

“Whenever and wherever disaster strikes here in the UK, this country has a unique way of pulling together.”

HRH - The Duke of Cambridge
Launch of the NET Coronavirus Appeal, 18th March 2020

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Coronavirus Appeal

12 week update



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In the words of our Royal Patron, the Duke of Cambridge, when we launched the National Emergencies Trust in November 2019, we hoped it would not be needed so soon.

Certainly no one could have predicted that our first Appeal would be for a disaster on the scale of the global Coronavirus pandemic, and yet here we are, 12 weeks into the Coronavirus Appeal.

As you will see from this 12-Week Update, incredible sums of money have been raised and distributed at speed. But what's more incredible is what those sums have enabled.

Grants as little as £35* and as large as £240,000** have empowered volunteers from grassroots charities all over the UK to provide for their local communities in this period of unparalleled need.

From week to week, the needs in communities are evolving. This short report summarises how the Trust has been responding, at pace, to the dynamic and complex nature of this crisis to ensure emergency funds reach those that need them the most.

I'd like to personally thank our generous corporate donors, charitable trusts and public supporters for making the journey this far possible and to acknowledge the thousands of volunteers who transform donations into difference through their extraordinary acts of kindness.

Lord Dannatt,
Chairman of the National Emergencies Trust



*To enable Seed of Hope, Somerset, to provide virtual mental health counselling

**To enable Scottish Refugee Council to contribute towards supporting the response and resilience of refugee communities to the Covid-19 pandemic

"WHO made the assessment that Covid-19 could be characterised as a pandemic on 11th March and within days the UK government started to introduce measures that would create unprecedented urgent needs within communities. On 18th March our board agreed that the crisis met our activation criteria and we launched the Coronavirus Appeal the same day."



Click play to discover more about the
origins of the National Emergencies Trust

NET in Numbers

Follow the journey of the first 12 weeks
of the Coronavirus Appeal

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The journey to-date

By distributing funds as swiftly as possible to thousands of grassroots charities and groups, we have sought to curb the impact of the crisis on communities as much as possible.



*From the Covid-19 Support Fund, an initiative by the insurance and long-term savings industry

**Funds raised are funds that have been committed. Not all funds raised will have been received yet by NET.

The Early Weeks

Find out about the key needs being met in the early weeks of the Appeal

Early weeks of the Appeal

In the initial weeks it was vital to address food poverty and support those isolated and shielding

Nearly half of grants in Week 2 of the Appeal were for food banks and food delivery services as people struggled to get access to essential items.

Monkstown Boxing Club in Antrim, Northern Ireland pivoted from their day-job of youth outreach to setting up a soup kitchen and delivering 300 meals each week to vulnerable local people.

In Week 2 of the Appeal, one in 10 grants were for new technology to enable grassroots charities to start to offer vital services from a distance.



Headway Lancaster and Morecambe Bay invested in IT equipment to allow it to offer a virtual buddy service using apps and video calling.



