



## Response and Resilience Fund - April 2020

### Introduction

We know that many of you are facing very challenging times with the spread of Coronavirus impacting not only the work you do but also the people you support. In these uncertain times, we are doing all that we can to support our community network as much as possible.

Over the past few weeks, we've been reaching out to our network to find out what we can do to help and to learn more about the pressures you are facing. We've listened to your concerns and in response we are launching the **Response and Resilience Fund**. The fund is aimed at providing a short-term response to supporting Online Centres at immediate risk of closure due to cashflow issues caused directly by the current crisis. We hope that the fund will help to alleviate some of the severe operational and financial pressure that many of you are experiencing - and for you to be able to continue to support the people in your community who need it most.

The Response and Resilience Fund aims to enable Online Centres to continue to support your local communities and to be sustainable, in order to be in a position to reopen once the current challenges subside. The objective is to keep open Online Centres who are providing some service during the crisis and envisage continuing their core services in future.

We will therefore provide funding to Online Centres who are experiencing temporary closure of premises but are continuing to deliver a service to their local community. We are not looking to fund those who would be unable to reopen for service delivery in the future.

### About the funding

The Response and Resilience Fund will offer unrestricted funding of £3,000 in the form of a one-off grant to any member of the Online Centre Network facing increased expenses or decreased funding who is at risk. The fund is unrestricted to allow Online Centres to put the funding to best use to enable delivery to continue.

Online Centres who receive a grant from this fund will be required to complete two online surveys between May and July 2020. A member of the Good Things Foundation Research and Evaluation team may also get in contact with you to understand more about how this fund has enabled you to continue supporting your local community.

Initially there is £300,000 available and we are expecting to fund 100 Online Centres. We anticipate that this fund will be oversubscribed and we appreciate that we'll be unable to fund every organisation who applies at this stage. However we hope that the fund size will increase over the coming months and if it does we'll be in touch with the Online Centres who we aren't able to fund now. If we do secure additional funding at a later stage we'll also be able to re-open the opportunity.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Response and Resilience Fund your organisation must:

- have been registered as a member of the Online Centres Network on 1 January 2020
- be facing severe financial hardship as the result of the current Coronavirus crisis
- confirm you were a going concern as of 1 March 2020
- be continuing to work with excluded, vulnerable and at risk communities (even if at reduced capacity or virtually)
- contribute to digital social inclusion
- be working safely and adhering to government guidance regarding Coronavirus
- be based in the UK

### **We will not fund:**

- organisations which are unlikely to reopen following the crisis
- activities which are not charitable in law
- organisations that do not have adequate safeguarding arrangements
- payments to individuals or gifts

## Response and Resilience Fund Rules

**To ensure that Good Things Foundation can support those most in need at this difficult time we have amended our grant making rules for this fund, to ensure it is more responsive and flexible to better support you. Therefore for the Response and Resilience fund the following funding rules are in place:**

### **No organisation will:**

- be awarded more than 2 grants from the Response and Resilience Fund for multiple sites \*
- be able to receive more than a total of £6,000 from the Response and Resilience Fund

*\*Unless explicitly agreed by Good Things Foundation before an application is submitted.*

Terms and Conditions must be adhered to by Online Centres and Good Things Foundation.

## Project Timeline

1.	Launch of online application	Wednesday 8 April 2020
2.	Deadline for applications	Friday 17 April at 12 noon
3.	Communication of results to applicants	By Friday 1 May 2020
4.	Payment	By the end of May*

**\* Please note, we will process payments on a weekly basis throughout May to ensure there is no delay in you receiving the funding following your acceptance of the contract.**

## Payment

All successful organisations will receive a 100% upfront payment.

## The assessment process

We expect this fund to be significantly oversubscribed and therefore want to be open about our assessment process. Therefore to ensure transparent decision making, we will assess all applications based on the following criteria:

- financial need - including additional costs incurred, loss of income as a result of the crisis and cash flow challenges
- the expected impact of continuing to work directly with excluded, vulnerable and at risk groups
- the use and potential role for digital tools to support individuals, both in response to the crisis and in the future
- ensuring that gaps aren't left in the provision of digital support in local communities

## Application questions

To apply for this funding you will need to answer the following questions through our online form. We've kept it as light touch as possible and have purposefully not included a word limit so that you can tell us your need without having to carefully craft your response and we welcome relevant information to make your case for support.

### 1. Governance

1.1 Who should we record as the key decision maker?

1.2 Has this person been in post for more than a year?

1.3 Is your organisation registered with Companies House or a registered charity?

1.4 If yes, please tell us your Companies House number or registered charity number.

1.5 Has your organisation been incorporated for more than a year?

## 2. The funding request

2.1 Please confirm your organisation was a going concern as of 1 March 2020.

2.2 Please outline your organisation's current financial situation and need caused by the current crisis.

2.3 Please describe how you are supporting individuals in your local community during the Coronavirus crisis, including ways that you are using digital tools to connect and provide virtual support.

## Application Link

Before submitting your application please take some time to review the information and ensure it is in line with the above guidance.

Remember you can contact our Grants Team at any time if you have any questions about the application process. They can be contacted on 0114 349 1658 or [grants@goodthingsfoundation.org](mailto:grants@goodthingsfoundation.org) and are very happy to help.

We have developed some FAQs - please see [here](#).