

Community Resilience Group Weekly Briefing - 10 12 March 2021

Money Counts Course – level 1

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at anyone who is in a position to have a brief conversation with individuals around money worries.

The course aims to:

- Increase understanding of poverty and its impact
- Increase confidence to ask about money worries
- Increase knowledge of support services for money matters

Dates & Times :

• 15 th March	2.00 – 2.45pm	• 26 th March	9.30 - 10.15am
• 17 th March	9.30 – 10.15am	• 9 th April	9.30 – 10.15am
• 23 rd March	10.00 – 10.45am	• 29 th April	9.30 – 10.15am
• 25 th March	12.00 – 12.45pm		

How to apply?

Please note we have moved to a new training platform and if you are out with the NHS, you will need to register on Turas. You will find all the necessary instructions on the following link: [Health Improvement Training \(scot.nhs.uk\)](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/healthimprovementtraining/)

Once you have registered, you will find the [Money Counts Course](#) by clicking on this link.

The course has been developed in collaboration with NHS Highland, the Trussell Trust, Highland Council and Social Security Scotland.

For any enquiries contact, please email:
nhsh.healthimprovementtraining@nhs.scot

£500 One-off Payment for Working Households Receiving Tax Credits

A £500 one-off payment for working households receiving tax credits was announced as part of the UK Government Budget.

Further guidance has now been released which confirms that the new payment is being introduced to provide extra support when the temporary increase in working tax credits - that was introduced in April 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic - ends as planned on 5 April 2021, the new guidance advises that -

- applications for the new payment are not required as HMRC will contact claimants by text message or letter in April 2021 to confirm eligibility;
- eligible claimants will include those who, on 2 March 2021, receive working tax credit payments; both working tax credit and child tax credit payments; or child tax credit payments where they are eligible for working tax credit but do not get a payment because their income is too high; and
- the £500 payment should be paid to eligible claimants by 23 April 2021.

Full details can be found [here](#)

Third Sector Funding Update

Covid Ward Discretionary Budget

- Up to £1,500 – repeat applications welcomed
- Who can apply? - constituted and non-constituted groups
- Purpose - to support community resilience efforts focused on supporting vulnerable people
- www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/1422811/supporting_community_resilience/category/155/grants_for_community_groups

CORA Foundation – Enabling Neighbourhoods and Communities Fund

- Grants between £1-2000 (up to a maximum of £5,000)
- Who can apply? - Community groups, membership groups, voluntary groups, social enterprises, and charities
- Purpose - to provide small grants to community and voluntary groups across Scotland who are connecting and supporting people within their local community.
- www.corra.scot/wp-content/uploads/Criteria-Outline-and-Application-Guidance-Enabling-Neighbourhoods-and-Communities-Fund-2-2.pdf

Adapt and Thrive

- Grants between £5k-£75k, Flexible 0% interest loans £25k-£250k, blended approach
- Who can apply? – charities, community groups, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations
- Purpose - Advice, grants and loans – aim to adapt to challenges presented by covid and support organisations to delivery their recovery plan
- <https://scvo.scot/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/community-recovery/atf>

National Lottery Funds

- 4 Funds - Awards for All, Community Led, Improving Lives, Young Start
- Grants ranging from £300 - £200,000 depending upon the fund

- Purpose - supporting community related projects, improving community spaces and on the wellbeing of those most in need. There remains a focus on covid related work and supporting those most vulnerable.
- www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes?location=scotland

Robertson Trust

- Community Building Grants
 - Grants up to £75,000
 - Who can apply? – registered charities with an annual income of over £25,000
 - Purpose – capital grant fund for funding towards new buildings or the upgrade of existing buildings for community hubs
- Large Grants, Small Grants, Wee Grants Programmes
 - Wee Grants up to £2,000, Small Grants £2,500-£15,000, Large Grants £15-50,000
 - Who can apply? – criteria for applying varies per fund and depends upon the size of the organisation and their annual income if they are a charity. Wee Grants can be applied for by constituted community groups
 - www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/our-funds/

North Highland Initiative Community Support Scheme

- Grants up to £1,000
- Who can apply? - organisations in Caithness, Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty
- Purpose - small initiatives in the education, conservation, and community service and support sectors. At present support is focused on groups who can demonstrate the project has been established as a result of covid.
- www.northhighlandinitiative.co.uk/community-support-covid19

Vaccination Update

The latest update from NHS on the vaccine can be accessed at the following link:
www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine

A stakeholder briefing from NHS Highland is also attached to this briefing

Food Support for Groups

We know that a number of you continue to provide support to the most vulnerable in your communities and that most of you already have well defined routes for accessing food to provide this support or are supporting individuals to access their shopping or community fridges/food tables.

If you are struggling to access food to continue support to vulnerable people locally, please do contact us through the policy mailbox and we can look at ways that we can support your group going forward.

Contact: policy6@highland.gov.uk

Resilience Network Contacts

The first meetings of all of the new resilience networks have now taken place. The next meetings are in the process of being scheduled depending upon what was agreed at the initial meeting and dates will be circulated to all within an area.

Where networks are already in place, should any group not already be involved with this network, the contact details for each is below.

- Caithness – If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Alan Tait at Caithness Voluntary Groups allan@cvq.org.uk
- Sutherland – If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Karina Ross at Highland and Islands Enterprise karina.ross@hient.co.uk
- East Ross – Helen Ross, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Black Isle - If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Asia Cielecka at communities@black-isle.info
- Wester Ross and Dingwall – Dot Ferguson, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Skye and Raasay - If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Fiona Thomson at Skye Community Response Development Team fiona@portreeandbraes.org
- Lochaber – Emma Tayler, Assistant Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- B&S – If any groups aren't involved and wish to be please contact Karen Derrick enquires@vabs.org.uk
- Inverness City – David Haas, City Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Inverness Rural – Charles Stephen, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network. For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk
- Nairn – Willie Munro, Ward Manager, will facilitate this network For future involvement in this network please contact policy6@highland.gov.uk

Helpful Links

Welfare Support Team -

www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/102970/benefit_advice

Self Isolation Support Grant - www.highland.gov.uk/info/20016/coronavirus/940/self-isolation_support_grant

Fuel Support Fund

www.highland.gov.uk/fuelsupportfund

Energy Advice

energyadvisors@hi.homeenergyscotland.org

AbilityNet - IT advice or support AbilityNet

Helpline 0800 048 7642.

Business Support Grants -

www.highland.gov.uk/info/20016/coronavirus/945/strategic_framework_business_fund

Covid Resilience Grant Support -

www.highland.gov.uk/directory_record/1422811/supporting_community_resilience/category/155/grants_for_community_groups

HTSI Community Group Helpline

Telephone Number 01349 808022

Winter Conditioning reports -

www.highland.gov.uk/news