

LANCASTER DISTRICT BUSINESS RECOVERY TOOLKIT

Services	Provider	Provider details	Service description	Contact details
#BoostYourRecovery - Covid-19 Business Resilience 121 Support	Boost	Boost is Lancashire's Business Growth Hub	Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Boost has switched its focus from growth support to business resilience & recovery support as part of their #BoostYourRecovery campaign. Includes 121 mentoring support.	0800 488 0057
121 Business Coaching & Mentoring, diagnostics & troubleshooting	Boost	Boost is Lancashire's Business Growth Hub	Do you want to grow or future proof your business but you're not sure how to make it happen? Could you use the support and experience of a business person who has 'been there and done it'? Business Mentoring is a fully funded programme where your business is matched with a successful business person who'll support you to tackle the challenges that you are facing in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • business resilience & planning • product and service development including new • finance & cash flow • Sales • marketing • human resource management 	0800 488 0057
Start up / Early Stage specific Business Support			Free support to help Lancashire startups succeed. Are you based in Lancashire and planning to start your own business this year? Whether this is your first startup or not, you'll face a lot of challenges along the way from turning a great idea to a working business, accessing growth finance and learning the skills you need to run your own business.	0800 488 057
Resilience & Covid-19 Webinars including grant application advice			Online training webinars including Covid-19 grant application & business support specific workshops	https://www.boostbusinesslancashire.co.uk/events/
Access to Finance - 121 Mentoring for all cash related issues			Our Access to Finance service works with Lancashire businesses to assist them in raising finance to fund their growth. Our specialists provide one-to-one support with developing business plans, cash flow issues, financial forecasts, investment readiness and applications for funding.	Cassim Patel 07785 700668 cassim.patel@a2fnw.co.uk
Package of support from central government including grants and financial reliefs.	Covid-19 Government Support for Businesses See contact details for grants administered by Lancaster City Council.	COVID-19: Government guidance employers and businesses.	Support available to businesses including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme • deferring VAT and Self-Assessment payments • Self-employment Income Support Scheme • statutory sick pay relief package for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) • a 12-month business rates holiday for all retail, hospitality, leisure and nursery businesses in England • the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme to support long-term viable businesses who may need to respond to cash-flow pressures by seeking additional finance • a new lending facility from the Bank of England to help support liquidity among larger firms, helping them bridge coronavirus disruption to their cash flows through loans • the HMRC Time To Pay Scheme to help with tax • Support for nursery businesses that pay business rates • Protection from eviction for commercial tenants • Corona Virus Bounce Back Loans - £2,000 - £50,000 • small business grant funding of £10,000 for all business in receipt of small business rate relief or rural rate relief • grant funding of £25,000 for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses with property with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000 • Top-up to local grant funds scheme for businesses, ineligible for the previous grants, with ongoing fixed property-related costs - Discretionary fund - upto £2,000 • Business Improvement Districts will receive funding in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. To be administered by local authorities. 	https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/business/business-rates https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/business/business-rates/econdev@lancaster.gov.uk https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/coronavirus
Charities across the UK will receive a £750 million package of support to ensure they can continue their vital work during the coronavirus outbreak	Covid-19 Government Support for Charities	Covid-19 Government Support for Charities	As part of a UK-wide package of support, £360 million will be directly allocated by central government departments to charities providing key services and supporting vulnerable people during the crisis.	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chancellor-sets-out-extra-750-million-coronavirus-funding-for-frontline-charities
Food, Retail and small public office business services and support inc Health & Safety re-opening visits relating to Covid-19	Lancaster City Council Food & Retail Business Services	Lancaster City Council Food & Retail business services, including start up support	Business Health Checks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who will we be visiting? - Focus will be general retail and food businesses - Will also include small office based businesses e.g. insurance and legal services etc 	https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/environmental-health/food-safety/environmentalhealth@lancaster.gov.uk 01524 582935

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Lancashire Skills Swap service to help businesses to support other Lancashire businesses who are either looking for skills or people or who are able to offer skills or people. If you are a business and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need people, either staff or volunteers • Your current staff need new skills • Want to offer any people, knowledge or expertise to work for or within another business 	Lancashire Enterprise Partnership - The Skills Hub	Supporting the growth of the Lancashire economy by developing people's skills.	The service is intended to support Lancashire businesses who are either looking for skills or people or who are able to offer skills or people. The business can complete a short form which will be received by the Skills Hub, the business need or offer will then be posted on the Lancashire Skills Swap Noticeboard. The Skills Hub will also provide support by linking businesses with support projects.	https://www.lancshireskillshub.co.uk/skills-swap/
