



Covid-19 Response and Recovery Evaluation Report

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Foreword

Foreword from our CEO, Ruth E Willis and our Chair, Chris Booth-Mayblin



We are enormously proud of the positive difference South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF) has made to communities across the region during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our grants ensured isolating older people didn't go hungry in the first weeks of the crisis and enabled vital charities to reopen their doors safely as South Yorkshire progressed out of the first lockdown.

Together with our partners, we helped and supported a huge range of beneficiaries and communities impacted by Covid-19 in 2020 and this report will highlight some of that incredible work.

Thanks to funding predominantly from the National Emergencies Trust in partnership with the UK Community Foundation, as well as local funders and donors, SYCF was able to award much needed grants to those community organisations working on the frontline.

Through our partnership work with local donors and funders, we were able to increase our grant-making fund to over £1.5million. Over a 6-month period we were able to support nearly 400 organisations with their work to address emergency needs such as distribution of food and other essential items to isolated people, to support mental health services including addressing problems of social isolation and providing information and advice to vulnerable communities.

In this report we'll share stories of the impact our grants had on groups like Foodhall Project, who filled emergency food parcels for people experiencing food insecurity and Rotherham Community Transport who organised free transport for front-line NHS workers. Our grant to Second Generation provided a weekly hot meal service to elders and the vulnerable of Doncaster's Caribbean community and our funding to Exodus Project in Barnsley supported their efforts to distribute surplus food to vulnerable families. We're proud to share the work of these groups and many more within this report.

Despite the closure of the SYCF office in March 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, all our employees worked from home to continue our partnership work and the grant awarding process, to provide much-needed support for our communities.

This report covers the impact of the Covid-19 Response and Recovery grant programme. However, it also highlights the lessons we learnt as a funder and a need to continue to work differently going forward. This is an ongoing process, and we are determined to address inequalities that have been highlighted in the region.



Foreword

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“ Our work with building stronger and more resilient communities is our core business and we continue to strive in achieving this with our partners.

We would like to thank those individuals, funders and organisations who donated to the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

We would also like to thank the Covid-19 Response and Recovery panel members who volunteered their time and energy tirelessly throughout the initial 6 months of the pandemic.

Our biggest thank you is to the grant beneficiaries who provided those urgent community services, and continue to do so today, as their commitment and dedication to addressing the challenges of the pandemic is amazing.

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Ruth E Willis, CEO



Professor Chris Booth-Mayblin

Purpose

This report will provide an overview of the challenges faced by communities in South Yorkshire due to the Covid-19 pandemic and how South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF) and its partners helped make a difference.

It looks at what steps SYCF took to support the community through grant making and other resources, highlighting several community groups that received funding throughout the region and providing a breakdown of our funding distribution and focus.

This aims to review the value found in working in partnership throughout the pandemic response, and how mutual aid and a collaborative spirit and approach made a difference to the response and recovery.

We also consider lessons learned and how this will inform our work in the future.

Introduction

The impact of Covid-19 in South Yorkshire was felt deeply by community organisations and charities who faced enormous challenges.

Groups who had been delivering vital face-to-face services could no longer do so as staff were forced to work remotely and without essential equipment. Shops and cafes had no choice but to close their doors.

The voluntary and community sector in South Yorkshire felt the full impact of these closures and the decrease in capacity. Demand for many services was increasing as capacity to deliver was severely stretched.

Overview of the local challenge

Deaths from Covid-19 nationally were disproportionately higher¹ amongst older people, people with known long-term health conditions, people from deprived areas, men, and within Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups².

These statistics are reflected in Yorkshire where health inequalities have exacerbated the impact of Covid-19 in areas of deprivation and on minoritized groups³.

SYCF has played a vital role in ensuring its grant-making addresses these health inequalities. The focus of the SYCF Covid Response and Recovery fund has supported those disproportionately affected by the pandemic and strengthened the health & wellbeing of our communities.

How SYCF helped to make a difference

SYCF needed to act quickly to respond to the needs of the community, and we launched our first emergency funding grants on 26th March 2020, within days of the start of the first lockdown, this was before many funders had launched their response. SYCF launched a Coronavirus Response Resources page on our website to provide information and support to the community groups and charities working in our region. The page was updated frequently to ensure the most up to date resources were available. SYCF was praised by NAVCA for our role in the Voluntary Community Sector Emergencies Partnership to help co-ordinate the local response against Covid-19, sharing insight, information and supporting local community groups through funding.

Webinars for underrepresented groups

Black, Asian, and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴, as well as groups supporting people with disabilities were affected particularly badly by Covid-19 but have often been under-served by funders in the past. SYCF organised two webinars designed to support those working with these communities to apply for Covid-19 Response Grants of up to £5,000. The webinars explained what the fund was and how to apply. The webinar for Black, Asian, and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ attracted 50 attendees and the webinar for groups supporting people with disabilities had 24 attendees.

