

Funding List - COVID19 grants 2021

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Organisation	Website	Organisation Description	Project Description	£	Months	Borough
Asylum Aid	http://www.asylumaid.org.uk	Asylum Aid provides specialist legal representation to refugees and asylum seekers with complex histories.	The funding is to provide legal representation for unaccompanied minors and survivors of trafficking and gender-based violence. This will reduce their risk of exploitation, which has been exacerbated by a depleted legal provision during the COVID19 crisis. It will also support Asylum Aid to become a more sustainable organisation.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Cambridge House and Talbot	http://www.ch1889.org	Cambridge House is a historic community hub and frontline service provider which operates from Southwark to effect change across London. They house 13 voluntary sector organisations, provide venue hire facilities for local residents, and work to help people in crisis in 15 London boroughs.	This funding is to help to cover shortfalls in revenue by contributing towards the costs of their Financial Director, a key post in securing future sustainability.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Citizens Advice Hillingdon Ltd	http://www.hillingdoncab.org.uk	Citizens Advice Hillingdon (CAH) provides information and advice about any social welfare problem from two offices in Hayes and Uxbridge.	The funding is to increase capacity to respond to raising demand for welfare benefits, debt and employment advice. This advice will meet AQS (at general level), OISC level 1 and FCA accreditations. CAH expects that 600 people will benefit from the work of the generalist adviser over 12 months, while the part time triage worker would enable CAH to answer and assess how best to help 300 new callers to the service.	£46,722	12	Hillingdon
Deaf Plus	https://www.deafplus.org	DeafPLUS is a national user-led organisation providing a range of online and one-to-one information, advice, advocacy and health and wellbeing services for Deaf people and people living with hearing impairment. DeafPLUS currently runs advice projects in Bromley, Ealing, Merton, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Westminster.	The funding is for a full-time equivalent salary, running costs and overheads of providing generalist information, advice and casework support in BSL in 3 boroughs lacking advisory services for Deaf people and people living with a hearing impairment. The work will include Welfare Benefits, Housing, Debt, Employment and Community Care.	£41,303	12	Bromley, Ealing, Merton, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Westminster
Ealing Law Centre	http://ealinglawcentre.org.uk/	Ealing Law Centre saves homes, alleviates poverty and resolves insecurity by providing specialist legal advice in the areas of Housing, Immigration and Welfare Benefits. It provides support and advice in the local foodbank as part of its Help through Crisis programme. It aims to be a beacon of support/advice for those who are digitally excluded in the Community having recently started running of Hanwell Community Library.	This funding is for increasing access to its specialist advice services by developing its digital exclusion work responding to COVID19. Support will be provided by volunteers and staff at its location in Hanwell Community Library and online. The grant will fund the Triage and Outreach Officer and Welfare Benefits Specialist.	£49,113	12	Ealing

East European Resource Centre	http://www.eerc.org.uk	The East European Resource Centre (EERC) provides advice, independent advocacy and support to vulnerable and marginalised Eastern Europeans in London. The advice provided spans benefits and housing. Advocacy focuses on labour exploitation and domestic abuse.	This funding is for delivery of immigration and welfare outreach, advice and casework to vulnerable and marginalised Eastern Europeans in London.	£49,154	12	London-wide
Excel Women's Association	http://www.bdsomaliwomen.org.uk	EWA aims to support women from BAME background living in deprived conditions. It offers a range of services including; advice, advocacy, information, wellbeing, tackling abuse, community care, learning & skills, social activities and a home work club. It provides direct services and act as a conduit for marginalised women of BAME background who need bilingual support to access local services e.g. social services, healthcare, welfare benefits and housing.	The funding is to enhance support for BAME women and girls in Barking and Dagenham affected by COVID-19. This will include access to its IT training suite and wellbeing programme.	£39,254	12	Barking and Dagenham
Greenwich Housing Rights	http://www.grhr.co.uk	Greenwich Housing Rights (GHR) provides specialist housing advice and casework for those facing eviction and homelessness.	The funding is to enable specialist, crisis management to meet the needs of residents with mounting COVID-19 related debts and housing issues including eviction.	£42,743	12	Greenwich
Havering Citizens Advice Bureaux	http://www.haveringcab.org.uk	Citizens Advice Havering provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice on a wide range of subjects to people living or working in the London Borough of Havering. It also carries out research and campaigns to improve policies and practices that affect people's lives	The funding is to continue to employ three part-time specialist advisors a year, who are providing practical support to clients whom Havering CAB front-line advisers have identified as having complex issues, following the ongoing impacts of COVID-19. Their specialist areas are housing, benefits and debt.	£49,833	12	Havering

