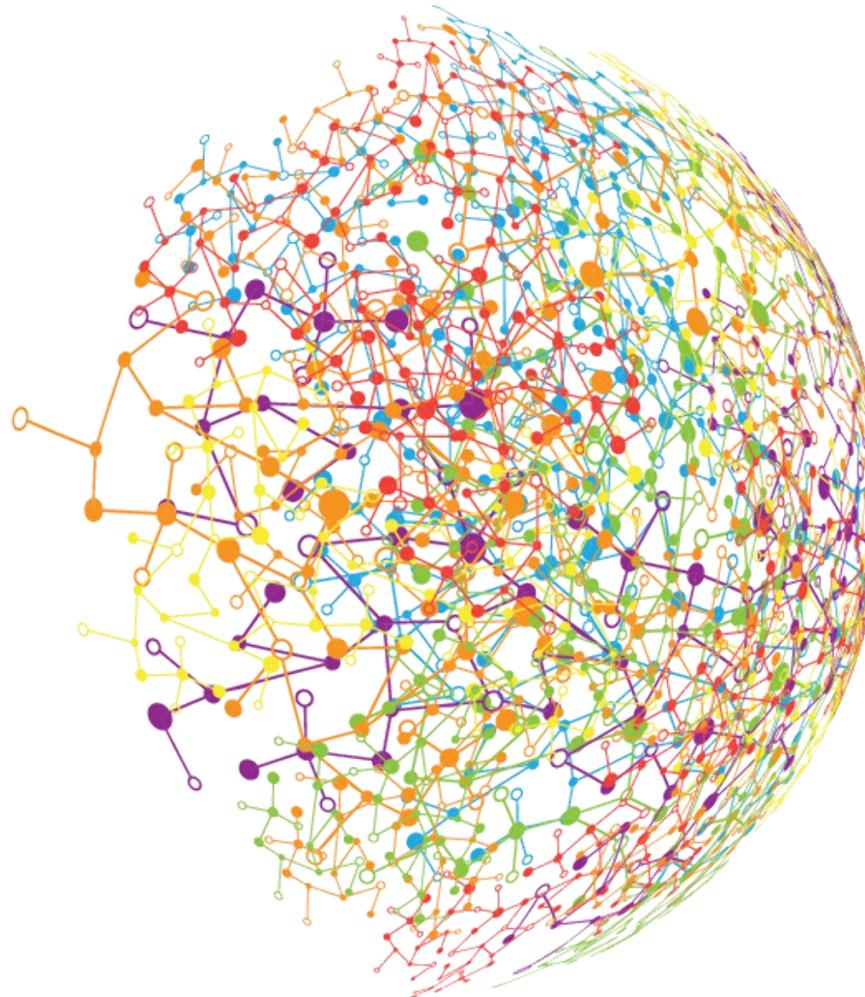


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## Covid-19 - Government Funding

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Updated: 23 March 2020

# Introduction

Events are moving very fast and information is constantly being updated in relation to the UK Government's funding response to Covid-19. Our aim is to summarise the information we are currently aware of and make this available to our clients and contacts.

This publication has been written in general terms and may not include all relevant information. We recommend that you obtain professional advice before acting or refraining from action on any of the content of this publication. In particular there are a number of areas where we are expecting further clarification in relation to the process of defining and agreeing the relevant scheme's details, specifications and eligibility and therefore information is subject to change.

# Summary of updates to existing funding initiatives and new measures announced between 21 and 23 March 2020

Over the weekend and today, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has made further announcements relating to social distancing, and there have been updates to measures and funding schemes already in place. A summary of these is included below, and further detail on any new updates to the funding initiatives is included in the body of this document. The Government has also just launched a [new website](#) which provides detailed information on all the business support measures that have been made available to UK businesses and employees.

**Monday 23 March 20.30h:** Strict new restrictions imposed on people leaving their homes, limited to shopping for basic necessities, daily exercise, any medical need and travelling to and from essential work. Shops selling non-essential goods will also be shut, along with libraries, playgrounds, outdoor gyms and places of worship. Gatherings in public of more than two people who do not live together will be prohibited. The restrictions are being kept under constant review and the Government will look again in three weeks at whether they can be relaxed.