Feedback following these events was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of respondents from Black, Asian, and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ saying they would be applying for a grant, 91% of respondents saying they felt more confident in applying and 100% rating the session as good or very good.

Respondents to a survey following the webinar for groups supporting people with disabilities, which was supported by a BSL interpreter, described it as “informative” and “very clear and helpful”. 89% of respondents rated the session as good or very good.

In total, 23% of our Covid-19 Response Grants were awarded to organisations supporting Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ and organisations supporting people with disabilities.



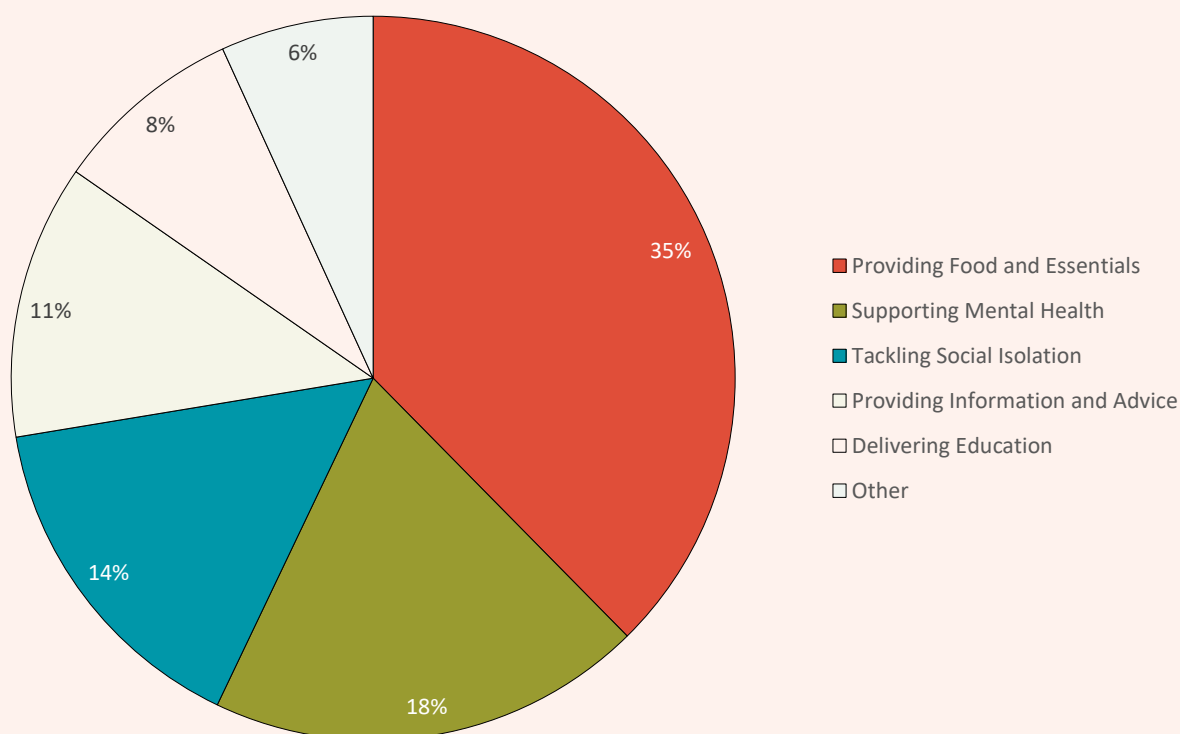
How the grants were distributed (include Foundation response)

Covid-19 Response Grants

The initial grant support from SYCF was the Covid Response programme. The overall aim of the programme was to effectively and efficiently support local voluntary and community organisations that were helping vulnerable people impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Grants up to £5,000 were available.

Covid-19 Response & Recovery Grants

In July, we launched the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Awards programme to continue our support of the voluntary sector, as many organisations faced a daunting recovery period after the first lockdown. The Covid-19 Response Awards and the Covid-19 Response and Recovery Awards programmes combined awarded £1.5 million to over 300 charities, social enterprises and community groups to projects involving over 10,645 volunteers and directly supporting an estimated 312,481 people. Around a third of this funding went to support the distribution of food and other essentials to those in isolation or otherwise not able to access it, 18% went to support mental health services, 14% to groups addressing problems of social isolation, and about 11% to organisations providing information and advice, particularly important for getting vital public health messages out to vulnerable communities.