Family Business Excellence Support Programme Research Facilities - Free R & D Impact Acceleration project partnership funding Made Smarter - Funded Manufacturing Leadership Programme Low Carbon Innovation Forum Productivity Through People - Partner with world class manufacturers EngineE - Funded Training/Upskilling for your staff Family Business Excellence Support Programme Lancashire Forum - Business Peer to Peer support Bespoke Programmes - Ask for bespoke support Connect with graduate talent - placements, recruitment	Lancaster University	Lancaster University helps small and medium-sized businesses across the Lancaster district, the UK and beyond to seize opportunities to extend their markets, embrace new technologies and improve their performance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The series provides insight for professionals from SMEs and large organisations alike and provides an invaluable opportunity to network and collaborate. To help businesses grow. Funding projects in collaboration with external partners. For leaders of manufacturing SMEs to improve productivity. Understand the opportunities in a low carbon economy. Programme in partnership with world class manufacturers Future proofing your engineering and manufacturing SME through workforce skills. Designed for family-run SMEs to enhance business productivity. Designed to help owner-managers, MDs and senior decision makers of SMEs to grow their businesses. If our programmes above aren't quite right for you, let us create something that is. Let us help you find the right recruits including placements. 	Mark Bowen Business Gateway Manager Tel: +44 (0)1524 510877 Email: m.bowen1@lancaster.ac.uk
Cyber foundry - Digital business support programme, ideas development	Lancaster University	To help businesses navigate the constantly changing digital and cyber landscape. If you're interested in developing ideas to help future proof your business from digital change then email us.	To help businesses navigate the constantly changing digital and cybe landscape. If you're interested in developing ideas to help future proof your business from digital change then email us.	cyberfoundry@lancaster.ac.uk
COVID-19 Business Hub	Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce	Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce offers its members a range of business support services and exclusive money saving offers with leading suppliers to help reduce your business costs and support	A constantly evolving resource that will be amended as and when we receive updated information from the UK Government, Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discounted and Fixed Fee Legal Services from Harrison Drury Online Marketing Support from Novi.digital Finance focused guidance and planning from MHA Moore and Smalley HR support from Whitworth Consulting Free Coronavirus Business Survival Guide Covid-19 Information Centre from Scott & Wilkinson Accountants 	01524 381331 https://lancaster-chamber.org.uk/coronavirus-advice
COVID-19 Chamber Member Offers	Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce			
International trade advice	Lancaster & District Chamber of Commerce		The Chamber also offers a comprehensive package of international trade services aimed at helping your company succeed in international markets, including overseas trade advice, export training, export documentation, and much more.	01524 381331
Covid-19 Resilience Webinars & Online Networking	Federaton of Small Business	A not-for-profit organisation with the best interests of our self-employed and small business members at	Coronavirus - Help & Support for your Business Coronavirus - Financial help explained for SMEs and the self-employed FSB Connect Online -	tel:0808 20 20 888 https://www.fsb.org.uk/regions/lancashire-cumbria/fsb-connect/

<p>Training & Development Support through Covid-19 Free Distance Learning</p>	<p>Lancaster & Morecambe College</p>	<p>LMC Business is committed to providing businesses and employees with precisely the services they need, designed and carefully structured to meet your ever changing business needs. LMC will work with businesses to identify your specific training and education requirements and devise a bespoke service tailored for you.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-1 Business Mentoring using variety of digital channels • 1-1 Coaching sessions using digital channels • 1-1 Digital advice and upskilling 	<p>01524 521483 business@lmc.ac.uk</p>
<p>Range of training programmes being delivered through digital channels to support businesses to become more effective on social media channels.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Facebook for Business • Managing Facebook Adverts for Business • Managing LinkedIn for Business • Managing Google for Business • Managing Instagram for Business • Managing Twitter 	<p>01524 521483 business@lmc.ac.uk</p>
<p>A range of training programmes that can be delivered through digital channels to support businesses through the covid-19 national crisis</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Change and Instilling Resilience • Team Leading • Delivering Coaching and Mentoring • Conflict Management • Appraisal and Managing Team Performance • Project Management • Managing Volunteers 	
<p>UpSkilling Lancashire - increase the skills and capability of your employees</p>			<p>Supports Lancashire based SMEs and micro-businesses to increase the skills and capability of their employees, enabling the business to compete regionally, nationally and internationally. The project can benefit your business by providing support in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business-needs analysis • Strategic planning • Skills reviews • Mentoring and leadership development • Placements • Networking opportunities • Information and advice on accessing Levy support for education and training • Identifying areas for capacity building and development for your workforce 	
