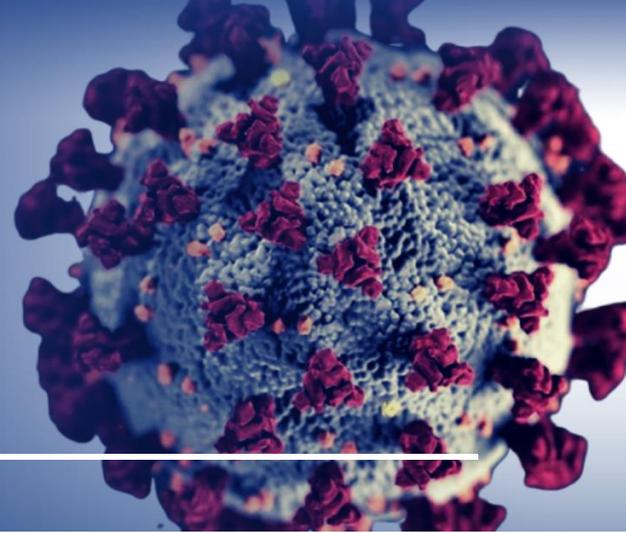


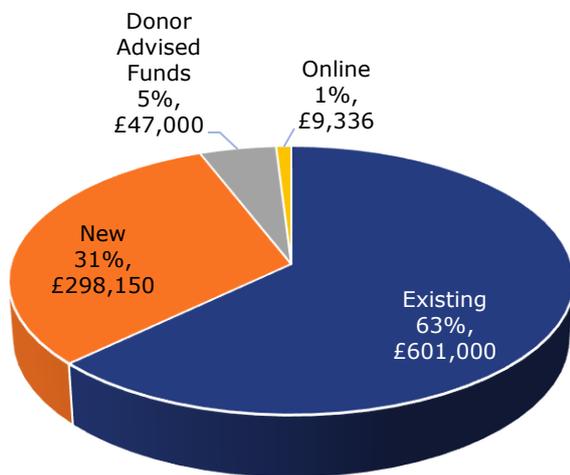
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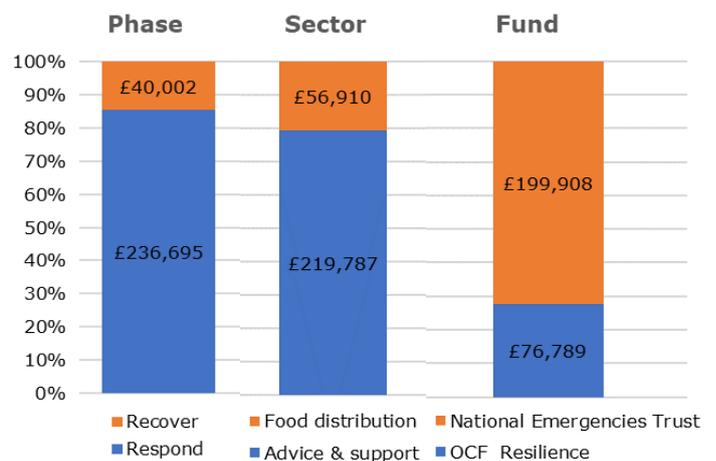


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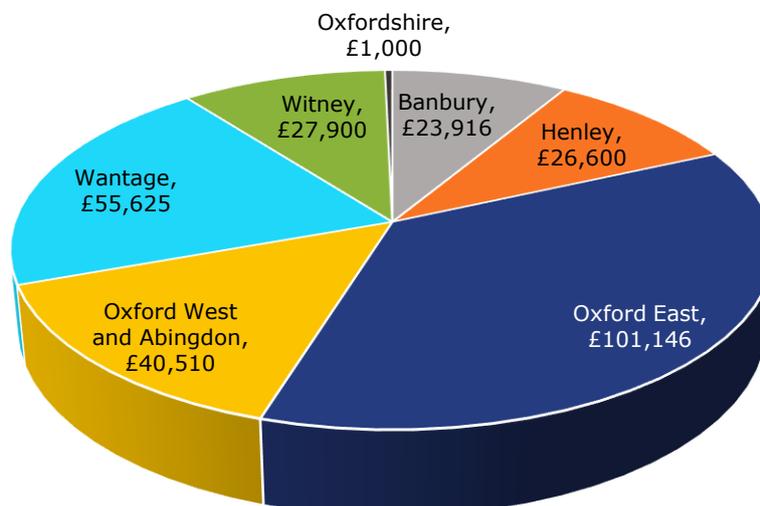
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**Total grants paid to date:
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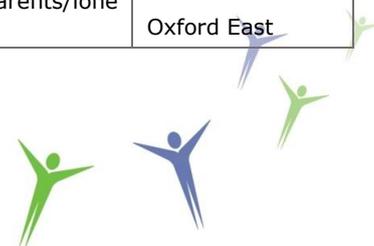


