

Introduction

The Exeter COVID-19 Community Action Fund was set up at the outset of the COVID pandemic to help community groups and organisations as they step up to help those people most affected by the pandemic. The fund is supported by Exeter City Council and a generous £100,000 contribution from Exeter Chiefs Foundation.

The initial fund offered up to £3000 to community organisations who were facing a loss of income. Business grant support became available in May at which point the £3,000 grant was stopped.

The Fund is still open to support groups and organisations with a one-off grant of up to £1,000 to support projects for community led activities that will:

- meet urgent needs within the community
- cover transport costs for getting vital supplies to people isolated at home
- help people to stay connected and informed
- help people maintain and support mental health and wellbeing.

This report provides some analysis from the impact evaluations completed so far by grant recipients of the COVID-19 Community Action Fund. It summarises key themes arising from the evaluations, to help draw conclusions on how effective the CAF has been in meeting community needs.

Applications

96 applications were received, of which 51 (52.58%) were for £1,000 or less. The remaining 46 (47.42%) represents applications that requested £3,000 or less.

The Exeter COVID-19 Community Action Fund – up to £1,000

Applicant	Award
Exeter Communities Together CIC	£976.58
Exeter City Community Trust	£1,000.00
Hill Barton Vale Residents Association	£300.00
Sound Gallery CIC	£1,000.00
Beacon Centre	£1,000.00
Citizens Advice	£1,000.00
CoLab Exeter	£1,000.00
CEDA	£1,000.00

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Exeter Community Energy	£1,000.00
Exeter Community Centre Trust	£1,000.00
bthechange CIC	£956.69
Freemoovement UK CIC	£1,000.00
Home-Start Exeter, East and Mid Devon	£1,000.00
Pennsylvania Good Neighbour Group	£1,000.00
St Thomas Community Association	£500.00
Pinhoe Community Support Group	£1,000.00
Estuary League of Friends	£966.00
Headway Devon	£1,000.00
YMCA Exeter Community Projects	£977.50
Julian House - Assertive Homeless Outreach Team	£1,000.00
CoLab Exeter	£1,000.00
The Pelican Project Exeter CIC	£1,000.00
Friends of Ide Lane Surgery	£1,000.00
Hikmat Devon CIC	£1,000.00
Baby Bank Network Exeter	£1,000.00
Park Life Heavitree	£600.00
Friends of Heavitree Health Centre	£1,000.00
Interwoven Productions CIC	£1,000.00
Sanctuary Supported Living	£1,000.00
Double Elephant Print Workshop	£1,000.00
PaddleBoat Theatre CIC	£1,000.00
BCHA	£980.00
Friends of St Thomas Health Centre	£1,000.00
Cruse Bereavement Care - Devon	£1,000.00
CoLab Exeter	£1,000.00
Exeter Communities Together CIC	£995.00

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Exeter Communities Together CIC	£730.00
Art Pack Project	£1,000.00
Exeter City Community Trust	£1,000.00
Alright Mate? CIC	£375.00
SeeAbility	£1,000.00
Exeter Sew Volunteers	£1,000.00
Whizz Kids Toys Community Interest Company	£398.00
Connections Group	£1,000.00
Wood for Good	£1,000.00
Exeter St James Forum	£770.00
Stoke Hill Hot Food Project	£500.00
The Devon Carousel Project	£975.00
Alphington Community Association	£1,000.00
Whipton Community Association	£1,000.00
Pennsylvania Good Neighbour Group	£600.00
Hill Barton Vale Little Free Library	£1,000.00
Shilhay Housing Action Group	£180.00
Wonford Community and Learning Centre	

The Exeter COVID-19 Community Action Fund – up to £3,000

Applicant	Award
Exeter Communities Together CIC	£2,990.40
St Sidwell's Centre	£3,000.00
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Age UK Exeter	£3,000.00
Topsham Community Association	£3,000.00
Beacon Centre	£3,000.00
Estuary League of Friends	£3,000.00

Applicant	Award
Stop Abuse for Everyone (SAFE)	£3,000.00
Living Options Devon	£3,000.00
The Salvation Army	£3,000.00
FORCE Cancer Charity	£3,000.00
Stoke Hill Community Association	£3,000.00
Devon Rape Crisis and Sexual Abuse Services	£3,000.00
Armed Forces Community Support Hub	£2,569.00
Pinhoe Community Centre- America Hall & Sunnylands Room	£3,000.00
Exeter Mosque and Cultural Centre	£3,000.00
Exeter Community Centre Trust	£3,000.00
Samaritans of Exeter, Mid and East Devon	£3,000.00
Pete's Dragons	£1,500.00
Exeter Chamber	£3,000.00