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# INSIGHTS IN BRIEF

COVID-19  
RESPONSE FUND

SMALL GRANTS



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THE UK FUND FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS



## WHAT IS THE FUND AND WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Covid-19 poses a real threat to the sustainability and survival of women's organisations in the UK. Our report with Women's Resource Centre and Women's Fund Scotland found 70% of these already under-funded services fear for their future. This fund gave grants of up to £10,000 to help organisations adapt their services to meet the increased needs of their communities.

**TOTAL RAISED: £1.08m**  
**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 327**  
**GRANTS AWARDED: 72**  
**TOTAL INVESTED: £593,176\***

**\*The remaining 350k will contribute to the planned next stage of our Covid-19 Response Fund in 2021.**

**We're incredibly grateful for donations and support from generous individuals on GoFundMe, and donors including:**

- **Comic Relief**
- **Erica Wax and Andrew Balls**
- **Esme Fairbairn**
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- **List Family Foundation**
- **The Talent Fund**



The pandemic worsened existing inequalities intersecting race, gender, class, and ability - including increased poverty and escalation of violence against women and girls, particularly in the home.

This led to more women and girls turning to specialist women's services for help - 89% saw a surge in demand and 43% increased their output as a result, according to Agenda Alliance.

At the same time, income losses and insecure funding meant many struggled to stay afloat, with organisations led 'by and for' Black and minoritised women faring worse. These services entered the crisis with less resource than their counterparts, while supporting women and girls who are disproportionately at risk.

Nearly half of women's organisations reported their finances had worsened during lockdown - 30% were small providers with an income of less than £50,000.

## HOW ARE WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS USING THEIR GRANTS?



**"MORE AND MORE WOMEN OF COLOUR NEED SUPPORT WITH THEIR SOCIAL CHANGE EFFORTS – WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BUILD DIGITALLY."**

### **Girdreamer, Birmingham**

Girdreamer supports young women of colour in personal and professional development. They recently launched programmes around tackling racial injustice and managing mental health, among others, and funding will pay for new staff to meet the demand. [Visit the website](#) and follow on [Twitter](#).

**"WE'VE TAKEN ON 25 URGENT NEW REFERRALS FROM GIRLS EXPERIENCING ANXIETY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND EATING DISORDERS DUE TO THE CRISIS."**

### **Sunbeams, London**

Sunbeams works with young women and girls struggling with their mental health. The grant will fund a volunteer coordinator and clinical supervisor to work with 25 mentoring volunteers whose roles will be to support the girls' health, social and emotional needs. [Find out more](#).

**"FUNDING IS PAYING FOR EXTRA SUPPORT STAFF TO HELP US DEAL WITH THE HUGE RISE IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES DURING LOCKDOWN"**

### **Time to Heal, Aberdeen**

Time to Heal provides refuge space, education, counselling, legal aid, and more to survivors of violence. New staff will coordinate socially distanced food deliveries to service users who are particularly vulnerable. [Visit the website](#) and join on [Facebook](#).

**"MOST OF THE WOMEN WE SUPPORT HAVE NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS AND WORKED AS CLEANERS OR AT MARKETS BEFORE THE PANDEMIC."**

### **Angels of Hope, Manchester**

Angels of Hope provides emergency essentials for victim-survivors of domestic abuse. This grant will help the team to provide essentials like hot meals, gas and electricity, phone credit, and tablets to enable Zoom calls. Follow on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).





## WHAT WORK WAS FUNDED?

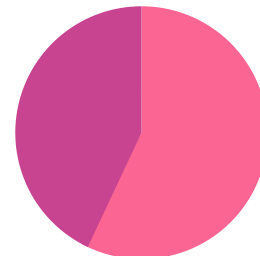
Of the 72 grants, 80% went to support work around women's safety and health and wellbeing. 40% went to organisations tackling violence against women and girls, an issue exacerbated by Covid-19 and one that's increasing demand on specialist women's services. A significant number of grants went to organisations supporting women with heightened mental health struggles as a direct result of the pandemic.

### Organisations led 'by and for' Black and minoritised women

People of colour have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19 and organisations led 'by and for' Black and minoritised women are severely impacted by the lack of resources to meet demand.

41 of the 72 organisations we funded are led 'by and for' Black and minoritised women.

Not BME-led  
43%



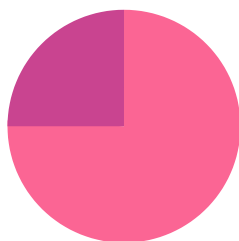
BME-led  
57%

### Organisations with an income of less than £100,000

We prioritised smaller women's organisations in recognition that these groups often find it harder to raise funds due to lack of capacity and resource.

