



**Dorset
Community
Foundation**

Our Impact

Welcome to our Impact Report for 2020/21 which looks at the difference the grants made to Dorset communities during the grant period and the outcomes achieved by those grants.

Headline figures



Total amount
awarded
£1,356,574.21



371 grants to groups
via 11 programmes
£1,247,686.03*



427 grants
to individuals
via five programmes
£108,888.18

Individual grants include...



354 Surviving
Winter grants
£70,800



60 student
bursaries
£30,896.85



11 Superior
STEM
bursaries
£5,791.33



2 Dorset Performing Arts
Fund bursaries
£1,400

*including £1,035,827.30 funded via the Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund



Total beneficiaries supported 101,197



100,770* supported by funded groups



427 supported by individual award

*including 92,389 supported via our Coronavirus Fund



Average grant size to groups £3,363

70% of organisations funded have annual income less than £150,000

65% of organisations funded have annual income less than £100,000

50% of the organisations funded have annual income less than £50,000



Average grant size to individuals £255

Average bursary £375

Average Surviving Winter grant £200

Comparison to 2019/20

We distributed more than three times the funding than achieved in 19/20 – an increase from £393,786.23 to £1,412,334.97.

This was largely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which led to the launch of the Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund and associated appeal. As a result, the majority of grants made in 2020/21 were distributed via the Coronavirus Fund. The pandemic also caused a rise in applications for Surviving Winter grants and DCF Bursary grants

Total beneficiaries supported saw a disproportionate increase from 6,313 in 19/20, to 101,197. This is because many of the services funded via the Coronavirus Fund served large numbers of local people, and it has been difficult for groups to track beneficiary numbers or provide proportionate figures against the amount awarded (often providing total beneficiary numbers for the period even where other sources of funding were also received).

A greater proportion of the groups we supported had annual income less than £50,000 (rising from 40 per cent in 19/20 to 50 per cent in 20/21) – likely due to the number of new groups that were supported, many of which arose as a response to the impact of the pandemic.

We would like to thank UK Community Foundations, which has been instrumental in us receiving funds from National Emergencies Trust, DCMS, i3 Group, Co-op and others, into our Coronavirus Appeal. We'd also like to thank all of the donors who supported the fund so generously
In 2019-20 we introduced The Corton Hill Fund by working with new local fundholders.

Impact on organisational development

(based on a sample of 40 groups)



- 53 per cent of the groups said the grant enabled them to recruit new staff or volunteers
- 28 per cent of the groups said the grant helped them to raise funds from other sources (a total of £394,075 was raised by 11 of the sample groups)
- 40 per cent of the groups said the grant helped them to develop new working relationships or partnerships with other organisations
- 49 per cent of the groups said the grant helped them to raise awareness of their organisation or services
- 44 per cent of the groups said the grant helped them to improve their future planning, management or governance
- 33 per cent of the groups said the grant helped them to consult with their beneficiaries
- 29 per cent of the groups said the grant helped to provide training for staff or volunteers

Our feedback

All group and individuals who receive grants from DCF are invited to provide feedback on the grant application and monitoring process – this is offered in the End of Grant report form. Comments received in End of Grant reports were overwhelmingly positive. Out of the 371 grants to groups only 13 negative or constructive comment were received, relating to forms being too long or difficult to complete. Most comments reflected the timely and efficient way DCF was able to respond to the pandemic, awarding critical grants at speed and with reduced application and reporting requirements.



"Thank you so much to the team at the Dorset Community Foundation for their support. The speed at which the fund opened and the turnaround time to review applications was outstanding."

"As a first time grant applicant this process has been very simple and straightforward. The communication has been excellent and I have found the entire process very rewarding."

"Local funding is very much appreciated because of the local knowledge and understanding of the community we support. This emergency funding was particularly appreciated because of the simple application process and fast response."

"The support provided by Dorset Community Foundation during this really challenging time to charities and communities has been phenomenal. The support has been a lifeline to help sustain the services into 2021."

"Thank you so much for your responsiveness and flexibility given the difficulties of during the grant period: Extending the deadline was really helpful, and we felt that any queries we had were responded to really quickly and in a positive way."

"It was not only a critical grant, the process for applying was quick, clear and simple, allowing us to focus our time on the provision of essential services at an extremely challenging time."

DCF applicant survey

The above responses complement a separate applicant survey carried out in March 2021.

We had a 45 per cent response rate from grantee groups, and a 20 per cent response rate from groups we were unable to fund.

The overall results of both surveys were very encouraging, with the vast majority of 'scale' responses scoring us as positive or very positive.

