Help small charities to weather the impact of the coronavirus outbreak

Charity income loss
Small and medium sized charities have lost an estimated 34% – 38% of income

CAF rapid response
CAF has launched a discretionary fund of £5 million to support small non-profit organisations

Open to funders
CAF is seeking additional funds to support this cause

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What is the CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund?
CAF plays an important part in supporting the charity ecosystem. Facilitating effective giving and ensuring that our donors can continue to transform lives and communities is at the centre of our mission. An alarming number of organisations are struggling to continue to deliver their vital services and support to vulnerable communities nationwide. They need our help. The CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund aims to support these organisations. Grants of up to £10,000 will help them to continue to deliver much needed support to our communities across the UK. This is a rapid response fund, and we aim to make payments to selected organisations within 14 days of application. The Fund opened for applications on Friday 27 March 2020 and will continue operating for as long as funds are available.

What is the minimum investment and what is the projected size of the Fund?
There is no minimum donation value and no limit to the size of the Fund. The need is enormous and we envision running the Fund and making grants for as long as there is need and funds are available.

How will you monitor the grantees and will you share the information on the impact of my donation with me?
Our grant-making team will follow up with all grantees in six months to find out how the grant has helped their organisation and what the funds were spent on. From this point onwards, we will start feeding success stories and case-studies back to donors. We will also be reporting back on the types of organisations that received funds, and their geographical location.

Can I select the organisations I want to support?
At this incredibly challenging time, we want to support all selected charitable organisations in whatever way we can and will not be restricting any of our funding. All funds will be pooled and allocated at the discretion of the grant-making committee.

How does the Fund relate to other emergency response funds?
Grants will only be awarded to organisations with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. Grants will also be extended beyond registered charities, to social purpose not-for-profits, and social enterprises and we will not be limiting use to specific areas or programs. We are giving grantees the power to determine where their grant would be best used.

How can I support the Fund?
CAF has allocated £5,000,000 of our discretionary funds to launch this Fund. However, the nationwide need far outstrips the funds available. We have almost 5,000 applications totaling nearly £40 million. We are therefore seeking additional funds to support this cause. At present, we can only accept donations from existing CAF product holders, but the fund will be open to the general public shortly.

You can donate to the Fund through your CAF Charitable Trust
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