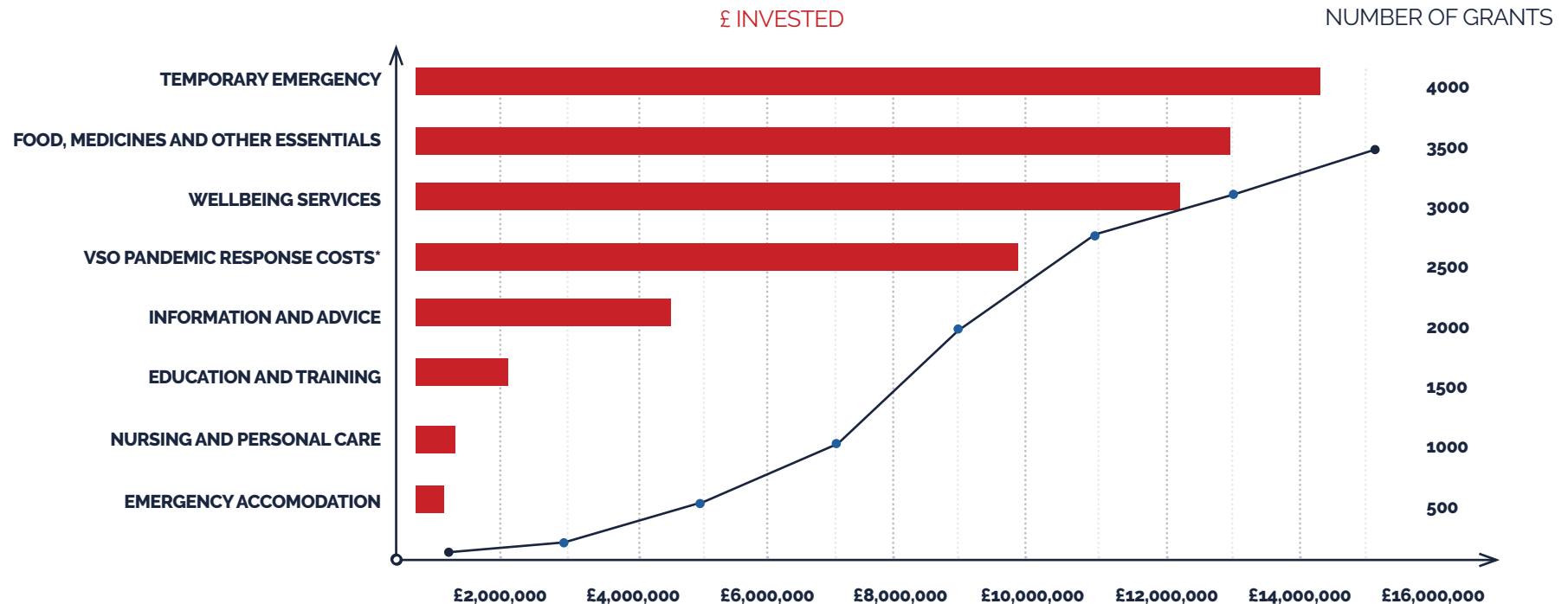
Wellbeing needs are growing

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Wellbeing needs are growing

Service Type

Manage Money
Wales CIC is providing financial resilience training, support and guidance to the unemployed and those on long term sick, during the Coronavirus pandemic.



Over the course of the Appeal, the growing number of grants awarded for well-being services has narrowed the gap with grants for food services, as the longer term impacts of Covid-19 have started to come to the fore.

*Enabling voluntary sector organisations to cover the operating costs of adapting and responding to the pandemic.

Please see more information on our [our website](#). Some grants support more than one service and there is overlap in the number of grants or investment illustrated. The figures are based on raw grants data provided by UK Community Foundations for the period of 20th March 2020 to 12th June 2020.

Being agile to act

Discover how we have responded to new information at pace

Being Agile to Act

As new data on the impacts of Covid-19 have emerged, we have reviewed this against our own grants data to respond at pace.

We have increased support for those from hard hit BAME* communities, for example, setting aside additional, dedicated funds for BAME-led groups and for groups whose primary focus is to support people from these communities.



Click play to hear how Asian Concern and Building Bridges are delivering Halal meals to the vulnerable in Edinburgh

*BAME - Black and Minority Ethnic

**On 6 June 2020 community foundations (including Forever Manchester) were asked to individually undertake a retrospective audit of their distribution of NET grants to BAME groups and communities. The basis of this scrutiny derived from the work of the independent body, the Funders for Race Equality Alliance. Find out more on [our website](https://www.nationalemergencytrust.org.uk).

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A data deep dive** on reach of NET funds into BAME communities showed 17.4% of funds distributed had gone to groups whose primary audience is BAME communities.

In addition to funds that have reached BAME communities to-date, an initial £3.2m has also been allocated to provide dedicated support to those from BAME communities, including for BAME-led charities and groups.