54 of the 72 organisations we funded have an income of £100,000 or less.

Turnover > £100k  
25%



Turnover < £100k  
75%

# GRANTEES



1	Angels of Hope for Women	Manchester	£5,000
2	Baby Basics	Sheffield	£10,000
3	BelEve UK	Lewisham	£9,960
4	Craft Collective	Causeway Coast and Glens	£1,500
5	Diyya Project	Dudley	£10,000
6	Dostiyo Asian Women and Girls Organisation	Northampton	£9,900
7	Feathers Futures CIO	Great Yarmouth	£5,985
8	Fourth Action	Northumberland	£9,928
9	Gilgal Birmingham	Birmingham	£7,530
10	Giving Life Opportunities to Women	Belfast	£5,000
11	Goldstar Creative Marketing	Hackney	£10,000
12	Heart & Parcel	Manchester	£9,060
13	Lesbian Immigration Support Group	Manchester	£4,100
14	Lighthouse	Hackney	£10,000
15	Mother and Child Welfare Organisation	Hammersmith and Fulham	£9,910
16	Muslim Women's Sport Foundation	Harrow	£10,000
17	Nottingham Muslim Women's Network	Nottingham	£8,404
18	Rivers LPC	Crawley	£10,000
19	Sandwell African Women Association	Sandwell	£9,735
20	Street Talk	Islington	£5,000
21	The Motherhood Plan CIC	Manchester	£8,340
22	The Root MHSF CIC	Thurrock	£8,832
23	TiffinWalli CIC	Newham	£1,300
24	Time to Heal	Aberdeen City	£7,000
25	Winchester Pregnancy Crisis Centre	Winchester	£600
26	4Wings Northwest CIC	Liverpool	£10,000
27	Argyll and Bute Rape Crisis	Argyll and Bute	£9,640
28	Ashdon Jazz Academy	Lambeth	£9,660
29	Community Network Group CIC	Ealing	£10,000
30	Diaspora African Women's Support Network	Glasgow City	£9,733
31	Fair Treatment for the Women of Wales	Conwy	£10,000
32	Girdreamer	Birmingham	£9,000
33	Granby Somali Women's Group	Liverpool	£10,000
34	Inspire Women Oldham	Oldham	£10,000
35	International Women's Association Doncaster	Doncaster	£10,000
36	Pandora Project	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£8,000
37	Phoebe	Ipswich	£10,000
38	Positive Changes Scotland CIC	Stirling	£7,307
39	Saffron Sheffield	Sheffield	£9,937
40	Sunbeams London Ltd	Hackney	£10,000
41	Tassibee	Sheffield	£10,000
42	Teen Action	Hackney	£9,320
43	The Happy Mums Foundation CIC	Carlisle	£6,178
44	The Hull Lighthouse Project	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£4,315
45	Torbay Women's Circle	Torbay	£5,000
46	Turkish Cypriot Women's Project	Haringey	£8,410
47	Wight DASH	Isle of Wight	£8,382
48	WomenAfterGreatness	Hackney	£6,500
49	Dynamic Support of Greater Manchester	Manchester	£9,059
50	Enfield Saheli	Enfield	£9,785
51	First Step	Newcastle upon Tyne	£6,112
52	Hillingdon Women's Centre	Hillingdon	£8,198
53	KairosWWT	Coventry	£4,760
54	Kosmos Centre	Camden	£10,000
55	La Dolce Vita Project	Derry and Strabane	£9,360
56	Migrant Family Support	Coventry	£7,382
57	Mums4aChange CiC	Plymouth	£9,070
58	North Wales Women's Centre	Denbighshire	£6,898
59	Positive Steps Community Centre	Mid Ulster	£8,938
60	Refugee Women's Association	Hackney	£9,980
61	Sahara Project	Preston	£8,491
62	Skills and Training Network	London	£9,982
63	South Liverpool Domestic Abuse Services	Liverpool	£10,000
64	SWAN WOMENS CENTRE	Sefton	£9,870
65	The Feel Good Women's Group	Glasgow City	£10,000
66	The Growing Club CIC	Lancaster	£3,694
67	The Homeless Period	Wolverhampton	£5,000
68	Hull Sisters	Kingston upon Hull, City of	£10,000
69	Muslim Women's Council	Birmingham	£10,000
70	Rubies	Redcar and Cleveland	£8,500
71	GoodAz Gold Events	Lambeth	£10,000
72	Rotherham Mothers for Justice	Croydon	£9,953