Funding impact

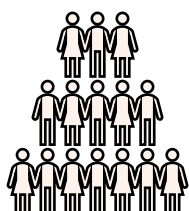


£1,543,568.17

Total grants awarded

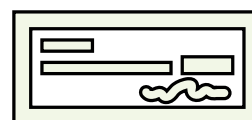
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Total no. of people benefitting from the grants distributed



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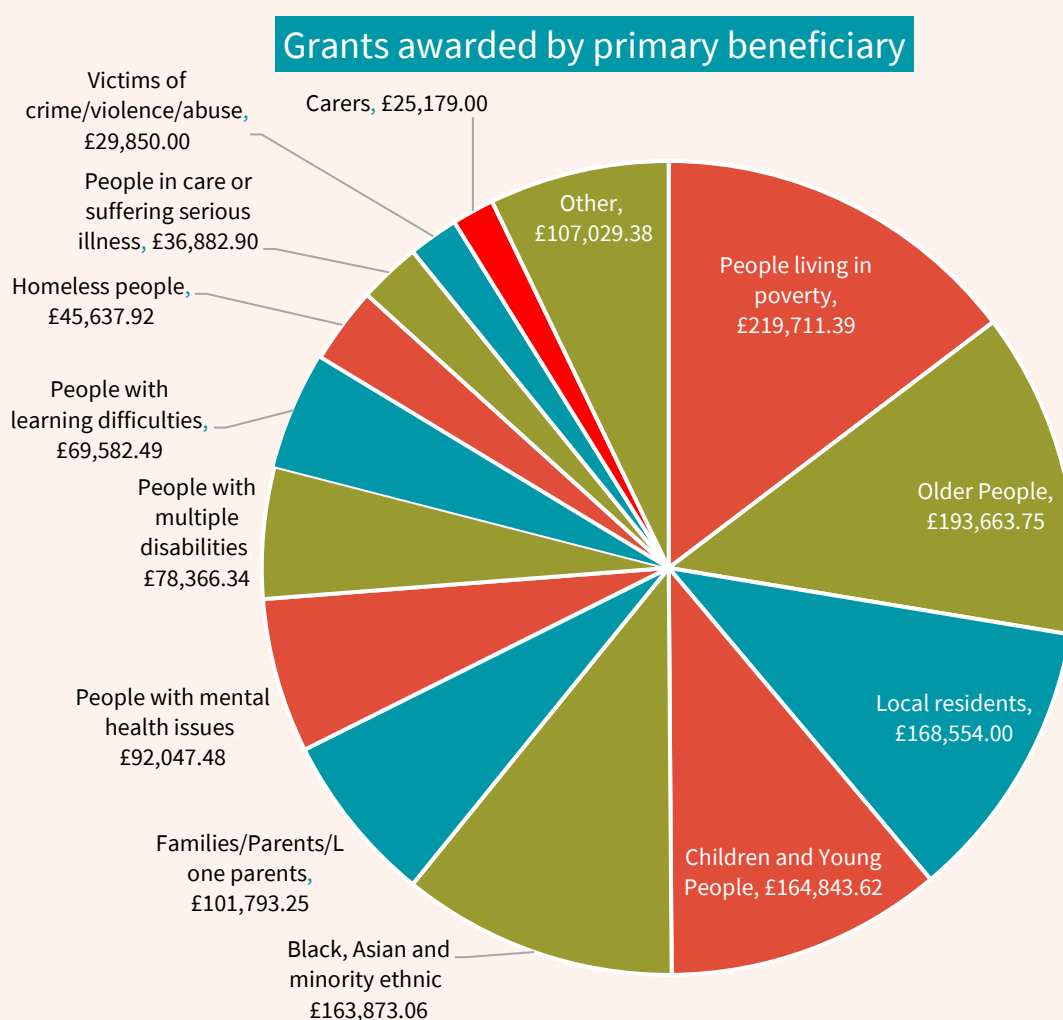
Total number of organisations funded



Funding impact

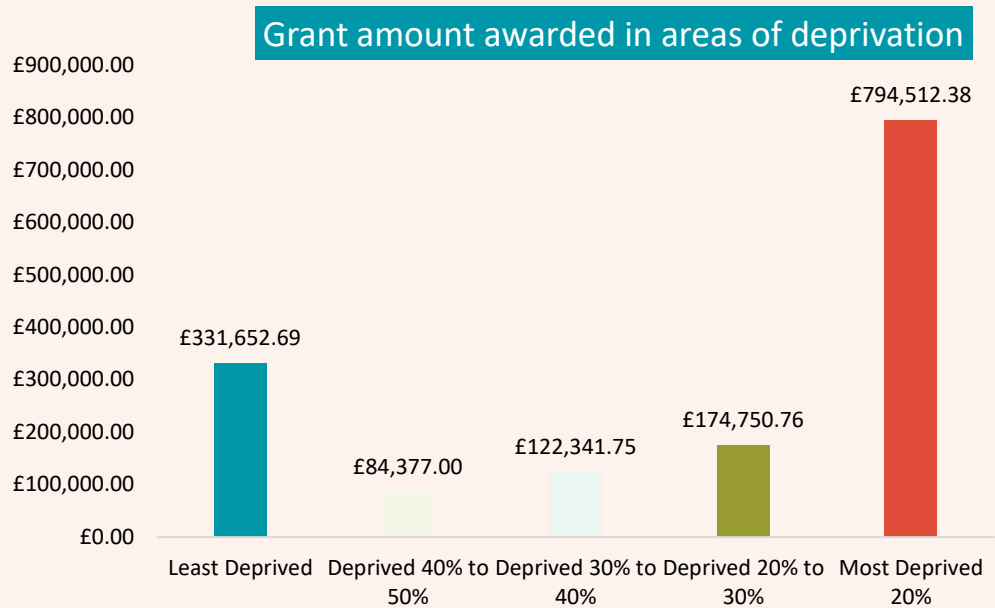
A breakdown of the grants awarded by each local authority area in South Yorkshire indicates that most of the funding was distributed within Sheffield which has the highest population within the region. Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham received similar amounts of funding to each other.