Supporting communities UK-wide

Find out how funds are reaching communities right across the UK.

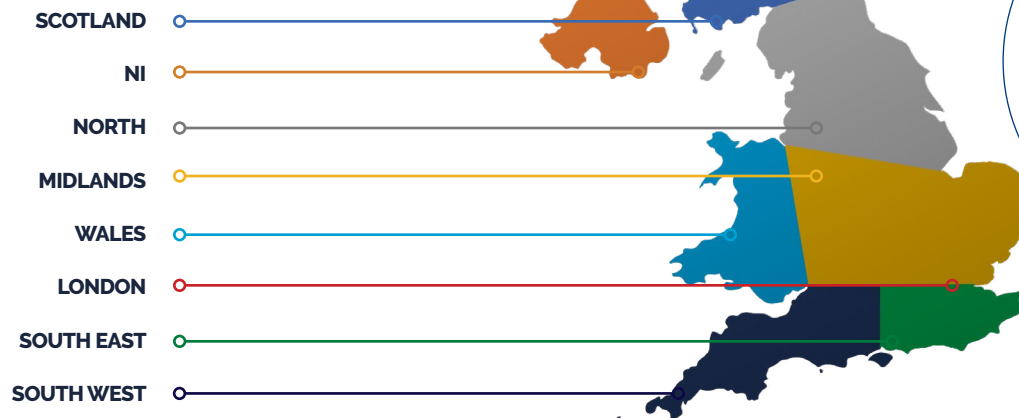
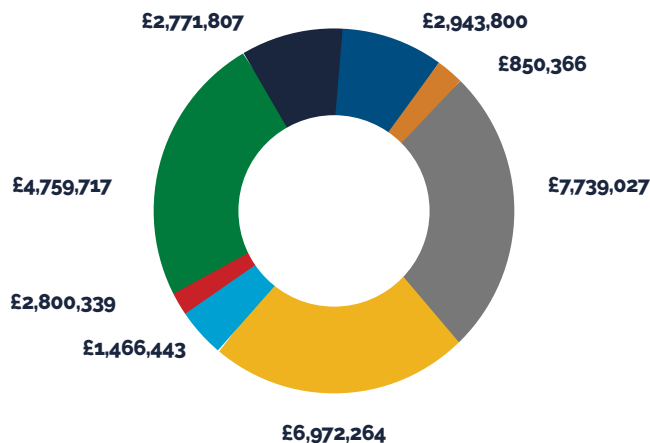
Supporting communities across the UK

“ This crisis has exacerbated existing injustices. Over the last 12 weeks we have reweighted our allocation criteria several times towards economic deprivation, ensuring those areas where people are being hardest hit by the pandemic receive the most support.

With their agility and local know-how, grassroots groups are uniquely placed to help those in urgent need. From sports clubs turned soup kitchens, to youth clubs turned counselling services, it's been inspiring to see existing groups step up and new groups pop-up, almost overnight.

By partnering with UK Community Foundations (UKCF) and its extensive local network, we've been able to fund these vital grassroots services at speed, across all four nations and the Crown dependencies.