<p>Leading Lancashire - Leadership & Management Development</p>			<p>Funding to deliver leadership and management qualifications to Lancashire SME's. The programme of activity will enable people to progress into, develop and sustain leadership and management roles, as well as support for progression in work.</p> <p>Working with SME's in the sectors; Engineering, Advanced Manufacturing, Energy & Environment, Digital, Creative, Visitor Economy, Financial Services and Construction.</p> <p>Modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Team Performance • Managing Change • Team Leading • Delivering Coaching and Mentoring • Conflict Management • Resilience • Recruitment & Retaining Talent • Project Management 	
<p>Apprenticeship Grant Advance - Construction</p>			<p>CITB are supporting construction employers by providing advance payment of attendance grants for 2nd and 3rd year apprentices to ensure future skills are retained in the construction industry amid the coronavirus outbreak.</p> <p>The payments will be made from 6 April for apprentices already subject to CITB grant support and who are currently in the second or third year of their apprenticeship for the remainder of the year. The payments are expected to be able to support 7,500 apprentices, and will advance up to £2,500 in attendance grant at a time when retaining apprentices is critical.</p>	
<p>Free Online Business Resilience Masterclasses</p>	<p>University of Cumbria</p>		<p>Join expert panels with Resilience Masterclasses, this series will explore key themes including how to identify, prevent, manage and recover from a wide range of disruption during times of crisis.</p>	<p>https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/about/events/business-resilience/</p>
<p>Bespoke recruitment and training support for the Lancaster & Morecambe district</p> <p>Including funded work trials, work experience placements and tailored recruitment including pre-employment training programmes.</p>	<p>Jobcentre Plus - Lancaster & Morecambe</p>	<p>Jobcentre Plus is the part of the Department for Work and Pensions and delivers a working-age support service in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Funded work trials, work experience placements and tailored recruitment including pre-employment placements and tailored recruitment including pre-employment training programmes.</p> <p>Take the risk and cost out of recruiting an individual or larger numbers with funded work trials.</p>	<p>Sue Thistlethwaite Employer Adviser Department for Work and Pensions </p> <p>Tel: 01524 302054 07824836588 email: SUSAN.THISTLETHWAITE1@dwp.gov.uk</p>

Redundancy support and advice for employers.			Create your own fully funded bespoke pre-employment training programme, ensuring recruits have the right skills for your business before they start.	Vicky Mount Recruitment Consultant Department for Work and Pensions Phone 01524 302145 Mobile 07765068814 email: VICKY.MOUNT@dwp.gov.uk
FREE Digital Lancashire membership plan for digital and technology based businesses in Lancashire	Digital Lancashire	Digital Lancashire brings every digital professional together. We help them forge partnerships and collaborations they might otherwise never make, so they can tackle bigger, more ambitious, more rewarding projects Our work doesn't stop there though. Our aim is to accelerate Lancashire's digital economy and we do that not only by connecting our digital professionals, but by connecting those professionals to new tendering opportunities, new knowledge via our events and new talent. We're the voice of digital business in the county, lobbying on your behalf to ensure the strength and diversity of Lancashire's digital skills-base is heard loud and clear, locally and nationally.	In response to the ongoing and challenging COVID-19 crisis, Digital Lancashire is pleased to announce the launch of a FREE membership plan for digital and technology based businesses in Lancashire. As the voice of digital business in Lancashire, the usually paid membership model of Digital Lancashire, which is there to encourage collaboration, share news and explore opportunities – is now free and we are calling for your involvement! By offering this free membership option for the sector we are calling for everybody to come together, collaborate and to galvanise the digital industry across Lancashire. By joining the Digital Lancashire community, you'll help give our sector and our County a bigger voice. Together, we can help create a space where people can share best practice, hints and tips, encourage contribution and collaboration from across the industry and reduce any feelings of isolation that people may be feeling. As part of your membership, you will be able to access a wide range of information including a jobs board to promote current job vacancies, or to even look for new job or project opportunities. You'll also be able to share interesting articles, sources of support or news, and events.	01772 846 221 hello@digital-lancashire.org.uk www.digital-lancashire.org.uk/
Join the Digital Lancashire Slack channel - Business peer to peer support.	Digital Lancashire		Whether you are a freelancer, agency, an UX Designer or AI Specialist, this channel provides a forum to open up lines of communication, where you can share top tips on working from home, offer advice and highlight any issues you may be experiencing.	http://bit.ly/2Ulvln3
Monthly skills workshops for women in business	The Growing Club	The Growing Club CIC is a not-for-profit organisation. We provide a fantastic range of skills training and opportunities for women, using a creative and alternative peer support model.	The Growing Club offers a wide range of events and opportunities at the Women and Enterprise Hub. We offer monthly skills workshops, weekly drop-in sessions, networking and more. Weekly Thursday drop-in with specialist finance or branding support If you're looking for specific support, or want to know more about how we might be able to help you, you can book a 30 minute 1-2-1, to speak with Jane. The Sowing Club provides funded courses for women considering starting a business. The Roots and Shoots is a start up course for those who are ready to start a business. Bloom and Grow is a 12 month programme for women already running a business.	info@thegrowingclub.co.uk
Weekly drop-in sessions				
30 min 1-2-1 with business mentor Jane Binnion				
Are you on benefits and wanting to use your skills?				