Areas covered by grants (parliamentary constituency)



Grants made to date

Date paid	Organisation	Amount granted	Project summary	Beneficiaries	Parliamentary constituency
05/05/2020	Age UK Oxfordshire	£6,000	Keeping older people exercising while in isolation.	Older people	Oxford West and Abingdon
05/05/2020	Bridewell Organic Gardens	£10,000	Maintaining a strong connection online and by phone for service users with a trusted team of staff and volunteers.	People with mental health issues	Witney
05/05/2020	Faringdon Volunteer Community Support	£600	Delivering essential food and provisions to tackle food poverty, and giving people hope that they are not alone.	Local residents	Wantage
05/05/2020	People, Place & Participation Ltd	£6,940	Continuing to provide much needed services including midwives, food and home schooling.	Families/parents/lone parents	Oxford East
05/05/2020	Thomas Giffords Trust	£6,000	Serving self-isolated and vulnerable people in the community by shopping for food, personal necessities, and medicine and delivering the items to their homes.	Older people	Witney
05/05/2020	Wantage and Surrounding Area CORONAVIRUS Support Group	£3,000	Distributing food, collecting and delivering prescriptions and more acute needs to vulnerable individuals and families.	Local residents	Wantage
30/04/2020	One-Eighty	£10,000	Mobilisation of organisation to reach vulnerable young people differently and to re-recruit specialist staff.	Children and young people	Oxford West and Abingdon
30/04/2020	Oxford Hub	£10,000	Oxford Together, the city's community response to coronavirus.	Local residents	Oxford West and Abingdon
30/04/2020	Oxfordshire Lowland Search and Rescue	£10,000	Adapting to remote planning and searches to keep social distancing.	People with mental health issues	Henley
30/04/2020	Soundabout	£9,810	Helping children, young people and adults with severe or profound learning disabilities, and their families, to participate in music making at home whilst isolated.	People with multiple disabilities	Wantage
30/04/2020	SSNAP (Support for the Sick Newborn and their Parents)	£5,022	Supporting parents of sick babies during the pandemic.	Families/parents/lone parents	Oxford East



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30/04/2020	West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£3,500	Providing additional resources in order to support vulnerable people with advice.	Local residents	Witney
30/04/2020	West Oxfordshire District Scouts	£1,500	Reducing the number of people accessing pharmacies and providing support to many local residents of all ages.	Local residents	Witney
21/04/2020	Aspire	£1,666	Providing crisis services for rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic.	Homeless people	Oxford East
21/04/2020	Clean Slate	£2,500	Personal protective equipment for nurses so they can support those people who are living with a life-limiting condition at this very challenging time.	Victims of crime/violence/abuse	Banbury
21/04/2020	Enrych Oxfordshire	£1,000	Ensuring that young people who are already isolated because of schools being closed are able to receive support and contact with others via their youth leader.	People with physical difficulties	Oxfordshire
21/04/2020	Gatehouse	£1,666	Food distribution to homeless people.	Homeless people	Oxford East
21/04/2020	Oxfordshire Play Association	£6,806	Providing crisis services for rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic.	Children and young people	Oxford East
21/04/2020	The Porch	£1,666	Serving an average of 130 and on occasion 150 meals per day due to the growth in demand for their service.	Homeless people	Oxford East
17/04/2020	Ark T Centre	£9,080	Opening a community larder in partnership with SOFEA and Oxford Together to ensure that those who are struggling to get food as a result of stockpiling could access food quickly.	People living in poverty	Oxford East
17/04/2020	Banbury Young Homelessness Project	£10,000	Delivering mental health intervention and support, counselling and family mediation virtually.	Children and young people	Banbury
17/04/2020	BeFree Young Carers	£5,245	Facilitating home working, using social media to engage with young carers across southern Oxfordshire	Children and young people	Wantage