John Herriman,
Chief Executive Officer National Emergencies Trust



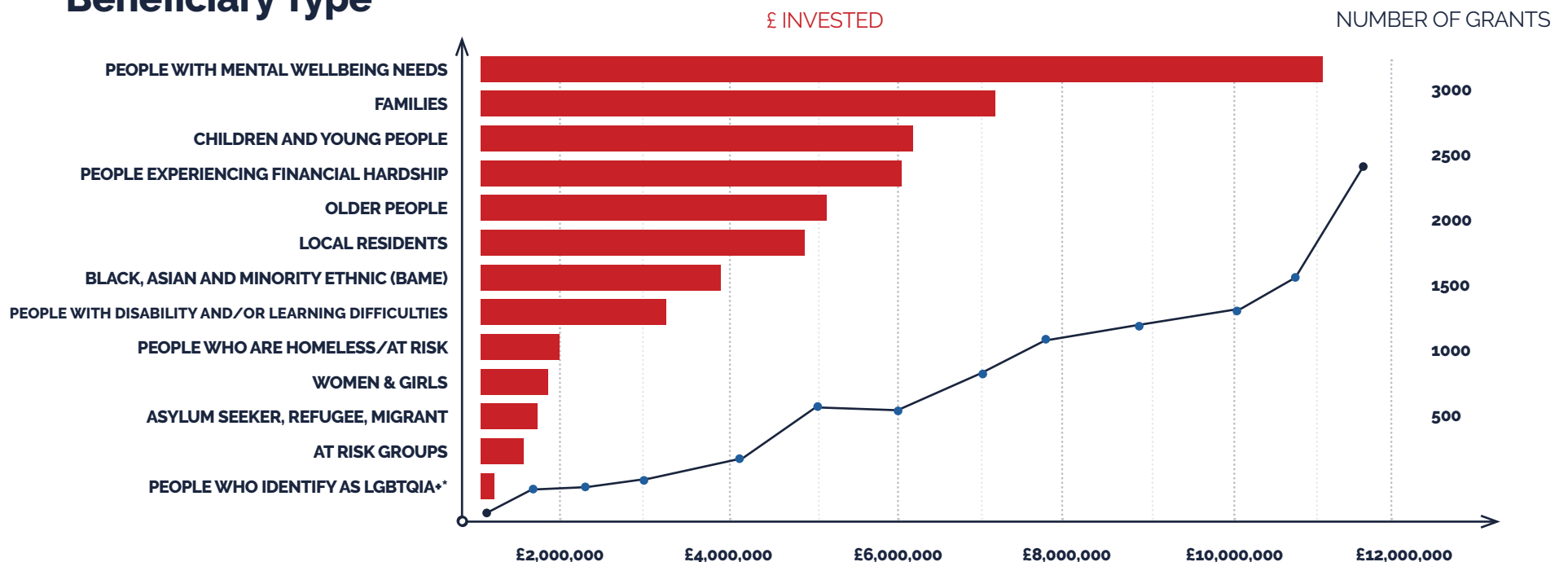
*The figures show funds that have been distributed by Community Foundations to grassroots organisations and are based on raw grants data provided by UK Community Foundations for the period of 20th March 2020 to 12th June 2020. Please see more information on our [website](#).

Mind the gap

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Beneficiary Type



With 12 weeks of grants data from the emergency response phase of the Appeal, we're able to see which groups** have been receiving funds.

We are currently undertaking a detailed gap analysis, combining our own body of grants data with external insights into wider sector funding, government funding and emerging unmet needs.

Completed later this month, this gap analysis will enable us to identify any areas of under-funding: where there are specific groups or specific needs that may benefit from additional support. We will use this insight to reshape our strategy and expand our distribution partners, ensuring that all remaining Appeal funds are distributed equitably.

*People who hold protected characteristics relating to their sexual orientation or gender identity.

**When we look at groups we focus only on primary beneficiaries - those groups that can be considered the main audiences for the grants, and of course there is overlap across groups.

To learn more about each group category please see more information on [our website](#). Some grants support more than one beneficiary group and there is overlap in the number of grants or investment illustrated. The figures are based on raw grants data provided by UK Community Foundations for the period of 20th March 2020 to 12th June 2020.

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At the start of this crisis, The National Emergencies Trust needed to move fast to ensure vital funds could make their way to those in urgent need as quickly as possible.

This was critical, especially for those who were unwell, isolated, vulnerable or unable to leave their home for the very basics.

As we move forward, and our understanding of the impacts of this crisis builds, we will be collaborating even more closely with the Trust's charity sector partners to assess and respond to emerging unmet needs.

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Gerald Oppenheim
Deputy Chair National Emergencies Trust



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