## Updates to Covid Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF):

- Further guidance has now been provided by the BOE on eligibility for the CCFF and the scheme is now open
- Application forms, to be processed by prospective borrowers banks, are now available on the BOE website
- Issued paper will need a short term rating of A3/P3 or above as at 1 March 2020
- Where a borrower does not have a rating it will need to demonstrate that it could achieve this level – the [BOE](#) has recommended borrowers get an indicative assessment from one of the ratings agencies in a form than can be shared with HM Treasury.

## Updates to the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)

- Scheme has now been confirmed as open. No further updates from Friday 20 March.

## New measures announced to help the UK rail industry

- Department for Transport will temporarily suspend normal franchise agreements and transfer all revenue and cost risk to the government for a limited period, initially 6 months
- Trains will be running for key workers and essential travel. No other passengers should travel and services will be reduced from today (23 March 2020)
- Anyone holding an advance ticket will be able to refund it free of charge. All season ticket holders can claim a refund for time unused on their tickets. Ticket holders should contact their retailer for details.

## Investment and Grants:

- Under the “Techforce19” challenge, £500,000 of funding has been made available for technology companies who come up with digital support solutions for people who need to stay at home because of coronavirus. Funding of up to £25,000 per company is available
- £20m of Coronavirus investment has been given to 6 research projects, to support and encourage the UK’s world-class researchers and experts to speed up coronavirus research including developing new vaccines and treatments. This includes two projects focussed on vaccination trials. Government and scientific community have also backed new genome sequencing consortium to map spread of COVID-19.

## Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

- As of 23 March 2020, no further guidance has been issued in relation to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- We will provide any updates as soon as they are received.

## General updates

- Government has issued a specification of the minimally clinically acceptable (rapidly manufactured) ventilator, along with some preferred options, to be used in UK hospitals and an application form for all businesses who think that they can help to register
- Minister of State for Care Helen Whately calls upon recruitment agencies in the health and care sector to work in constructive partnership with the NHS during a time of heightened need. The letter will be sent to agencies working in the health and care sector in England.

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Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	<p><b>Payroll support for all firms and enterprises in the UK</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant support to cover up to 80% of salary costs of anyone not working due to Coronavirus but whose job has been retained (up to a maximum of £2,500 per month).</li> <li>Wages backdated to 1 March 2020.</li> <li>Initial period of 3 months, but this will be extended if necessary.</li> <li>No limit on the total level of funding available.</li> <li>Ambition for first grants to be “paid within weeks” with a scheme “in place” by the end of April 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers any employer, business, charity or non for profit organisation in the UK.</li> <li>Applies to businesses of all sizes.</li> <li>Cover is for employees who are “furloughed” instead of being made redundant.</li> <li>Criteria for defining a “furloughed” worker have not yet been published.</li> </ul>	<p>Grants will be provided by HMRC, though exact details to be announced. It is not clear if these will take the form of directly paid grants or through credits against other remittance obligations, or some combination of the two.</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be a considerable amount of detail required to implement these measures.</li> <li>It is not clear if 80% of salary costs will be paid only if employers continue to pay the balance of 20%. The Chancellor’s statement included a comment that “employers may top-up the wages of workers should they choose to do so”, implying that the grant may not be contingent on employers funding the balance of those wages to full levels.</li> <li>A maximum grant of £2,500 per worker at 80% of salary equates to an annual salary of £37,500. It is not clear how this will be calculated for workers with variable or zero hour contracts for whom there may be no obvious reference point for payment without working hours.</li> <li>It is not yet clear if grants may cover workers put on reduced hours rather as well as those not able to work at all.</li> <li>Employers seeking to utilise grants this will need to consider also the impact and cost of associated wage-linked costs (pension contributions, employer National Insurance, Apprenticeship Levy).</li> </ul>	<p>Government is yet to announce the exact application process.</p> <p>Employers who have begun redundancy programmes and those who have moved towards mandatory unpaid leave arrangements will have to consider how this alters the fairness of redundancy decisions and adapting existing reduced pay/work strategies.</p> <p>The expectation set by Government is for the first payments to be processed “within weeks” and certainly by the end of April 2020.</p>

