One-off grants and support which are potentially available to childcare providers

Here is a link from the Welsh Government website which outlines the support available for childcare providers in relation to Coronavirus. https://gov.wales/support-childcare-providers-coronavirus

Many of these are outlined below. We advise providers to check the above link often as it is updated regularly.

Grants

1. Economic Resilience Fund (Welsh Government - WG)

Businesses can benefit from a £400 million emergency pot providing:

- Grants of £10,000 for micro-businesses employing up to nine people. This includes sole traders employing staff. Qualifying businesses will be able to apply by mid-April. **These will need to be registered for VAT.**

- Grants of up to £100,000 for small and medium sized firms with between 10 and 249 employees. Qualifying businesses will be able to apply by mid-April. These will need to be registered for VAT.

Details of the application process and eligibility are being finalised and will be published shortly.

The Economic Resilience Fund aims to plug gaps in the support schemes already announced by the UK government, including the Job Retention Scheme and the Self-Employed Income Support Scheme, which will guarantee 80 per cent of people's wages and income. https://smallbusiness.co.uk/wales-announces-500m-economic-resilience-fund-2550064/

Can childcare providers apply?

The eligibility criteria are yet to be released. The fact that it is shown on the WG website under the 'support available to childcare providers' is promising. We do not have any further information at present.

2. Welsh Government Business Grants (WG)

The Welsh Government has announced a £1.4bn support package for all businesses listed on the business rates register, covering Business Rate Relief and Business Grants

The Business Grant has 2 different components.

Grant 1: For retail, leisure and hospitality businesses in Wales, a grant of £25,000 will be offered for businesses in these sectors with a rateable value of between £12,001 and £51,000.

Grant 2: For all other sectors the Welsh Government package also provides a £10,000 grant to all businesses eligible for Small Business Rates Relief with a rateable value of £12,000 or less.

Local Authorities are administering these two grants in Wales. For more information click here. The advice from Business Wales is that organisations should not try and call the Local Authority, but that the information required is online, and on the link above (see 'click here' above).

Can childcare providers apply?

Grant 2 will be applicable to childcare providers. It is available for those eligible for Small Business Rates Relief with a rateable value of £12,000 or less.

Our understanding is that registered childcare providers in Wales already benefit from 100% business rates relief until 31 March 2022. Therefore they may be able to apply for this grant.

Applications can be made through the link above. You will need the account reference number from a business rates bill.

We have contacted Ceredigion Council for clarificaion. The same rule should apply for all Local Authorities in Wales.

3. Charities Aid Founation – Corona Virus Appeal

https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/caf-coronavirus-emergency-fund

It states:

"*In this time of national crisis, CAF has launched this rapid response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. Grants of up to £10,000 will help them to continue to deliver much needed support to our communities across the UK. This is intended as a rapid response fund, and we aim to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application. We anticipate high numbers of applicants and unfortunately it is likely that we will **not** be able to offer a grant to all eligible applicants*".

Who can apply?

Organisations with a charitable purpose and charitable activities, which had income of £1 million or less in their last financial year.

This includes:

- UK registered charities (registered with Charity Commission, Scottish Charity Regulator or Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, or as shown in the Charities Act 2010)

- Organisations registered with Companies House or the Public Mutuals Register, as a charitable or not-for-profit entity, e.g. Community Interest Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee and others

- Unregistered entities and social enterprise

Can childcare providers apply?

They can apply if they are within the above criteria, however applications are likely to be high.

4. The National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund will funnel all new funding over the next six months into tackling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The grant-maker said all the funding decisions it would make over the next half a year – covering sums totalling up to £300m – would be devoted to addressing the Covid-19 crisis. There is limited information at present. We expect more information to be released in the near future. Further information is available on their website: https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates#item-3

5. The Sylvia Adams Charitable Trust

Up to £5,000 is available to small and medium sized charities working to improve the life chances for some of the most disadvantaged children in England and Wales.

Funding is available to:

- Charities registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales whose last audited accounts show an income of less than £750,000

  and

- Charities that can demonstrate the likelihood of increased demand for their services and/or can demonstrate a loss of anticipated income attributable to the current coronavirus pandemic

Applications can be submitted between 16 March and 28 April 2020, with grants for successful applicants being as soon as possible after the closing date. Find out more at http://sylvia-adams.org.uk/what-we-will-fund/

6. North Wales – Steve Morgan Foundation

£1m per week is being made available for 12 weeks to support charities in the North of Wales, Cheshire and Merseyside. It's available for charities and not for profit companies within the remit area. It's designed to help with the costs of additional emergency services to help people affected by the virus and to help charities experiencing a loss of fundraising revenue to stay operational. To apply, visit https://stevemorganfoundation.org.uk/

We believe that the following grant sources are only available for providers that have remained open, and are therefore providing a vital service

7. Community Foundation in Wales – Wales Coronavirus Resilience Fund

This fund has been established to assist groups and organisations providing services and support to individuals and families, whether singly or collectively, affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.Further information and details on how to apply can be found on the link below:
https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/grants/wales-coronavirus-resilience-fund/

8. The Yapp Charitable Trust Grants

Grants are available for running costs and salaries to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work. Small charities tackling the impact of Covid-19 can apply for our funding towards their ongoing core costs. Find out more at https://yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/

9. Cwm Taf Morgannwg Integrated Care Fund – Third Sector Grants to support work relating to Covid-19

Grants of up to £500 are available for any new or existing formal/informal community group or organisation operating in Merthyr Tydfil / RCT. Apply now by contacting Sharon Richards: 01685 353932 and sharon.richards@vamt.net . You will need to describe what you intend to do, and what you need the grant for. Please note that grants will be offered on a first come, first to receive basis. https://funding.cymru/admin/funds/1401 (You must create an account, free of charge, in order to access the information on this link)

10. Clocaenog Community Fund – Covid-19 Response Grant

The Covid-19 Response Grant will provide funding opportunities from £100 to £5000 for groups providing support on the frontline. For more information and an application form please contact www.clocaenog.cymru / grants@cvsc.org.uk / 01492 523856

11. Covid-19: Supporting Community Action Ceredigion

The Caring Communities Fast Track Fund will support new projects in Ceredigion that build community capacity and resilience to support communities to respond to the Covid-19 outbreak. The Scheme will consider funding 100% of project costs up to £250. The application form is to be completed with the support of a Community Connector or a CAVO Team member. Applications and supporting documentation to be submitted to teleri.davies@cavo.org.uk. Any supporting documents must be received before applications can be processed. CAVO will process applications within 2 weeks of receipt.
https://funding.cymru/funds/1393 (You must create an account, free of charge, in order to access the information on this link)

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Further Support

1. Support for businesses who are paying sick pay to employees (HMRC)

The UK Government will bring forward legislation to allow employers with fewer than 250 employees to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for sickness absence due to COVID-19. Eligibility criteria applies. Details on how to apply to follow in due course

2. Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (HMRC)

HMRC will reimburse 80% of furloughed workers wage costs, up to a cap of £2,500 per month per employee. HMRC are working urgently to set up a system for reimbursement as existing systems are not set up to facilitate payments to employers. Apply to HMRC.

3. HMRC – Time to Pay (HMRC)

HMRC have scaled up their Time to Pay offer to all firms and individuals who are in temporary financial distress as a result of Covid-19 and have outstanding tax liabilities. Apply to HMRC.

HMRC have confirmed that if employers are adversely affected by the current situation. Then they could agree with HMRC to defer or pay PAYE liabilities in instalments. Employers will need to contact the HMRC PAYE department for this. This could help childcare providers with short-term cash flow issues.

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