Hibiscus Initiatives Ltd	http://www.hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk	Hibiscus works with marginalised Black and migrant women at the intersection of the immigration and criminal justice systems. It provides specialised and intersectional advocacy, advice, and support services that address the compounding needs of its clients. It empowers clients with the skills, knowledge and confidence to make informed choices, exert agency in their lives, and to shape the debate on the issues that affect them; and secure greater equality and respect for the communities it works with and in the promotion of social, economic, racial, and gender justice. Work with trafficking survivors cuts across all areas of its work.	The funding would contribute to the running costs of Hibiscus' Women's Centre in North London to help close its funding deficit. It will also top up two positions it currently only have partial funding for, enabling it to work with more women, whilst contributing to other essential costs such as supervision.	£42,300	12	London-wide
Hounslow Citizens Advice Bureaux Service	http://www.hounslowcabs.org.uk	Citizens Advice Hounslow (CAH) provides free, confidential advice on rights and responsibilities across the spectrum of social welfare law. It uses knowledge of local challenges and needs to influence policy and practice, nationally and locally. It provides digital and financial capability training.	The funding is for a 12-month extension of the Money Adviser post (funded by Wave3) which will enable them to continue to provide vital support to vulnerable Hounslow residents affected financially because of COVID-19, providing crisis intervention, alleviating hardship, maximising income, and preventing the risk of homelessness.	£48,685	12	Hounslow
Independent Workers Union of Great Britain	https://www.iwgb.org.uk	The Legal Department of the IWGB Union fights poverty and grants access to justice, predominantly in London. It provides advice and representation from the workplace to tribunal hearings and judicial reviews. Through casework, strategic litigation and rights at work trainings it contributes to the union's wider aims of the relief of poverty and systemic change, through empowering the low-paid to claim their rights.	The funding is for the legal department caseworkers, one f/t caseworker (35 hrs) and 21 extra hours from current p/t staff to respond to the unprecedented demands on its service.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Kingston Carers' Network	http://www.kingstoncarers.org.uk	Kingston Carers' Network (KCN) supports unpaid carers of all ages who are caring for someone with disability, illness or substance addiction in the borough of Kingston. The organisation provides a holistic range of services to reduce the negative impact of caring including reducing financial hardship and improving mental and physical health.	The funding is for the salary and overheads of an adult carers advisor to increase their capacity, reach and effectiveness. The role will include case work advice and advocacy on a wide range of carer-related issues including disability and carers' rights, community care, employment, benefits and housing.	£49,000	12	Kingston