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Covid Corporate Financing Facility (CCFF)	<p><b>Support for liquidity amongst large firms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major new scheme being launched by the Bank of England to help companies which make a material contribution to the UK economy to bridge Coronavirus disruption to their cash flows through loans.</li> <li>Up to 12 months support under a Covid Corporate Financing Facility</li> <li>Issued paper will need a short term rating of A3/P3 or above (or to prove financial strength equivalent) as at 1 March 2020</li> </ul>	To be eligible the business must have had, prior to being affected by Covid-19, a short or long- term rating of investment grade, or financial health equivalent to an investment grade rating.	<p>Application details and FAQs can be found on the BOE website</p> <p><a href="https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/market-notices/2020/ccff-market-notice-march-2020">https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/market-notices/2020/ccff-market-notice-march-2020</a></p> <p>Where potential issuers are unsure on eligibility, having first consulted with their bank they may also contact the BOE at:</p> <p><a href="mailto:CCFEligibleissuers@bankofengland.co.uk">CCFEligibleissuers@bankofengland.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Initial notice</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/market-notices/2020/ccff-market-notice-march-2020">https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/market-notices/2020/ccff-market-notice-march-2020</a></p> <p><b>FAQs and application forms</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/news/2020/march/the-covid-corporate-financing-facility">https://www.bankofengland.co.uk/news/2020/march/the-covid-corporate-financing-facility</a></p>	<p>Companies that do not currently issue Commercial Paper (CP) but are capable of doing so will in principle be eligible to utilise the CP Facility, provided they meet the eligible securities criteria, in other words of investment grade standing. This is based on A3/P3 or above rating for short term debt. Currently the BOE is suggesting unrated businesses get an Indicative/credit assessment view from one of the three rating agencies to prove financial standing.</p>	<p>Potential borrowers can now apply, through their bank using the application forms <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>To apply you will need to liaise with your bank. It is important to note that not all banks issue commercial paper. If your bank does not issue commercial paper, UK Finance will provide a list of banks that are able to assist (<a href="#">here</a>)</p>
Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS)	<p><b>Small business financial support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently established for businesses <b>with turnover of up to £45m (up from £41m)</b>, expected to be available in week commencing 23 March 2020</li> <li>Lending scheme through the British Business Bank from £1,000 up to £5m (increased from up to £1.2m) per company with government meeting interest costs for the first 12 months. Finance terms are from three months up to 10 years for term loans and asset finance and up to three years for revolving facilities and invoice finance.</li> <li>The scheme provides the lender with a government-backed guarantee against 80% of the outstanding facility balance, potentially enabling a 'no' credit decision from a lender to become a 'yes'. <b>NB – the borrower always remains 100% liable for the debt.</b></li> <li>The first 12 months of these loans will be interest free, as the Government will cover these payments.</li> <li>If the accredited lender can offer finance on normal commercial terms without the need to make use of the scheme, they will do so. Where the small business has a sound borrowing proposal but insufficient security, the lender will consider the business for support via the scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>The route to accessing this financing is for borrowers to approach <a href="#">40+ accredited lenders</a> who will then, if necessary, apply to the scheme.</p> <p>To qualify, Small Businesses must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be UK based, with turnover of no more than £45 million per annum</li> <li>Operate within an eligible industrial sector (a small number of industrial sectors are not eligible for support). <a href="#">Click here to see list.</a> (N.B. where potentially ineligible borrowers should carefully review their sector against the full <a href="#">SIC list</a>.)</li> <li>Be able to confirm that they have not received de minimis State aid beyond €200,000 equivalent over the current and previous two fiscal years</li> <li>Have a sound borrowing proposal, but insufficient security to meet the lender's requirements</li> </ul>	<p>It's simple to apply and should take no longer than a standard application. Any small business interested in CBILS should, in the first instance, approach one of the 40+ accredited lenders with their borrowing proposal (recommended approach is through the lender's website).</p>	<a href="https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbilis/">https://www.british-business-bank.co.uk/ourpartners/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme-cbilis/</a>	<p>In one sense this is the BOE guaranteeing the lender, not the borrower. The application process for loans should therefore, as we understand it now, be the same as for a normal high street loan.</p>	<p>The CBIL scheme is now confirmed as open, meaning prospective borrowers should be able to apply through any accredited lender.</p> <p>On 20 March 2020, it was stated that on top of measures already announced, the Government intends to announce further measures to ensure that larger and medium sized companies can also access the credit they need in w/c 23 March 2020. It is not currently confirmed as to whether there will be further announcements.</p>

