

BIZ BUZZ CRISIS UPDATE 08-04-2020

New urgent government help for charities...millions of pounds to prevent them from collapsing. There are 170,000 charities nationally....half of that money is specifically targeted towards village and local charities.

£750 million is to be made available to charities across the UK. Chancellor, Rishi Sunak, acknowledged, "Never have they been needed more than they are now." To claim any of this funding, it is not necessary to be a specifically health-based charity or one involved with the NHS. Sunak said that some are on the front line of fighting Coronavirus and others are vital to the community in other ways. Charities are also eligible to apply for the new Job Retention Scheme which pays for staff to be furloughed and 80% of the salaries paid by Government, although most are doing vital work and do not want to stand their staff down.

Of the total now being offered (£750 million), £370 million is to be made available specifically to support local charities, in villages and market towns working with vulnerable people. The funding will be provided through organisations like the National Lottery Communities Fund

£360 million will be made available in government grants...of which £200 million will be set aside to help hospices with the rest going to organisations like St Johns' Ambulance and the Citizens Advice Bureau as well as those supporting vulnerable children, victims of domestic abuse, or disabled people.

The BBC has announced its "Big Night In" Charity fundraiser on April 23rd. The government has promised to match the amount raised pound for pound. The government will give a minimum of £20 million to the National Emergencies Trust.

USEFUL LINKS:

More Government info is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/chancellor-of-the-exchequer-rishi-sunak-on-economic-support-for-the-charity-sector>

Breckland's "Regeneration Unit" is handling the Covid-19 business matters.

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-guidance>

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Govt Support <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/self-employment-income-support-scheme/>

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