**

Your organisation must have been in operation for a minimum of 2 years at the time of application.

If you are a registered organisation you must have been registered as with the charity commission for a minimum of 2 years at the time of the application,

You must be able to provide your organisation's annual accounts exhibiting your total income upon request.