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Grants for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses	A £25,000 grant will be provided to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000.	Any enquiries on eligibility for, or provision of, the reliefs should be directed to the relevant local authority. Guidance for local authorities will be published shortly.	Funding will be provided via local authorities.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses</a>	The optimum route will be to contact one of the Economic Development Officer at your local town or city council. They should be best placed to advise on local arrangements	Await further details to be announced
Rates Relief	<p>Latest announcements allow for a 100% business rates discount for all retail, leisure and hospitality venues with no limit to Rateable Values.</p> <p>The relevant government department (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government – MHLG) has issued a Guidance Note to Local Authorities clarifying as much as possible which specific types of property are covered by the 100% relief.</p> <p>We understand that the government has applied to the European Commission for an exemption from the state aid rules for the scheme.</p> <p>Importantly, unoccupied properties as under existing reliefs where they become vacant during the next 12 month will be charged 100% full rates after a 3 month void rate holiday following vacation, this will continue to apply unless the rules are changed.</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, properties which have closed temporarily due to the government's advice on COVID19 should be treated as occupied for the purposes of this relief.</p>	<p>All property occupiers in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors including shops, cinemas, restaurants, music venues, museums, art galleries, theatres, caravan parks, gyms, small hotels, B&amp;Bs, guest houses, sports clubs, night clubs and club houses and nurseries will receive 100% rates relief between <b>1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021</b>.</p> <p>Additional property types that are not listed but fall within the overall description may be eligible and advice should be sought</p> <p>The list below sets out the types of uses that the Government does not consider to be an eligible use for the purpose of this relief. It is for local authorities to determine for themselves whether particular properties are broadly similar in nature to those below and, if so, to consider them NOT eligible for the relief under their local scheme.</p>	<p>Local Billing Authorities will run and administer the process. They should have knowledge of the applicable properties and there is a fund to be made available by Central Government to support in the administration of the reliefs.</p> <p>Relevant occupiers don't need to take any action. It will be applied by the local council in the April Business Rates invoice.</p> <p>However, local authorities may have to reissue your bill automatically to exclude the business rate charge. They will do this as soon as possible.</p>	<a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/873622/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/873622/Expanded_Retail_Discount_Guidance.pdf</a>		Further detail may be confirmed w/c 23 March 2020

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Rates Relief cont'd		<p>Hereditaments that are being used for the provision of the following services to visiting members of the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial services (e.g. banks, building societies, cash points, bureaux de change, payday lenders, betting shops, pawn brokers)</li> <li>• Other services (e.g. estate agents, letting agents, employment agencies)</li> <li>• Medical services (e.g. vets, dentists, doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors)</li> <li>• Professional services (e.g. solicitors, accountants, insurance agents/ financial advisers, tutors)</li> <li>• Post office sorting offices</li> <li>• Casinos and gambling clubs (this also includes Betting shops)</li> </ul> <p>At the timing of writing, the applicability of EU State aid rules to the measures was not yet confirmed, although it is understood that the Government has applied for clearance from the Commission.</p>				
Support for businesses that pay little or no business rates ("small companies")	<p>Scheme funding is expected to be available from 1 April 2020.</p> <p>The government will provide additional funding for local authorities to support small businesses that already pay little or no business rates because of small business rate relief (SBBR). This will provide a one-off grant of £10,000 to businesses currently eligible for SBRR or rural rate relief, to help meet their ongoing business costs.</p>	<p>Businesses that already pay little or no business rates because of small business rate relief (SBBR).</p>	<p>The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) will provide guidance for Local Authorities on how to administer these grants shortly.</p> <p>If you are an eligible business, your Local Authority will then be in touch in the coming weeks to provide details of how to claim this money.</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses</a>	<p>The optimum route will be to contact one of the Economic Development Officer at your local town or city council. They should be best placed to advise on local arrangements</p>	<p>Funding for the scheme will be provided to local authorities by government in early April 2020.</p>