- **Sheffield:** £750,069.25
- **Rotherham:** £260,342.49
- **Doncaster:** £252,734.09
- **Barnsley:** £248,868.75

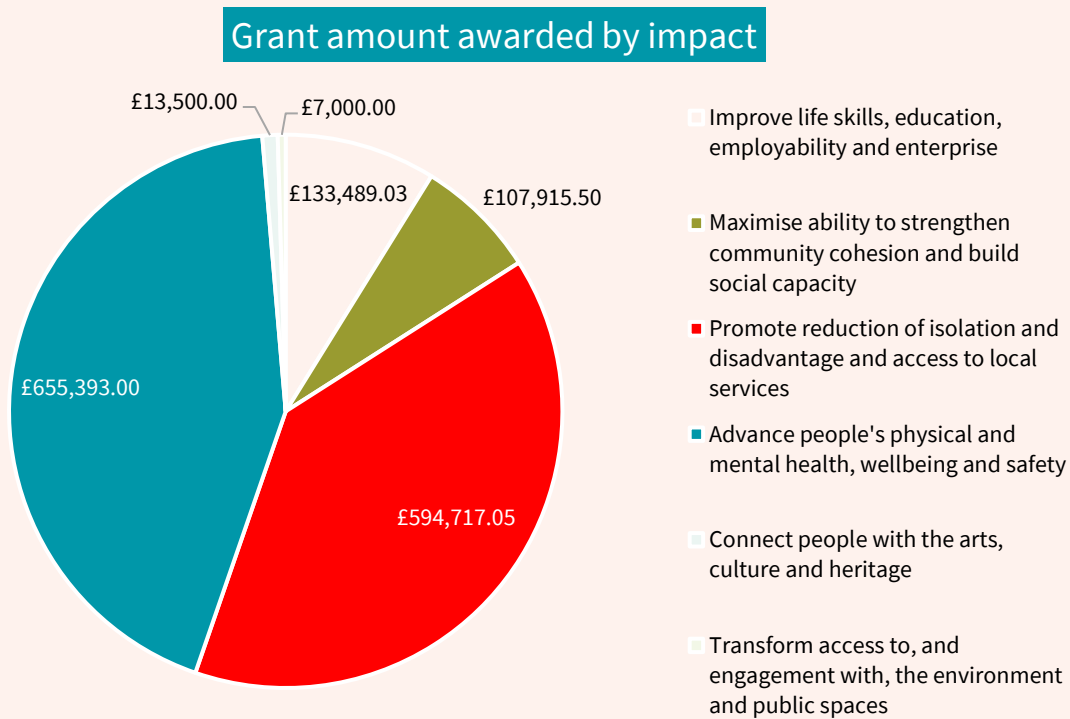


Deaths from Covid-19 were disproportionately higher amongst older people, people with known long-term health conditions, people from deprived areas, men, and within Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups. Our funding supported these priority areas.

Funding impact



This graph shows that more than half of the total grant amount awarded by SYCF went to the most deprived areas of our region. SYCF monitors deprivation levels in the region using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD), which are datasets used to classify the relative deprivation of small areas. Multiple components of deprivation (including income, employment, education, health, crime, barriers to housing and services, and living environment) are weighted with different strengths and compiled into a single score of deprivation.



The impact on individuals and community groups

Foodhall Project, Sheffield £5,000

The £5,000 grant received from SYCF was spent entirely on groceries and hygiene products used to fill emergency food parcels for people in need or experiencing food insecurity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 13 weeks, the group fed over 10,000 people through their scheme, cooked nearly 20,000 prepared meals, and gave out enough food to feed an adult 3 meals a day for over 90 years of their life. They received an amazing response from their community. Each week, over 90 people volunteered from their pool of 150 active volunteers and 5,000+ hours throughout the course of the lockdown and subsequent weeks.