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			encouraging healthy activities in the home.		
17/04/2020	Bicester Good Neighbour Scheme	£2,000	Supporting all of their 80 approx. clients. Volunteers are using telephone and other means to stay in touch with their usual clients.	Local residents	Banbury
17/04/2020	Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale	£4,914	Supporting their 60 advisers in working remotely, delivering advice by phone, email and webchat.	Local residents	Oxford West and Abingdon
17/04/2020	Donnington Doorstep Family Centre	£5,000	Distributing food and care packages to as many families as possible.	Families/parents/lone parents	Oxford East
17/04/2020	Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust (Maggie's Oxford)	£7,466	Phone and email support from professional members of staff; one to one support from a clinical psychologist over the phone.	People in care or suffering serious illness	Oxford East
17/04/2020	Mill Stream Day Centre	£1,000	Supporting volunteer hub which is based in the Centre using the Centre's infrastructure for shopping prescription collection, dog walking, signposting for isolated villagers.	Older people	Henley
17/04/2020	NOMAD	£5,000	Food bank, using the opportunity that food parcel deliveries give them to stay in contact with many of their vulnerable client base. Using and developing electronic means to stay in touch with vulnerable individuals and families.	Families/parents/lone parents	Henley
17/04/2020	Oxfordshire Cruse Bereavement Care	£5,000	Counselling for children, young people and adults irrespective of the cause of death or the time lapse since death.	Families/parents/lone parents	Oxford East
17/04/2020	Riverside Counselling Service	£5,000	Counselling service to adults and young people who are affected with increased anxieties and the effects of self-isolation.	People with mental health issues	Henley
17/04/2020	Second Time Around	£6,096	Property-related expenses for this social enterprise until such time as they are able to work with their service users and trade again.	People with learning difficulties	Banbury



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17/04/2020	Sue Ryder South Oxfordshire Palliative Care Hub	£5,000	Personal protective equipment for Sue Ryder's nurses so they can support those people who are living with a life-limiting condition at this very challenging time.	People in care or suffering serious illness	Henley
10/04/2020	Cholsey Day Centre Trust	£4,000	The day centre is responding to the needs of the local residents and has changed its way of working to embrace this during the COVID19 lockdown.	Older people	Wantage
10/04/2020	Green Dome Trust	£3,320	Donations of over 250 food parcels to the elderly and a further 190 to the vulnerable.	Older people	Banbury
10/04/2020	Kirtlington Youth Club	£600	Ensuring that young people who are already isolated because of schools being closed are able to receive support and contact with others via their youth leader.	Children and young people	Henley
10/04/2020	Leys CDI	£8,990	A response to the effects of COVID19 and the fact that young people are not in school, and there is a need for some youth work to avoid antisocial behaviour that may arise out of social isolation.	Children and young people	Oxford East
10/04/2020	Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre	£5,000	Keeping the Chinese Centre running, to serve the non-English speaking vulnerable Chinese, to provide immediate help for urgent, unanticipated needs caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.	Black, Asian and minority ethnic	Oxford East
10/04/2020	Oxfordshire Family Support Network	£7,820	Meeting an unprecedented need for support from an incredibly vulnerable demographic by operating in an adapted way, without face to face contact - but continue to proactively support families.	Carers	Wantage
10/04/2020	Oxfordshire My Life My Choice Association	£8,000	Five days per week helpline number redirected to staff working from home. Recently made available to all adults with learning disabilities in Oxfordshire rather than	People with learning difficulties	Oxford East