Areas where we did particularly well include:

- Website and programme guidance
- Staff enquiries
- Length and ease of application forms
- Post application feedback & advice
- Understanding of grantee organisations
- Areas where we could do better include:
- Ease of End of Grant report forms
- Impact on grantee organisation



As a result of survey results, DCF have committed to a number of actions to make improvements to grant-making processes, including:

- Improvement of grants guidance on our website, improving clarity on eligibility for each programme and when they will next open
- Improvement of application forms for future programme rounds, including proportionate length for size of grant available, only asking for the information we need and clarity on what information to provide
- Improvement of End of Grant form including proportionate length and suitability of questions, and enable groups to select appropriate outcomes for reporting at application stage to improve the feeling of a 'one size fits all' system
- A review of DCF approach to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within grant-making aiming to improve how we distribute funding supporting marginalised groups who experience inequality
- Introduction of a signposting page to other local funders and sources of support

Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund

Distribution of funds by community needs

Theme	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	TOTALS	Percentage
Complimenting statutory services	£20,950.00	£3,500.00	-	£24,450.00	2%
Crime Including Domestic/Sexual Violence	£19,242.00	-	£8,055.00	£27,297.00	3%
Food/hot meal provision focusing on those in hardship	£121,197.70	£36,500.00	£187,702.80	£345,400.50	33%
Food/medication doorstep delivery service focusing on those self-Isolating	£62,912.50	-	£1,750.00	£64,662.50	6%
Mental health support	£80,327.00	£35,406.00	£10,603.00	£126,336.00	12%
Strategic grants supporting the Dorset voluntary sector	£16,124.28	£5,000.00	-	£21,124.28	2%
Support for the recovery of families and communities	-	£46,400.00	£11,901.20	£58,301.20	6%
Support for young people, including health & education	£65,430.44	£39,250.00	£12,489.80	£117,170.24	11%
Supporting homeless individuals	£17,538.00	£4,324.00	£2,500.00	£24,362.00	2%
Supporting people with disabilities & serious illnesses	£50,455.00	£21,000.00	£6,050.00	£77,505.00	7%
Supporting the needs of the BAME community	£24,123.00	£15,300.00	£3,750.00	£43,173.00	4%
Supporting those in financial hardship	£24,178.98	£81,866.50	-	£106,045.48	10%
	£502,478.90	£288,546.50	£244,801.80	£1,035,827.20	100%

Distribution of funds by Hidden Dorset themes

Theme	Amount	Percentage
Disadvantage & Poverty	£623,782.98	60%
Work, Education & Training	£79,709.40	8%
Health, Wellbeing & Mental Health	£209,371.12	20%
Loneliness & Isolation	£122,963.70	12%

Beneficiary numbers by location

Location	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3 & 4	Totals
Bournemouth	5275	4056	9768	19099
Christchurch	3007	1128	2575	6710
Poole	3968	3601	10519	18088
East Dorset	2426	684	240	3350
North Dorset	8405	2110	3383	13898
Purbeck	2076	892	123	3091
West Dorset	12690	3565	2158	18413
Weymouth & Portland	6876	1031	1833	9740
	44723	17067	30599	92389

All groups supported in 20/21

Access Dorset
Acts Fast
Affpuddle & TurnersPuddle Parish Council
Age UK Bournemouth, Poole & East Dorset
Age Concern North Dorset
Age UK North, South and West Dorset
Alacrify Foundation CIC
Art Workshop Swanage
Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service
Axminster & Lyme Cancer Support
B Sharp
Beaminster Cricket Club
Beaminster Foodbank
Blandford Community Volunteer Helpline
Blandford Cricket Club
Blandford Forum Parish Church
Bournemouth Christians Alongside Roughsleepers
Bournemouth Churches Housing Association
Bournemouth & Poole College
Bournemouth Foodbank
Bournemouth Ymca
Bourton Community Support Group
Bradpole Pre-School
Briantspuddle Village Hall
Bridport and District Citizens Advice
Bridport ASD & Social Anxiety Group
Bridport Coronavirus Community Support
Bridport Cupboard Love
Broadwindsor & District Community Enterprise
Broadwindsor Cricket Club
Broadwindsor Group Parish Council
Bus Stop Club
Carer Support Dorset
Cerne Abbas Coronavirus Support
Cerne Abbas Surgery Patient Participation Group
Charmouth COVID-19 Volunteers
Chickerell Methodist Church / Hall
Chideock Covid-19 Support Group
Christ Church - Creekmoor Community Hub
Christchurch Activities for Young People
Christchurch Community Partnership

Christchurch Foodbank
Citizens Advice BCP
Citizens Advice Bridport & District
Citizens Advice Central
Citizens Advice East Dorset
Citizens Advice Purbeck
Citygate Church
Co Create
Coastline Vineyard Church
Coda Music Trust
Colehill Parish Council
Community Action Network
Connie Rothman Learning trust
Counselling Together
Countrymen UK
Creative Kids
Cycling Without Age Weymouth
DEED (Development Education in Dorset)
Diverse Abilities Plus
Doors Open SEN Support Community
Dorchester Community Kitchen
Dorchester Community Support Group
Dorchester Family Support
Dorchester Foodbank
Dorchester Poverty in Action
Dorchester Town Council
Dorchester Trust for Counselling and Psychotherapy
Dorchester Youth and Community Centre
Dorset Blind Association
Dorset Children's Foundation
Dorset Community Action
Dorset Forest School
Dorset Mental Health Forum
Dorset Mind
Dorset Parent Infant Partnership
Dorset Polish Centre
Dorset Race Equality Council
Dorset Search & Rescue
Dorset Search Dogs
Double Act Disability Theatre Company
D'Urberville Centre