Have you got a business idea and ready to start?				
Looking to grow your business with support?				
Specialist Business Support Projects and services	Lancaster BID	Lancaster BID Ltd is a not for profit company led by a Management Board comprising largely private sector members which aims to create a more prosperous city centre. The BID levy – will generate a budget around £1,195,000 over five years to spend on improving and promoting the city centre as a vibrant and cosmopolitan destination. This money is used to lever in additional support to add value to the levy.	Your levy payment is pooled collectively and used to support projects and services agreed by the Management Committee on behalf of you – the contributing businesses, such as: increasing footfall and boost customer spend, improving cleansing and environmental measures, and improving marketing and promotion of the BID area. BID's will share £6.1m of funding to spend on projects that will help their local economies through the uncertainty of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The money will be paid to local authorities and dispersed to Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). These are local business partnerships that bring developers and communities together to provide local leadership, drive regeneration and deliver projects and additional local services. Local businesses are being encouraged to sign up to offer online gift vouchers to customers to use towards purchases once the current crisis is over. As the community are looking for ways to continue supporting their favourite local businesses, this provides an ideal opportunity to retain loyal customers. In an effort to support the hospitality and leisure industry - and its many employees - during this incredibly challenging time for the sector, Lancaster creative agency Hotfoot Design and gift voucher platform Regalo are offering free online gift voucher shops for local businesses. Businesses can sign-up for free to sell their gift vouchers online. Hospitality venues and leisure destinations are able to sell gift vouchers directly to customers, in the comfort of their own homes, which are instantly delivered by email through the new gift voucher discovery website Vouch Lancaster City Council is supporting this initiative for local businesses by adding a link to Vouch on visitlancaster.org.uk and exploremorecambebay.org.uk in the gift vouchers section. The council is also providing marketing and communications support to inform local businesses and residents.	01524 590 650 http://www.lancasterbid.org/news/Vouch-for-the-Future https://www.vouchforthefuture.co.uk
Vouch for the Future - Business voucher scheme				
Specialist Business Support Projects and services	Morecambe BID	A business led and business funded body formed to improve a defined Morecambe BID area.	In Morecambe, the BID has a funding pot of approx £130,000 per year (excluding extra or match funding from other sources). BID's will share £6.1m of funding to spend on projects that will help their local economies through the uncertainty of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The money will be paid to local authorities and dispersed to Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). These are local business partnerships that bring developers and communities together to provide local leadership, drive regeneration and deliver projects and additional local services.	Commerce House, 45 Northgate, White Lund, Morecambe, LA3 3PA https://morecambebid.com/contact-us/

COVID-19 Hub Funded PPE for BID levy payers			Our COVID-19 Hub is a evolving resource that will be amended as and when we receive updated information from the UK Government, Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council. Funded PPE for BID levy payers	https://morecambebid.com/covid-19-business-support/	
The Urgent Response Fund for the 3rd sector	Lancaster Community & Voluntary Solutions	Lancaster District CVS is an independent registered charity that supports the voluntary sector and supports and promotes volunteering across the	This is a small grants fund for charities and community groups in need of resources to effectively deliver projects/activities to support the basic health and wellbeing needs of vulnerable members of the community in response to the coronavirus pandemic.	www.lancastercvs.org.uk/funding/coronavirus kevingoodall@lancastercvs.org.uk	
Free advice and assistance for the 3rd sector in a variety of areas including governance, finance, and funding.		Lancaster District CVS offers a wide range of support, information and resources for organisations working in the Voluntary Sector.	Lancaster District CVS offers a wide range of support, information and resources for organisations working in the Voluntary Sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding , grants, tender advice, contracts, raising cash. • Governance including strategic business planning and legal. • Finance, accounts and payroll services • Workforce, recruitment HR and training. • Equipment loan ie projectors, screens, sound systems, photocopiers. • Networking, local forums including the Volunteer Co-ordinator's Network & Morecambe Inter agency Group. 		