“Those who have received our parcels have expressed how much of a lifeline they found it and what a difference receiving a free, no-questions-asked parcel of support delivered to their homes”



A parent of a child with considerable additional needs received parcels, who were struggling with lockdown in their own home, with the school closed. Looking after her child was a lot of hard work and required her to be there for them around the clock. Doing a food shop in a busy supermarket with long queues was not a possibility for her, and her child hated the experience of being in a supermarket and wearing a mask. Receiving a food parcel from Foodhall Project meant she was able to get food for her family without this stress; she was able to spend more time with her family at home; and her child was less distressed.

The impact on individuals and community groups

Second Generation, Doncaster £4,500

Second Generation provided a weekly hot meal service to elders and the vulnerable of Doncaster's Caribbean community during the lockdown.

The service provided 60 culturally appropriate meals for the elders each week for a period of 8 weeks. They also supplied pass time activities for those who requested it including adult games, puzzles and exercise equipment.

Many of those targeted for the group's service were elderly and advised not to leave their homes during the lockdown, were having difficulty obtaining a culturally appropriate meal and, in some cases, socially isolated. Some had little social contact with others.

The weekly meal service not only provided a hot meal for the elderly but also allowed those without immediate family to have a doorstep chat and pass on any issues and concerns they had. In the later weeks many recipients looked forward to seeing the meals being delivered.



"Second-Generation were contacted if we could help an elderly gentleman. He commented to a neighbour on how he was having great difficulty obtaining Caribbean food while socially isolating. His daughter, during normal times would help him, but she had been called away on business, days before the lockdown. He looks forward to receiving his meal on Fridays, he wishes that it could continue for ever, like many others in the community."

The impact on individuals and community groups

Globalmama Enterprises Ltd, Sheffield £4,600

Globalmama cooked and delivered hot lunches to vulnerable Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴, bringing them weekly supermarket essentials, and helping them with their laundry.

They also carried out one unexpected activity: helping these vulnerable people set up WhatsApp to access their community support chat groups and important government guidelines.

The group coordinated a rotating team of volunteers at home kitchens around Sheffield, providing healthy and hot lunches to 51 vulnerable members of the Somali and refugee community of inner-city Sheffield.

Over 12 weeks from June – September, they:

- Cooked and delivered over 3,000 meals. Their beneficiaries included elderly people over 60, people with disabilities, those with health problems and people who were shielding.
- Provided lunches for five families who were suffering from Covid-19, providing them meals for three weeks whilst they were isolating.
- Helped 60 people with their shopping, providing a weekly care package of supermarket essentials, such as tea, milk, and sugar.
- Helped 51 people with their laundry.



Globalmama said: “Our activities made a huge difference to people’s lives in what was an extremely challenging time for them. Our hot meals not only supported people financially, it also reduced depression. The food we delivered was healthy and tasty traditional Somali food, which is very rare to find here in Sheffield, so it reminded the elderly Somali members of the community of their home, and of happier times, and many said to us that it was the only thing keeping them going”

Asha Wacays said: “The lockdown was not an easy time and I wouldn’t have been able to cope without the help and support that I received from Globalmama. The hot lunches were delicious. I got fresh clean laundry whenever I needed. I got my weekly shopping delivered to my doorstep. The WhatsApp group chat is what I needed most, not only to be able to communicate with other members of the community but also to talk to my family in Somalia”

The impact on individuals and community groups

Maltby Town Council, Rotherham £5,000

Maltby Town Council supported vulnerable people across Maltby during the Covid 19 outbreak, including families with children eligible for free school meals, older people, those with long term health conditions and pregnant women.

This help included setting up a telephone system where people who were self-isolating and/or had no funds to purchase food could call the Town Council and they would dispatch a food parcel to them via one of the volunteers.



They also set up a befriending service, so the elderly had people calling them regularly for a chat to see if they needed anything and that they were eating correctly.

“ One lady I spoke to hadn't had food for 4 days and had nothing in the house, one elderly gentleman drank sour milk and was terribly ill. I do believe we have made a significant difference to so many people ”

Wildings Community Group, Doncaster £2,100



Wildings Community Group delivered face to face sessions outdoors in small groups to improve wellbeing through nature connection using the forest school ethos in a woodland environment.

They also produced 100 activity packs for children to reconnect them with nature whilst on their daily walk and encourage physical exercise and improve mental wellbeing with nature activities and crafts.

“ I had not seen my friends for a long time as school had been shut and I had really been struggling with my anxieties. The time outdoors was really important for me and I was able to talk about some of my worries and I felt really relaxed and happy. Being able to attend these sessions was really important for me ”

The impact on individuals and community groups

Family Voice, Sheffield

£4,930



Family Voice Sheffield received funding to give general support, financial aid, donation packs, groceries information and referrals to families and individuals at risk during lockdown.