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Time to Pay arrangements "TTP"	<p>TTP has been available to businesses for over a decade, but HM Treasury has announced a stepping up of resource and a specific COVID-19 helpline that businesses can call.</p> <p>TTP allows a business to defer current (as opposed to prospective) tax debts (principally corporation / income tax, payroll taxes and VAT – but theoretically any other tax or duty) by converting settlement to instalments over a 3-12 months period.</p> <p>As part of the process, directors are expected to provide written confirmation that the instalment will be made on time.</p>	<p>Any business is theoretically eligible to apply. It is, however, critical to ensure supporting facts (and documentation) are available to evidence cashflow concerns.</p> <p>HMRC have made it clear that they see themselves in this instance as lender of last resort (and not of first resort). Therefore the taxpayer must demonstrate that all other sources of finance have been pursued and exhausted.</p>	<p>Businesses with a Customer Compliance Manager should discuss this with them in the first instance. All others are encouraged to contact HMRC's helpline on 0800 0159 559. The process can take less than an hour in a simple situation where the amount to be deferred is less than £750K. Agreement for deferral of larger sums will take longer.</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/difficulties-paying-hmrc">https://www.gov.uk/difficulties-paying-hmrc</a>	<p>Businesses are strongly advised to be prepared for the conversation with HMRC and have the key information to hand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the business;</li> <li>• Annual total liability to tax;</li> <li>• Amounts requesting to be deferred;</li> <li>• Proposed period of deferral;</li> <li>• Reasons for requesting deferral (directly linked to COVID-19);</li> <li>• Details of discussions with other stakeholders / lenders;</li> <li>• Details of other actions taken to mitigate cash outflows;</li> <li>• A short-term cashflow forecast;</li> <li>• Authority to confirm directors will ensure all instalment payments will be met</li> </ul>	We are awaiting further detailed guidance from HMRC as to the level of information they require to support a claim and confirmation as to whether TTP will be extended to prospective (as opposed to just current) tax liabilities.
Statutory Sick Pay "SSP" for Small or medium sized businesses	<p>SSP is payable to qualifying employees and is now payable from day 1 for those who self isolate or are unwell because of COVID-19 (the first 3 days are normally unpaid). The current rate of SSP is £94.25 per week.</p> <p>HM Treasury has announced that small and medium sized employers (those with fewer than 250 employees) may recover this cost where SSP has been paid as a result of COVID-19 from 13 March for a maximum of two weeks' sickness per employee.</p>	<p>Small and medium sized businesses with fewer than 250 employees.</p> <p>SSP paid from 13 March as a consequence of COVID-19 for up to two weeks.</p>	<p>There is no existing mechanism for the recovery of SSP by employers (unlike other statutory payments such as Statutory Maternity Pay). The government has committed to working with employers to work out a mechanism for this recovery</p>	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-who-are-paying-sick-pay-to-employees">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-who-are-paying-sick-pay-to-employees</a>	Qualifying businesses will need to keep records of sickness and sick pay as a consequence of COVID-19 and days of sickness for future recovery.	Await further information on recovery mechanism.