Want to volunteer or need volunteers?			Lancaster District CVS is working with local partners, including the NHS, the city and county councils, other statutory service providers, and voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise sector groups, to offer a quick, simple way to get involved in supporting individuals and communities in need.		If you would like to volunteer - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4cnMoA3xd5r5b7ZryUYr1-XepTl8Xqnmf1MwFWodYIEU4lg/viewform If you are an organisation or service that needs volunteers - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEepJrpGig6bxK1POI2Q8qdtSde1frXjuQn-o2qUo9hmyGQ/viewform
Low-cost accounting and payroll service for the 3rd sector			As well as our free services we also offer an accessible and low-cost accounting and payroll service, provided by our own in-house staff who understand the needs of small and medium sized voluntary and community organisations.		
Recruitment & Skills support for Lancaster District Businesses	Lancaster District Skills Forum	To provide a co-ordinated approach to the recruitment and skills needs across the Lancaster District. Supporting our key sector employer's and the resilience and growth of the local economy.	Supports joint working between employers and education and training providers to ensure that the recruitment & skills offer meets the future needs of employers in key sectors critical to the resilience and growth of the local economy. A single point of contact for employers to engage and access the expertise of all key recruitment and skills partners within the district to deliver innovative and creative solutions to the issues they are facing.	econdev@lancaster.gov.uk	
Free local professional services sessions	Lancaster district professional services	B2B Finance - Finance & property & asset advice Baines Wilson Lawyers for Business	https://www.b2bfinance.com/ https://www.baineswilson.co.uk/team_member/caroline-rayner	Graham Bellhouse - 01524 884 899. graham.bellhouse@b2bfinance.com Caroline Rayner Email - c.rayner@baineswilson.co.uk	
Funded Environmental assessments, energy saving initiatives including match funded grants.	MACAW	The MaCaW project is funded by the European Regional Development Fund alongside the University of Central Lancashire and was set up to help Lancashire-based SMEs to be more efficient and adopt a low carbon model.	The project will assist businesses in reducing their carbon footprint with a range of support and the possibility of access to a 50% match funded grant for up to £15,000 to purchase low-carbon technology. The match funding also access to a 50% match funded grant for up to £15,000 to purchase low-carbon technology. The match funding also includes the installation costs which makes installing LEDs and solar panels more affordable. Package includes an audit, a comprehensive energy report with recommendations on how you may save energy.	Phone: 01772 893963 macaw@uclan.ac.uk	
Peer-to-peer mentoring and support, face to face networking, collaboration	Lancaster Ethical Small Traders Association	The Ethical Small Traders Association (ESTA) is an association of Small Traders working for a sustainable local economy in the Lancaster area. We aim to provide a mutually co-operative framework for local social entrepreneurs to work together on developing products and services which serve to develop the prosperity and common good of the wider community.	Members of ESTA have access to a range of benefits including:promotion on our website and social media platforms, peer-to-peer mentoring ans support, face to face networking, collaboration to create joint products and services and a chance to contribute to the strategic development of your sectors market.	info@lancasteresta.org 07971 673436	
International Trade advice and support	Department for International Trade	The Department for International Trade is a United Kingdom government department responsible for striking and extending trade agreements between the United Kingdom and non EU states, as well as for encouraging foreign investment and export trade.	If your business needs internation on-the-ground support during corona virus we can help. Engage with suppliers and authorities, access advice and information, on supply chain, donations and freight. Find one of our country specific international trade offices in the A-Z link.		