This grant enabled them to respond to the needs of the vulnerable women they work with, and many new women who were referred to them at that time.

Being so positively active whilst others haven't been able to run their services, meant their help became even more valuable.

Quote from a volunteer about the projects:

The whole project just makes people feel good - those who are donating, sorting, delivering and receiving - everyone feels better for it

They have developed new skills and an ability to respond, their confidence has increased and they have expanded. Because of their high profile during these months, they became more recognised and they have since developed and expanded.

At a time of great stress, they were able to connect with hundreds of mums and send specific activities for their children.

It was a great way of keeping in touch and keeping people connected to improve their mental health. They achieved far more than they ever hoped they could under the circumstances.

Quotes from parents

I couldn't believe it for the first time in weeks she sat there just drawing and playing for a whole hour by herself!

Thank you for our beautiful bundle of love

You've done so much for us it makes such a big difference and always makes me feel happier



The impact on individuals and community groups

Exodus Project, Barnsley £2,262

Exodus Project's core work with children and young people was suspended in late March 2020 after the Prime Minister's announcement that all non-essential social gatherings should cease.

This stopped their weekly activity clubs, camps, home visits and community partnership activities.

Their efforts to support the vulnerable families they had always worked with included distributing surplus food to families in need or in isolation.

🔗 *We routinely visited 25 families, benefitting approximately 115 people.* 🔗



Doncaster Deaf Trust £5,000

Doncaster Deaf Trust purchased seven laptops and software for students who are deaf and/or have Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), so that they were able to connect with staff and other students.



All the children have disabilities and many suffer from social isolation in normal circumstances.

The first lockdown allowed the group to set up on-line support groups, help with their mental health, send out schoolwork.

🔗 *Four of the students actually cried when they got their laptop, they were so overwhelmed. Students were able to see and communicate with their school friends.*

Most of our students with ASC learn best in a secure environment, where they are able to follow a very similar pattern each day. 🔗

Adding value through working together

SYCF joined 350 funders from across sectors who came together to sign a joint statement pledging to offer support to civil society groups affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

Organisations from across the funding spectrum and across the country recognised that Covid-19 was an exceptional event that would almost certainly affect charity staffing and that beneficiaries might need to be supported differently during such unprecedented times.

In June 2020, SYCF also joined forces with other funders in Sheffield and South Yorkshire to explore how we could be more collaborative and avoid duplication while supporting our communities and third sector.

The group came together to share valuable intelligence, gain insights into community responses and to discover where the current gaps were, as well as to look beyond the immediate emergency response, to develop relationships that supported and enabled recovery and rebuilding in the months and years ahead.

SYCF was lucky to have partners in the community doing critical work which informed our own response. Voluntary Action Sheffield (VAS) developed a Covid Support Map which detailed support offered by street level groups such as mutual aid and community hubs. The map was 'live' and a work in progress with various filters to help users narrow down their searches. It pointed to where people could go to get information or support, or to volunteer.

SYCF published a statement⁵ on our website regarding Covid-19 funding support for Black, Asian, and other minoritised ethnic groups, as it became increasingly clear that the pandemic was having a disproportionate impact on those communities.

Gift of the People, Barnsley £4,601



Gift of the People delivered necessary food to their local community during the pandemic, helping the vulnerable, those self-isolating and those struggling with the effects of Covid-19.

They supported an elderly estate housing including 120 pensioners for 15 weeks, in addition they delivered 1,118 food parcels, over 29,000 items of food distributed and sending up to 90+ parcels out per week.

Many of the people we helped have stated that if we didn't step in to provide support, they're not sure what they would have done as they didn't know what options were available to them

Adding value through working together

S2 Food Poverty Network, Sheffield **£25,000**

S2 Food Poverty Network acted as bankers for the Sheffield Foodbank Network – a group of 15 active foodbanks in Sheffield.

They distributed any funds raised through their Covid-19 appeal equally amongst the foodbanks.

The group saw a huge increase in demand for food parcels while at the same time having to reduce how often they were open. They were struggling to secure the food needed due to the restrictions posed by supermarkets.

This was particularly invaluable to the older generation who, due to self-isolation, were at risk of malnourishment.

Voluntary Action Sheffield reported that in the week beginning 20th April 2020, 3,152 people were helped by Sheffield Foodbanks, in 1,464 households.

There was a huge rise in demand for Foodbanks, most experienced between a 50% and a 400% increase in demand.

The £25,000 funding was split equally amongst the 15 active Foodbanks in Sheffield.



Rotherham Community Transport **£5,000**

Rotherham Community Transport worked in partnership with Cawthorne's Travel to provide free transport for front-line NHS workers during the lockdown period to get them to and from their place of work.