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			solely their membership base.		
10/04/2020	SERV OBN	£4,000	As result of demand to transport COVID-19 samples their operation is now 24/7. This in turn has caused an increase in operating costs for fuel etc.	Local residents	Witney
10/04/2020	The Wychwoods Day Centre Ltd	£2,900	Providing support to vulnerable people self-isolating eg the elderly, people with pre-existing medical conditions as well as relieving pressure on statutory services.	Older people	Witney
09/04/2020	Aldates Community Transformation Initiatives	£6,150	70 hot meals for rough sleepers in the city per day, from their kitchens.	Homeless people	Oxford West and Abingdon
09/04/2020	Aspire	£5,000	Providing crisis services for rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic.	Homeless people	Oxford East
09/04/2020	Didcot TRAIN Youth Project	£2,650	Providing online youth services for young people in a very disadvantaged area, supported by local volunteers, during this pandemic.	Children and young people	Wantage
09/04/2020	Edge Housing - Oxford Community Church	£3,446	Providing crisis services for rough sleepers and those living in temporary accommodation during this pandemic.	Homeless people	Oxford West and Abingdon
09/04/2020	Keen	£7,650	Oxfordshire All In platform of website and back-end tools for community engagement and support, data collection, mapping and coordination between organisations.	Older people	Oxford East
09/04/2020	The Porch	£5,194	Since the beginning of the outbreak The Porch has seen the demands for their services grow; now serving an average of 130 and on occasion 150 meals per day.	Homeless people	Oxford East
02/04/2020	South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance	£22,500	Supplying food to the more vulnerable in our communities. Provide food boxes to Community Larder members in 12 locations across Oxfordshire at no charge = 39 tonnes of	People living in poverty	Wantage



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			food each month, providing 97,500 meals.		
23/03/2020	Clear Sky Children's Charity	£9,900	Play & Creative Arts Therapy: a proven and effective psychological support for the treatments of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and mental health difficulties in children. The support can be the difference between permanent school exclusion and continuing in mainstream education, and is continuing online during the lockdown.	Children and young people	Oxford East
23/03/2020	Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee	£550	Contribution towards the charity's insurance whilst their building is closed during lockdown. A further grant to fund early intervention services for under-achieving children, which had been approved before the Covid crisis, will be paid once work can restart.	Children and young people	Oxford East
23/03/2020	Quest for Learning	£550	Maths packs being rolled out to children and families in areas of high deprivation, to assist with home learning.	Children and young people	Oxford East

NOTE: The grants shown have been paid by the date of this report. The total of the grants approved (awarded) will be higher. There is typically a delay of two to three days between approval and payment. To see a full list that includes grants approved but not yet paid, please visit our [page on GrantNav](#).



Case study: Aldates Community Transformation (ACT)

ACT is a small charity in Oxford providing housing and support for people at the margins of society: homeless people, ex-offenders, and people struggling with mental health. They have adapted to provide meals for rough sleepers and to keep in touch with their residents online.

The charity is affiliated with St Aldates Church and has around 100 volunteers. ACT manages 12 houses on behalf of landlords, where they provide tailored support for ex-offenders and formerly homeless people, preparing them to transition back into society.

When the coronavirus pandemic hit the UK in April 2020, ACT found themselves having to rapidly adapt their services. For example, instead of carrying out face-to-face work with people living in their supported housing, this mentoring, moral support and training is now happening online – a departure for the charity, which in the past has discouraged too much use of the internet for its residents for fear of them being led astray or suffering from depression. Now it is providing crucial regular contact with Housing Support Officers to ensure continuity of care and the vital social connection that ACT specialises in. OCF has funded ACT to buy tablet computers to help them keep in touch with their residents, as well as laptops for Housing Support Workers, so that they could quickly switch to working from home when the lockdown was announced.

ACT has also been innovative in responding to the emergency situation, realising that food provision for rough sleepers in the city would be put into peril by the lockdown. Surplus food usually provided by cafes would no longer be available, and some charitable provision would be unavailable if charities experienced a drop in income and had to furlough staff, or could not provide a safe environment for their usual volunteers. Oxford City Council was able to move almost all rough sleepers into hotel accommodation – but those establishments were not opening their restaurants.

ACT persuaded St Aldates Church to give them access to its commercial kitchen – usually used for events – along with their chef, so that meals could be provided for the immediate period before provision started to open up again. ACT mobilised its volunteers to prepare, pack and deliver the meals, with 50-75 hot meals being provided every day to homeless people across Oxford. One grant from OCF's Coronavirus: Community Resilience Fund has enabled ACT to provide hot meals for two months – as opposed to one week, which is what the charity had funds for initially.



ACT's work in this area, particularly around quickly finding shelter for all rough sleepers, has hinted at what their Chair of trustees dubs a potential 'silver lining' to the coronavirus crisis: "We've had relationships with people on the streets for years, and they've refused to come off the streets. But we've found that every now and then you get a breakthrough, and if somebody can be housed for about 12 weeks and we can manage to support them, they start to get their life together in other dimensions, and they start to realise that there is a way out. So my hope is that all of the people who are being housed through the crisis as a result of all the agencies around the city working together – maybe a lot more of them will find an escape route."

