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[Cambscuisine Community Fund awards £30,000 to projects helping vulnerable people](#)



Grassroots groups working in Cambridgeshire have received much-needed grants to help support local people facing challenges such as homelessness, financial hardship and mental well-being.

The **Cambscuisine Community Fund**, managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation in partnership with [Cambscuisine](#), was set up in September last year and will award local charities and community groups twice a year. The fund will enable local charities and organisations to improve lives and build upon the already fantastic work that is happening in the local community.

[Cambscuisine](#) raise the funds by adding a discretionary £1 to every bill over £30 throughout the group's 9 restaurants. The fund builds upon existing charitable work done by the local family-run business which has roots deep in Cambridgeshire. They already have many charitable programmes in place including paid staff volunteering days and a Back To Work Scheme which gives vulnerable people a chance to get back into work.

“With the support of our loyal customers, Cambscuisine Community Fund will be able to support local charities and organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for the vulnerable people of Cambridge,” said Oliver Thain, Managing Director at Cambscuisine.

The projects awarded funding are:

- **CHS Group** were awarded £15,641 to run an Outreach Employment Advice Service for people who are homeless or vulnerably housed in Cambridge to enable them to move on with their lives.
- **Turtle Dove Cambridge** were awarded £5,132 to provide specific employment training and emotional support to young women facing disadvantage, many of whom are at risk of homelessness

and living in supported housing.

- **Cogwheel Trust CIO** were awarded £2,240 to provide weekly counselling sessions for vulnerable and financially disadvantaged men to improve mental well-being.
- **Cambridge Cyrenians** were awarded £3,000 to run the Meaningful Activities project to empower homeless or vulnerably housed people to undertake training and work experience to learn new skills, earn qualifications and ultimately move into, or towards, employment.
- **Wintercomfort** were awarded £3,300 to support homeless people into work by providing IDs, bus passes or bikes, and a one-off cost of living allowance once they're employed.

You can find out more about the [Cambscuisine Community Fund here](#).

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[Funding to support those affected by Coronavirus](#)



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The [National Emergencies Trust](#) has today launched an appeal to raise funds to help local charities to support those individuals suffering hardship as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. The National Emergencies Trust will distribute money raised through a number of charitable organisations including local Community Foundations, to ensure it reaches those who need it most.

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is well placed to support local charities to overcome challenges presented by this ongoing emergency.

Details of the NET fund and criteria for groups to apply for funding will follow in the next few days.

The NET funding is in addition to our own urgent appeal for Cambridgeshire. Find out more about the [Cambridgeshire Coronavirus Community Fund here](#).

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[What to do if your project is affected by Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)



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We recognise that the covid-19 outbreak is an exceptional event that will have an impact on the work of charitable groups in Cambridgeshire and beyond, and want to offer reassurance that we stand with the sector during this time. We wish to be as helpful as possible during the coming weeks and months so that groups can focus on the vital work of supporting people in our communities. We understand that there will be times when staff and volunteers will not be available, when beneficiaries may need services to be provided in different ways, or when systems need to be flexible to ensure that needs are met.

If your project funded by us is affected by the covid-19 outbreak, please contact us on info@cambscf.org.uk outlining your concerns in writing and we will review on a case-by-case basis. We are committed to:

- Adapting activities – we recognise that you may experience difficulties achieving some of the outputs or outcomes we agreed for your grant during the outbreak, so please let us know if you are affected in this way.
- Discussing dates – we don't want to add pressure, so if you think you will struggle to meet a reporting deadline please get in touch with us so that we can agree a more realistic time for you. Please do include new suggested timings in your email.
- Listening to you – we are here if you want to talk to us about the situation you're facing, but we'll wait for you to call us so that these conversations are at the right time for you.

Please note that project changes can only be made if you inform us in writing in advance so please keep in touch.

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[Women and girls projects in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough receive major funding boost](#)



Grassroots groups working in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have received much-needed grants worth over £40,000 to help support local women and girls facing a range of challenges.

Five projects have received grants of between £5,000 - £10,000. This is the second time we have awarded groups money from the Tampon Tax Community Fund to help women and girls experiencing issues such as period poverty, domestic and sexual abuse and mental health.

Collectively as a network, UK Community Foundations is one of the UK's largest grant-makers and was asked by the government to distribute the largest share of the funding raised through the levy on sanitary products through its network of community foundations. A total of £6.9 million has been awarded nationally to grassroots groups in the two rounds of funding.

The projects being funded:

- Peterborough Women's Aid has received £9,000 to provide a Women's Support Worker, workshops and outings benefitting women who are survivors of domestic abuse.
- Turtle Dove Cambridge has received £9,000 to pilot an alternative education provision and offer an 8-10 week 1:1 support programme for young women.
- Wisbech Community Development Trust has received £8,000 to provide yoga sessions and confidence courses for women who have suffered domestic or sexual abuse.
- One Voice 4 Travellers has received £9,217 to hold employment workshops for domestic abuse survivors in East Cambs and Fenland to enable them to reduce family poverty through securing of employment.
- Peterborough Rape Crisis Care Group has received £5,000 to train the phone, text and app volunteer team who support women and girls in crisis who live in rural communities.

Photo: a previous Turtle Dove Cambridge project that enabled young women to hold a tea party for older people in their community.

[Breakfast Networking: Can your business drive social change?](#)



The Cambridge Network is hosting a breakfast on Tuesday 11th February 2020 for companies who are looking to learn more about the possibilities for their own Corporate Social Responsibilities initiatives.

Simon Humphrey, the Corporate Responsibility Manager at Arm and the Chair of Trustees for CCF along with Michael O'Toole, the Chief Executive for CCF will be speaking.

You can find out more [details on how to attend here](#).

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