Due to a reduction in public transport services in South Yorkshire, some nurses and other NHS workers were having to travel for more than 3 hours a day to get to work. The project aimed to cut down their journey time and boost their morale. The grant enabled them to provide transport for over 100 nurses and frontline NHS staff to get to and from work.



Adding value through working together

The South Yorkshire Community Sector Resilience survey carried out by SYCF and partners in the region with support from the University of Sheffield, revealed the following insights a few months into the first lockdown:

- The Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing lockdown had a profound impact on the community sector across South Yorkshire, but that impact varied by the type, size and location of community organisations
- Small to medium sized community organisations (with annual turnover of £10k-500k) were particularly hard-hit by the crisis. Between 60% and 70% of these organisations reported they were financially sustainable for six months or less.
- 96% of organisations with an annual turnover of £10k-100k had to put some or all of their services on hold during the crisis (despite a third of them seeing increased demand for their services at that time)
- Organisations with an annual turnover of £100k-500k furloughed 65% of all their employees

In response to the survey results SYCF set up the Covid-19 Community Resilience Programme to support the resilience of organisations delivering essential services to vulnerable people and recognising that at the very moment when our communities needed them the most, charities and community organisations saw their income devastated by Covid-19 and the lockdown.

We shared information about applications received and grants awarded on a regular basis with all four Community Voluntary Sector organisations in the region: Barnsley CVS, Voluntary Action Doncaster, Voluntary Action Rotherham, and Voluntary Action Sheffield, and our CEO met with the Chief Executives of all four on a regular basis.

The South Yorkshire Community Resilience Fund made grants to charities and community organisations with the aim to:

- Ensure essential services were provided to vulnerable people, both in the short and long term through increased community support for the work of charitable organisations.
- Reduce closures of charities that provide essential services to vulnerable groups during the Covid-19 crisis by ensuring they had the financial resources to operate, thereby reducing the burden on public services.
- Sustain vital charitable work due to the added pressures brought about by Covid-19 and different fundraising techniques.
- Fund those charities and community organisations adjusting their services and activities to respond to future delivery.

Evaluation – Lessons learnt

Responding to the demand for support and need from our community presented a huge challenge to the staff and trustees of the Foundation, who responded quickly with our online resources page and emergency funding.

We fast tracked our grants process to get support out to the community as quickly as possible. This meant a simpler application form, a streamlined process of due diligence for organisations previously funded, and weekly grants panels to ensure we could review applications for funding on a rolling basis. As a result, the average time from application to payment of a Covid-19 Response and Recovery grant was significantly shorter compared to our regular Community Grants.

The statistics below demonstrates the increase in funding awarded overall in 2020 due to the pandemic compared to 2019 and 2021.

Year	Number of records	Amount Awarded	Number of beneficiaries	<p>Out of the 383 total awards given out through our Covid-19 Response and Recovery Grants, 109 were first time applicants to the Foundation.</p> <p>We committed additional resources to working with underrepresented groups with successful webinars held for groups led by Black, Asian other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ and groups supporting people with disabilities, encouraging them to apply for grants.</p>
2019	870	£1,233,890.20 avg £1,418.26	281,926	
2020	1,496	£3,877,126.60 avg £2,591.66	669,653	
2021	313	£1,965,553.43 avg £6,279.72	1,556,049	

As a result of the overwhelmingly positive response to these, we have committed to offering webinars for all our grant programmes going forward, to support groups with the application process.

Covid-19 disproportionately affected Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups in South Yorkshire⁶, exacerbating existing inequalities in areas experiencing higher levels of deprivation⁷. SYCF responded by directing 52% of our Covid-19 Response and Recovery grants to groups with Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ as the primary and/or secondary beneficiary.

Through SYCF's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) working group, the Inclusion Action Plan sets out key objectives, from short to long term, in embedding EDI practices and principles across our organisation. This includes ongoing monitoring of our funds awarded to Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups⁴ in South Yorkshire grants, exploring how to build on our work with mutual aid groups and Anchor Organisations in these communities. This will also include looking at SYCF's funding resources, bringing in representative donors from our communities and to use the Foundation's leverage within the region and expertise in grant distribution to bring in additional resources.

What next?

Our fast-tracked grants process showed that funds can be distributed extremely quickly and efficiently when necessary, and that due diligence can be tailored and streamlined. This has been carried forward into our other grant making programmes.

The attendance at and feedback on our webinars for underrepresented groups showed that this targeted approach is essential as part of our general community outreach and grants support.

SYCF recently published its Vital Signs 2021 report¹⁰ and identified the four most important needs across the region after a year dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Listening to those voices with lived experience across South Yorkshire through community surveys, focus groups and using a combination of local knowledge and official research data to measure the vitality of a community, the four needs have been identified as: Crime and Safety, Disadvantage and Inequality, Work and the Local Economy and Mental Health.