UKEF offers guarantees, loans and insurance on behalf of the government than can protect UK exporters facing delayed payments or transit restrictions.	UK Export Finance (UKEF)	UK Export Finance (UKEF) is the UK's Export Credit Agency. We have a total risk appetite limit of £50 billion, providing support to help UK companies of all sizes and across sectors win, fulfil and get paid for export contracts in over 200 markets.	We can help businesses facing disruption due to coronavirus (COVID-19) through our existing range of tried and tested products.	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-finance-and-insurance-support-for-exporters/coronavirus-covid-19-finance-and-insurance-for-exporters	

			<p>We do not compete with the private sector but work directly with banks and lenders to provide guarantees that protect UK exporters facing delayed payments or impacted by transit restrictions.</p> <p>Our network of Export Finance Managers are located across the UK and are the first point of contact for financial guidance for exporters impacted by coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>	
ACE will offer individuals and organisations working in the arts & cultural sector new financial support during this crisis, totalling £160 million.	Arts Council England	We champion, develop and invest in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives. We support activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections.	<p>Maximum grant of £35,000.</p> <p>• Funding for individuals</p> <p>ACE to support artists, creative practitioners and freelancers as best we can in this crisis. We're making £20 million of financial support available to individuals, so they can better sustain themselves, and their work, in the coming months. Grants upto £2500.</p>	https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/financial-support-artists-creative-practitioners-and-freelancers
Grants for local not for profit organisations currently funded or recently funded by Heritage Lottery.	Heritage Lottery	Heritage Lottery Fund.	<p>applicants must be:</p> <p>a not-for-profit organisation, and</p> <p>a current or previous recipient of a grant directly from us, and</p> <p>an owner, manager or representative of heritage, or be able to show you have delivered participatory heritage activity</p>	https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/coronavirus-update
Emergency rescue and recovery funding for community businesses	Power to change	An independent charitable trust that supports and develops community businesses in England	<p>To provide both immediate and medium-term help for community businesses facing a loss of trading income during the coronavirus crisis. rescue funding for community businesses, offering grants up to £25,000 to contribute towards trading income losses incurred between April and June 2020. This first pot of funding is available to current and previous Power to Change grantees, and to community businesses which are members of Power to Change's strategic partners – Co-operatives UK, Locality and the Plunkett Foundation – all of whom played a key role in designing this response.</p>	https://www.powertochange.org.uk/news/emergency-support-community-businesses/
Advice and Support for the Farming sector	Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. National Farmers' Union for England & Wales.	Government department responsible for environment <i>food production and standards, agriculture & fisheries.</i> Member organisation/industry association	<p>Up to date government specific information including Covid-19 updates. Advice support and information hub.</p> <p>Advice and support hub for agriculture sector including covid-19 updates.</p>	<p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs</p> <p>https://www.nfuonline.com/home/02476858500or03708458458forMembers</p>
Lancaster District business networking groups	The Chamber of Commerce FSB BNI Shout Bay Business Network Nat West Professional networking	A varied format of weekly meetings that offer our members the chance to showcase their business, discuss relevant business issues, share tips and referrals, and gain business support.	A varied format of weekly meetings that offer members the chance to showcase their business, discuss relevant business issues, share tips and referrals, and gain business support.	http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/business/business-support/support-and-advice
Apply for innovation funding Research and develop a process, product or service	Innovate UK	Innovate UK is the United Kingdom's innovation agency	<p>If you're a UK-based business or research organisation, you may be able to compete for government-backed funding to:</p> <p>research and develop a process, product or service</p> <p>test your innovation ideas</p> <p>collaborate with other organisations</p> <p>Use this service to:</p> <p>search and apply for innovation funding</p>	https://www.gov.uk/apply-funding-innovation
The Future Fund will provide government loans to UK-based companies ranging from £125,000 to £5 million, subject to at least equal match funding from private investors.	The Future Fund	This scheme will issue convertible loans between £125,000 to £5 million to innovative companies which are facing financing difficulties due to the coronavirus outbreak.	<p>The Future Fund will provide government loans to UK-based companies ranging from £125,000 to £5 million, subject to at least equal match funding from private investors.</p> <p>These equity convertible loans may be a suitable option for businesses that rely on equity investment and are unable to access the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme.</p> <p>The scheme will be delivered in partnership with the British Business Bank.</p>	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/future-fund
Redundancy advice and support for employers	Lancashire Skills Hub	Skills Support for Redundancy programme via Skills Support for the Workforce from the Lancashire Skills Hub	The programme provides a fully funded tailored service for employers and can support employees at risk of redundancy or who have recently been made redundant (within the last 3 months) and can include subjects such as employability skills, CV developing, IT skills and interview skills.	<p>Charlotte Sedge Martins Charlotte.Sedge-Martins@gcemployment.uk Mobile: 07740 172501 or alternatively for more information you can speak to Tracy Heyes from the Skills Hub Team tracy.heyes@lancashirelep.co.uk Mobile: 07384 548498</p>