CIC support information

How do I get support to pay my staff?
The government has announced that organisations, including CICs, will get support to help them pay wages. Employers will be able to contact HMRC for a grant to cover most of the wages of their workforce who remain on payroll but are temporarily not working during the coronavirus outbreak. Any employer in the country - small or large, charitable, CIC and/or non-profit - will be eligible for the scheme. Further details at Business Support website.

Can I apply for Government Support?
Yes. The Government is supporting all businesses, including CICs, and their employees through a package of measures during this period of unprecedented disruption. The Business Support website has been established to provide the right support, advice and information to help with the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on businesses. Details on how to access the support that has been made available, who is eligible, when the schemes open and how to apply are here. The Business Support website will continue to be updated as new information becomes available.

Can I access other support available to the non-profit sector?
Possibly. This will depend on the scheme and the nature of your organisation. Many Social Enterprise bodies, who also support community interest companies, are providing bespoke advice and guidance which may be particularly helpful to CICs.

Is there CIC specific support?
The Government recognises the pressures that CICs, and the social enterprise sector more widely, is facing at this time. CICs are therefore eligible to access the range of government support packages being offered to business, subject to the specific requirements of each.

Contacting the Office
For the welfare of employees, the main office is now closed. Email them at: cicregulator@companieshouse.gov.uk and they will answer as soon as possible.