

The Swimathon Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund

As the UK deals with coronavirus, the [Swimathon Foundation](#) are aware that the swimming and aquatics community faces a very difficult time with the closure of swimming facilities across the UK. [The Swimathon Foundation's COVID-19 Relief Fund](#) (the "Fund") has been established to offer grant funding for small organisations working in the swimming and aquatic community in the UK.

The Swimathon Foundation has launched its COVID-19 Relief Fund today. Established to help small swimming & aquatics organisations in the UK experiencing hardship because of the virus. A limited amount funding will be available, from £250 to £1,000. <https://t.co/6MyqLuRpBX> [pic.twitter.com/6K0E3rjLMD](https://t.co/6K0E3rjLMD) — Swimathon (@swimathon) [May 4, 2020](#) Through grants made from the Fund, it wishes to support existing small swimming and aquatics organisations so that they may continue to operate in these especially difficult times. The Swimathon Foundation has worked closely with Swim England, Swim Wales and Scottish Swimming in establishing a set of criteria for any funding application.

[See the criteria here.](#)

What will the Swimathon Foundation fund?

The Fund has been established to help small swimming and aquatics organisations meet their obligations during this difficult period. These could be fixed costs or loss of revenue and might include, for example:

- Swim coaching costs
- Transport charge
- Pool space hire cost
- Event entry fee
- Event hosting fees
- Club kit subsidies
- Insurance premiums

Applications will only be considered if they relate specifically to the financial impact on the applicable organisation of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic during the period from 01 March 2020 to 31 July 2020.

By way of a more detailed example, the Fund might support a swimming club which has had to pay for equipment or pool hire to run a Gala which has now been cancelled as a result of UK Government coronavirus guidelines.

How much will the Swimathon Foundation fund?

Organisations can apply for grants of a minimum amount of £250 and up to a maximum amount of £1,000. Given the scale of the current crisis, the Foundation is likely to receive more applications than it will be able to fund. An organisation can only apply once for the award of a grant from the Fund and that application should be duly authorised by the organisation concerned.

Timeline for application

- The Swimathon Foundation COVID-19 Relief Fund launch: **Monday 04 May**
- Application period: **Monday 04 May – Friday 22 May**
- The Swimathon Foundation funding review panel: **Monday 25 May- Friday 29 May**
- Applicants notified by: **Friday 5 June**

Questions

If you have any queries, please access the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you don't find an answer then please contact info@swimathon.org and we will endeavour to provide you with an answer within two working days.

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