

MPF bulletin #15

Dear colleague,

This is the 15th bulletin of the [Members' Policy Forum](#), ACF's initiative that aims to increase opportunities for all our members to engage directly with ACF's policy work, raise issues of interest and concern, and regularly engage with policy-makers in government. Please share with any colleagues or trustees that might be interested and encourage them to sign up by emailing policy@acf.org.uk. Here are the latest updates:

- **Fraud guidance and webinar (28 May, 11-12)** – ACF will soon be publishing updated guidance on tackling grant fraud. To mark its launch, we will be hosting a webinar with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and an expert in fraud and cybercrime. [Find out more and book here](#).
- **Covid-19** – ACF continues to work alongside charity sector infrastructure bodies to ensure that charities are factored into the Westminster government's support provisions. Last month [government announced a £750m package for charities](#), including a grant through the National Lottery Community Fund, a contribution to the National Emergencies Trust, and funds to be distributed through government departments. This is a welcome first step; our work now aims to ensure charities are not forgotten going forward. We are also engaging with officials in government departments to inform them of the funding landscape and share best practice in grant-making.

Updates from ACF

- **New report on strategy and governance** – ACF has published the third report arising from the Stronger Foundations initiative, setting out seven pillars of excellent practice in strategy and governance. [Read it here](#).
- **Funders' News goes online only** – As we adapt to the changing context for our members, our newsletter *Funders' News* is now being sent electronically every two weeks for the foreseeable future. [Read the latest issue here](#), and make sure you receive it directly by:
 - [Creating an account on our website](#)
 - [Updating your communications preferences](#)

As ever, please feel free to raise any questions or issues with us on ACF's or your own policy work.

Best wishes,

The ACF policy team