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Deferral of VAT	<p>VAT payments due from businesses between 20 March 2020 and the end of June 2020 will be deferred.</p> <p>No VAT registered business will have to make a VAT payment normally due with their VAT return to HMRC in this period. Payment of VAT will be deferred to the end of the tax year.</p> <p>HMRC has not yet issued detailed guidance on how the tax year will be defined - the tax year for VAT typically runs to the end of 31 March, 30 April or 31 May (depending on the VAT return periods of an individual business). Therefore, our working assumption is that VAT payments for the period from 20 March 2020 to 30 June 2020 will be deferred until the VAT return periods ending 31 March, 30 April or 31 May depending on the VAT return periods of each business deferring payments.</p>	We await HMRC guidance but anticipate that the measure will apply to all businesses registered for UK VAT	Details to follow but we assume, at this stage, that there will be no need to apply and all UK VAT registered businesses will simply defer payment until their VAT return period ending 31 March, 30 April or 31 May.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-announces-workers-support-package">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-announces-workers-support-package</a>	This development was announced by the Government at 17.00 on 20 March 2020.	We anticipate more detailed guidance being issued by HMRC and we will update with further details as soon available
Income Tax payment deferral	Income tax payments on account due under Self-Assessment on 31 July 2020 will be deferred until 31 January 2021.	The measure will apply to all self-employed individuals and we anticipate that this will also include partners in trading partnerships	This applies automatically with no application required.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-deferring-vat-and-income-tax-payments">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses#support-for-businesses-through-deferring-vat-and-income-tax-payments</a>	This development was announced by the Government at 17.00 on 20 March 2020.	We will update with further details as soon as we have them.

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Grant to encourage testing of solutions to support the elderly, vulnerable and self-isolating	<p><b>Examples of projects which may be supported:</b></p> <p><b>Remote Social Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finding healthy and qualified carers who can provide support for those in need</li> <li>Managing and delivering care in care homes</li> <li>Delivering domiciliary care and technology in the home</li> </ul> <p><b>Optimising Staffing in Care and Volunteering Sectors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruiting, training and certifying of doctors and nurses and professional carers</li> <li>Volunteering – recruiting and triaging volunteers into clinical and non-clinical workers</li> <li>Projecting demand for health and care workers across the country to improve deployment and management of resources</li> <li>Tackling data gaps in the care sector to understand the financial sustainability and needs of care businesses</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discovering and delivering mental health services</li> <li>Accessing relevant and inclusive peer 2 peer communities</li> <li>Supporting self-management of mental health and well-being</li> <li>Facilitating employee well-being</li> </ul> <p>The scheme offers a grant of up to £25,000, within an overall competition where £500,000 of grants will be available</p>	<p>A set of disqualification criteria have been set:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suppliers with neither funding, nor revenue;</li> <li>Suppliers with no traction in any of (i) public health and care services (ii) broader public sector or (iii) outside the public sector;</li> <li>Suppliers with no-one in the business that has written code on the technology for the Potential Solution relevant to the testing phase;</li> <li>Suppliers that do not have a working product for their Potential Solution;</li> <li>Suppliers with no-one working full time in the business;</li> <li>Suppliers that can't immediately allocate the resources outlined in their testing plan in the UK;</li> <li>Suppliers whose Potential Solution is out of scope of the challenge;</li> <li>Suppliers whose Potential Solution is exclusively NHS-facing, trying to solve clinical problems or require integration with NHS or social care systems.</li> </ul>	<p>Live online application form <a href="https://techforce19.uk/#Challenge">via this link</a> to register an expression of interest.</p> <p>After completing the application, select innovators will be invited to interview.</p> <p><b>Government funding of up to £25,000 will be given to the chosen innovators to test their solution,</b> with the goal for these evidence-based solutions to be deployed quickly based on the potential benefit.</p> <p>Innovators will be selected based on (i) solution feasibility; (ii) company credibility; (iii) impact; and (iv) digital maturity.</p> <p>Following the completion of the trial and testing period NHSX and Partners will consider the best route for further development of the solutions in order for them to best benefit people during the COVID-19 emergency.</p>	<a href="https://techforce19.uk/#Challenge">https://techforce19.uk/#Challenge</a>	<p>This competition is aimed at helping in the community, and not looking for solutions that are trying to solve clinical problems or require integration with NHS systems</p>	<p>Online application process which is open until 31 March 2020</p>

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