EDAS
EDP Drug & Alcohol Services
Escapeline
EuCAN Community Interest Company
Eype Scrubs Sewing Group
Faithworks Wessex
Families For Children
Family Counselling Trust
Ferndown Community Coronavirus Support
Fernheath Play
Friends of Bere Regis School
Friends of Guys Marsh Prison
Friends of Luccombe Hub
Friends of Stour Connect
Friends of Swanage Primary School
Future Roots
Gillingham Community Church
Gillingham Town Council
Grounded Community
Hamworthy Church
Hipp!!Bones
Home-Start North Dorset
Home-Start South East Dorset
Home-Start West Dorset
Hope Housing ,Training and Support
Horton Help / Horton & Chalbury Village Hall
Igbo Community in Dorset
Immanuel United Reform Church
In Jolly Good Company
International Care Network
Island Community Action
Its All About Culture
Julian House
King's Park Academy Parents & Friends Association
Kushti Bok
Loders Parish Council
Lovechurch
Lyme Regis Community Support
LymeForward CIC
Lytchett Matravers Angels Community Support
Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council
Maddie's Miracle
Manor Park CE First School Foodbank
Mapperton Parish Meeting
Marnhull Village Care
Milton Abbas Neighbourcar
Mindful
Mindful Mosaics
Morden Parish Council
Mosaic
Music Lovers Bollywood
MyTIME
Open House
Opportunities R UnLtd
Our Voice
Owermoigne Village Hall
Parkstone United Reformed Church
Pathways for all People
People First Dorset
People First Forum
Piddlehinton PCC - Piddlehinton Crisis Fund
Pinehurst Community Church
Poole Communities Trust
Poole Community Exchange
Poole Foodbank
Poole Men's Shed
Poole Waste Not Want Not
Portland Foodbank
Poundbury Village Hall Trust
PramaLife
Prout Bridge Project
Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation
REFRESH
Relate Dorset and South Wiltshire
Ringwood Foodbank - Verwood Community Larder
Safe and Sound Dorset
Salway Ash, Netherbury & Melplash Community
SAMEE
Shaftesbury & District Carers Association
Shaftesbury Bowling Club
Shaftesbury Town Council
Shaftesbury Community Choir
Sherborne Community Kitchen

Sherborne Viral Kindness
SMILE Connect
Somerford ARC
South East Dorset Community Accessible Transport
South West Dorset Multicultural Network
Space Youth Project
St Edmunds Church Foodbank
St Francis Church
St James the Great - Village Café
St Mary's Church Chickerell Foodbank
St Mary's Church, Ferndown
St Thomas Church PCC
Stalbridge Cancer & Recovery Support
STAR - Steps to Active Recovery
STARS (Sexual Trauma and Recovery Service)
StreetLight Project
Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust
Swanage Neighbours
SWOP Cherry Tree Nursery
Sydling Support Network CIC
Team Dorset Athletics Network
The Bourne Foundation
The Burrough Harmony Centre
The Bus Shelter Dorset
The Colour Works Foundation
The Crumbs Project
The Drop In, Portland
The Footprints Project
The Friendly Food Club
The Friends of Brianstpuddle Post Office and Village
Shop Association
The Horse Course
The Lantern Trust
The Listening Ear
The Magdalen Environmental Trust
The Nest Social Supermarket
The Power House
The Rotary Club of Westbourne Trust Fund
The Samaritans of Bournemouth & District
The Shine Project
The Stable Family Home Trust
The Stepping Out Cancer Rehabilitation Group
The Vale Pantry

The Veterans Hub, Weymouth and Portland
The Women's Centre Cornwall
This Is Alfred
Thorncombe Parish Council
Toller Porcorum Parish Council
Townsend Community Association
Townsend Youth Partnership
TRIP Community Transport Association
UK Nepal Friendship Society
Umoja Arts Network
Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council
Vita Nova
Voice of Hope Radio
Volunteer Centre Dorset
Water Lily Project
Wessex Cancer Trust
West Howe Community Enterprises
Weymouth Area Development Trust
Weymouth Community Volunteers
Wheels for Freedom
Wiltshire & Dorset Deaf Association
Wimborne Foodbank
Wimborne Minster Folk Festiva - The Allendale Café
Win on Waste (previously Ideas2Action)
Windrose Rural Media Trust
Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall
Wired
Youth Empowerment Platform
Youth Resource Services (The Rendezvous)