In response to the Vital Signs research, we have launched ‘Moving On Up’: our Young People Employment and Employability programme where our ambition is to help inspire and prepare young people for the fast-changing world of work. We aim to do this by funding community organisations that are providing support to address the key social issue of youth unemployment, and who are working specifically with vulnerable and marginalised young people. ‘Moving On Up’ has been co-designed by organisations working with young people, reflecting a need identified in our Vital Signs community consultation research.

The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have undoubtedly exacerbated unemployment for young people, where three out of five job losses were from people under the age of 30 (ONS, 2021). Compounded by the current changing economic landscape in South Yorkshire, where communities are facing a ‘cliff edge’ withdrawal of financial support from benefits and temporary measures such as the furlough scheme. Young people are also most concerned of all age groups, that their ability to find and progress in a job will be hindered by their mental health – and they are the age group most concerned that their mental health will be affected if they don’t have good opportunities in the labour market in the future¹¹.

Through ‘Moving On Up’ we aim to inspire the next generation by removing barriers to employment and connecting young people with opportunities to engage with businesses and employers.

This is a multi-year grants programmes which aims to invest in young people from the age of 14 years, supporting pre-employability skills up to and including employment opportunities. This shift to thematic grant programmes reflects our new strategic objectives for 2021-2026 which incorporate new approaches to grant-making and collaborative partnerships to strengthen communities.

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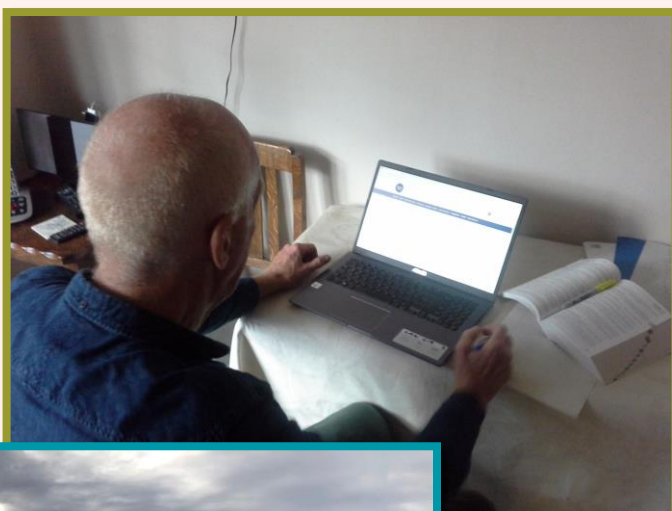
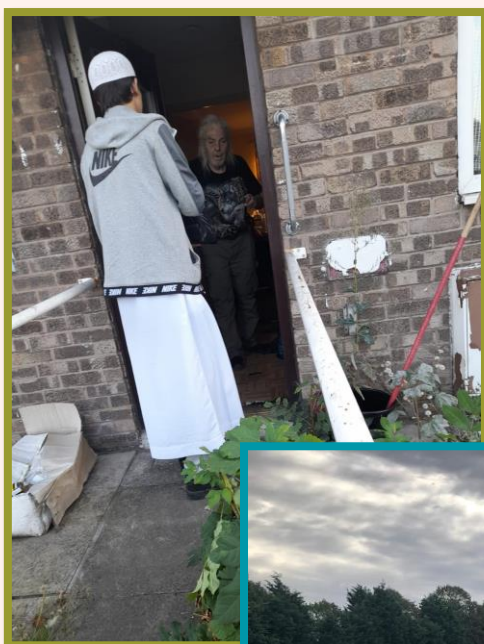
Heartfelt thanks go to our donors, including individuals and charitable trusts, without whom our Covid-19 Response and Recovery grants and our Community Resilience grants would not have been possible.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to SYCF's Covid-19 Response and Recovery panel who worked tirelessly to review Covid-19 grant applications on a weekly basis, as well as our Covid-19 Community Resilience fund panel.

Our thanks and appreciation go to our local Community and Voluntary Sector organisations: Barnsley CVS, Voluntary Action Doncaster, Voluntary Action Rotherham, and Voluntary Action Sheffield, as well as UK Community Foundation (UKCF).

And finally, a huge thanks to the Trustees and the staff at SYCF and South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau.

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How SYCF helped to make a difference

⁴We have avoided use of the term BAME throughout this report as it has been highlighted as homogenising and confusing by some of the organisations we have worked with on this fund. Instead, we have used “Black, Asian and other minoritised ethnic groups” in line with our colleagues at UKCF. We are reflecting on how we can improve the language we use to reflect the distinct but unique needs of those communities who experience racial inequity.

Adding value through working together

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Evaluation – Lessons learnt

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