Migrant Voice	http://www.migrantvoice.org	Migrants Voice is a migrant-led organisation with over 1,300 members, who are mainly individual migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, and some of whom also represent small organisations.	This funding will support core staff to ensure continuation of its robust service to support migrants to integrate successfully into British society. Funding will contribute to one day of the Director, two days of the Operations Manager, one day of a Business Development Manager and half day for the Bookkeeper.	£48,834	12	London-wide
Notre Dame Refugee Centre	https://www.notredamerc.org.uk/	The Centre offers bi-lingual (French/English) services to refugees and asylum seekers, particularly from Francophone African countries. It runs a drop-in service, ESOL classes, travel and reimbursement scheme for destitute refugees and asylum seekers. It also runs an accredited immigration casework & representation service and a housing and welfare benefits service.	The funding is towards salaries of its immigration adviser, communication fundraising & events co-ordinator, cleaner and equipment to meet the needs of refugees and asylum seekers.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Rainbow Migration (formerly UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group)	https://www.rainbowmigration.org.uk	Rainbow Migration supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer and intersex people (LGBTQI+) through the asylum and immigration system. They provide psychosocial support, offer legal advice and information, help people access legal representation, and conduct policy and advocacy work.	This funding is to support several activities across the organisation. This includes: the extension of the contract of one fixed-term Asylum Seeker Support Worker; language interpreting; Operations and Office Manager salary; and rent so they can adapt their office space in a COVID-19 secure way.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Redbridge Citizens Advice Bureau	http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk	Redbridge CAB provides free, high quality and independent advice and information services to those living and working in Redbridge. Redbridge CAB is the lead agency for RAN, bringing together 32 advice and non-advice-giving agencies to meet the demand for advice in the area.	This funding is to pilot a community-based partnership approach to advice giving. A Community Resilience Coordinator will train and support three communities organisations so that they can offer initial advice to their members, and connect them to a network of local agencies who can provide specialist advice when needed.	£49,200	12	Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham
Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (Ramfel)	http://www.ramfel.org.uk	RAMFEL supports asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Redbridge and neighbouring boroughs. It offers legal casework and representation, generalist advice and a drop-in offering destitution services and benefits over 1,200 people annually. RAMFEL also undertakes strategic legal work.	The funding is for the costs of delivering legal casework to enable undocumented children in families living in poverty/destitution to: (a) access support to meet their needs; (b) regularise their status in the UK; and (c) to have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) restrictions removed.	£50,000	12	Redbridge
South West London Law Centres	http://www.swllc.org	SWLLC provide free legal advice on social welfare law and tribunal and casework representation on debt, employment housing, welfare rights, immigration, public law and community care.	The funding is for core funding to support the organisation to build sustainable future and strengthen relationship with the local community. This will encompass a variety of activities, including legal education, training and awareness raising. The request includes for a new post of a Community Engagement Manager and a contribution towards Housing Supervisor's time.	£50,000	12	Croydon, Merton, Wandsworth, Kingston Upon Thames

Streatham Drop-In Centre for Asylum Seekers and Refugees	http://Streathamdropin.org.uk	Streatham Drop In support around 450 people a year, providing a range of services including IAG, signposting as well as access to food and clothing, ESOL, women's wellbeing group, educational support, and family/children's activities. They work across Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark and Wandsworth and in partnership with a range of local community groups and NHS services.	The funding is for the post of Coordinator as Streatham drop-in renews its work tackling experienced poverty, destitution, and health inequalities. They will build on existing, and develop new partnerships.	£29,861	12	Croydon, Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth
Tower Hamlets Law Centre	http://www.thlc.co.uk	Tower Hamlets Law Centre delivers specialist advice services to residents in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in the areas of welfare benefits, immigration, housing and homelessness.	The funding is towards salaries of core advisors to continue and increase access to advice services while helping overcome a shortfall in income caused by COVID-19 and financial uncertainty.	£49,862	12	Tower Hamlets
Your Employment Settlement Service	http://yesslaw.org.uk	Your Employment Settlement Service (YESS) provides employment law advice and mediation services with the aim of resolving disputes without the need for litigation.	This funding is for continuing the provision of free mediation service that was piloted in 2020 to low-income Londoners to resolve disputes that have arisen as a consequence of COVID-19 pandemic. It is expected that as redundancies increase throughout 2021 there will be an increased demand on the service.	£50,000	12	London-wide
Youth Legal and Resource Centre	http://www.youthlegal.org.uk	YLSC provides generalist advice and support service for vulnerable young people, and has trained legal staff and solicitors that deliver legal, casework advice in the areas of housing, immigration and welfare benefits.	The funding is for 2 days/week of the Director's salary to cover the decrease in legal aid earnings, the marked increase in casework and the redevelopment of its advice service.	£24,146	12	London-wide

Summary Statistics

Month	Total Awarded	No. of Awards
March	£1,060,010	23
TOTAL	£1,060,010	23