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WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR CHARITIES?

On Wednesday 8th April the Chancellor set out an extra £750 million coronavirus funding for frontline charities

Charities across the UK will receive a £750 million package of support to ensure they can **continue their vital work** during the coronavirus outbreak, Chancellor Rishi Sunak announced.

- **£750 million pot for frontline charities across the UK – including hospices and those supporting domestic abuse victims**
- **£360 million direct from government departments and £370 million for smaller charities, including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund**
- **government will match donations to the National Emergencies Trust as part of the BBC's Big Night In fundraiser later this month – pledging a minimum of £20 million**

Tens of thousands of charities providing vital services will benefit from direct cash grants to ensure they can meet increased demand as a result of the virus as well as **continuing their day-to-day activities** supporting those in need.

As part of a UK-wide package of support, £360 million will be directly allocated by government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis.

As well as this, £370 million for small and medium-sized charities, including through a grant to the National Lottery Community Fund for those in England, will support those organisations at the heart of local communities which are making a big difference during the outbreak, including those delivering food, essential medicines and providing financial advice.

The Chancellor also announced the **Government will match fund whatever the public decides to donate to the BBC's Big Night In charity appeal on 23 April, starting with a contribution of at least £20 million** to the National Emergencies Trust appeal.

This announcement builds on previous announcements by the Chancellor to support charities and businesses, **including deferring their VAT bills, paying no business rates for their shops next year, and furloughing staff where possible with the Government paying 80% of their wages.**

Charities providing vital services and helping vulnerable people through the current crisis **will benefit from the £360 million** allocated by government departments. These will include:

- **hospices** to help increase capacity and give stability to the sector
- **St Johns Ambulance** to support the NHS
- **victims charities**, including domestic abuse, to help with potential increase in demand for charities providing these services
- **vulnerable children charities**, so they can continue delivering services on behalf of local authorities
- Citizens Advice to increase the number of staff providing advice during this difficult time

Departments will now work at pace to identify priority recipients, with the **aim for charities to receive money in the coming weeks**. The application system for the National Lottery Community Fund grant pot is expected to be operational within a **similar period of time**.

Where charitable services are devolved the UK Government has applied the **Barnett formula in the normal way**. They **expect the devolved administrations to receive £60 million through the charities pot**, and further significant Barnett allocations, dependent on the **final proposals funded, through the direct grant pot**. The Government encourage the devolved administrations to use this funding to support charities.

For more information visit the [Government website](#).