

COVENANT FUND LOCAL GRANTS AWARDS 2015/16

Organisation	Project Name	Award	Description
NORTHERN IRELAND			
Ballymacanallen Community Association	Mrs Sergeant's Boys	£4,715	This project will promote community integration by drawing 'then and now' comparisons between how serving personnel were treated by their wider local communities in WW1 and today. It will use a compelling, factual account of an ordinary family from a small community and how six brothers survived the conflict's horrors. This project brings commemorations to life; involving serving personnel, veterans and civilian communities. The presentation in booklet and DVD format will ensure a legacy for the incredible WW1 story to be told and retold to new audiences from schools to historical societies in years ahead. The equipment purchased for the project will also be reused for other local projects exploring Armed Forces history in the local area.
Ballymena Sea Cadets	Ballymena Sea Cadets Kayaking in Partnership with AAVSNI	£10,800	The project will enable sea cadets aged 10-18 to work together as a team using 10 modern kayaks purchased along with a kayak trailer, to transport the vessels and associated equipment. The children will gain water skills and develop confidence. The project will also support Armed Forces veterans - particularly injured veterans and their families.
The Army Sailing Association, Northern Ireland	ASA NI Inshore Fleet Replacement	£20,000	The organisation purchased a fleet of new dinghies to replace ageing craft that were unfit for purpose and becoming unsafe. This meant sailing courses and regattas could be held to bring civilian and Armed Forces communities together
Newtownards Sea Cadets	Newtownards Sea Cadets Boating	£19,306	The grant will fund the purchase of safety boats complete with trailers for a sea cadet unit. The equipment will allow the unit to expand, cadets would benefit from using the equipment to become more confident around the water and work efficiently as a team. The boats will also be used by veterans and their families.

Army Welfare Service Northern Ireland (AWS NI)	HEROS Programme (Hockey Education Reaching Out)	£19,612	The Hockey Education Reaching Out to Society (HEROS) programme is an initiative to encourage young people to form relationships across individual backgrounds, by breaking down barriers to integration. The project will use ice hockey as a way to engage the interest of a diverse group of young people, whilst promoting healthy eating, confidence, self-esteem, team working skills and physical activity. Wherever possible, the Army Welfare Service (AWS) will use military facilities.
38 (Irish) Bde	Horse-assisted coaching for empowerment, leadership	£20,000	having difficulty settling into or maintaining everyday life. The project involved the use of 'Equine therapy' where grooming and taking care of horses was used as a way by which veterans could relieve their anxiety. The course also provides information on accessing mental health advice and offers support in gaining employment.
SCOTLAND			
Highland Hall RBLs Nairn Branch	Legion Hall Solar	£7,200	The Legion Hall is used by 20+ local organisations throughout the year and donations are received from users only to cover the heating costs. This makes the venue accessible to all and provides strong focal point for events and community integration in a small town. Solar panels and improved insulation mean these costs can be kept down and will help ensure the future of Nairn branch.
Kinloch Historical Society	Our Military Connection - An Island Legacy	£11,700	The project will secure a collection of 24 uniforms and other artefacts in one space, spanning from the Zulu war and WW1 to more recent tours to Afghanistan through an earlier exhibition, which brought organisers into contact with a collector and a local historian. It is a lasting memorial to those who served or are currently serving and is a unique piece of work, which champions the Armed Forces, brings veterans together to share experiences and fosters development of stronger ties with younger generations through schools. Community integration is at the heart of the exhibition; and it will be designed to break down barriers and improve understanding of the roles of regulars and reservists. It will be a permanent exhibition and a local focal point in the heart of the Island of Lewis community, where people can better understand the role of the Armed Forces and feel more enabled in helping those returning from service to reintegrate.

Helensburgh Sea Cadets (Ts Neptune)	Helensburgh Sea Cadets replacement minibus	£15,000	This project will provide the Sea Cadet unit with a replacement mini bus. The Cadets are from Armed Forces Families and the local civilian community. Transport is essential to the unit, specifically to collect the cadets for drill evenings and get them home safely afterwards. The new minibus will mean that more junior cadets can be included, and the group will be able to tow boats to safe water enable the Cadets to take part in sailing and canoeing.
Orkney Sea Cadets	Minibus and Garage for Orkney's Junior Uniformed Groups	£15,000	This project will provide a minibus and storage for junior uniformed groups based in Orkney. It will be used by Cadet groups and Scout groups; enabling young people to engage in a range of positive activities
Rosie Kay Dance Company Ltd	5 Soldiers- The Body is The Frontline Scottish Tour and Community Engagement Programme	£18,000	Soldiers toured Scotland to bring an acclaimed dance act to theatres and Armed Forces venues. The work, Five Soldiers, is a moving and unique exploration into how important the human body is to warfare - even in the 21st Century. The events will include a professional show, post show talks with Armed Forces and arts representation plus additional performances by local groups at each location. At its core, the project is about transforming perceptions and building bridges between the Scottish Armed Forces and civilian communities.
Macrobert Arts Centre Limited	A season of '5 Soldiers: The body is the frontline	£19,917	This grant is to host a season of the work, Five Soldiers, a moving and unique exploration into how important the human body is to warfare - even in the 21st Century. The events include a professional show, post show talks with the Armed Forces and arts representation plus additional performances by local groups at each location. At its core, the project is about transforming perceptions and building bridges between the Scottish Armed Forces and civilian communities. This grant will enable more local people to attend and engage with the performance
Sacro	The Veteran's Mentoring Service	£20,000	Sacro's Veterans Mentoring Service will work with local communities; military organisations and community based resources to apply a holistic multi-disciplinary approach to case managing vulnerable veterans. The significant sacrifice that many veterans have made for their communities is recognised, whilst the intensive peer mentoring approach assists veterans to cope with the transition into civilian life. The veterans will be encouraged and supported to seek employment or education, to offer peer support to other veterans and to take part in community based activities which support their continued development and enhance social inclusion.

TS Mountbatten Sea Cadets Unit No 17 - Ayr	Ayr Sea Cadets - Get Rowing 2016	£20,000	The project will provide funding for new boats and a trailer, which will be used by the Ayrshire Coastal Rowing Community as well as with partners within South Ayrshire Council, Primary Schools and Outdoor Learning & Active Schools teams. The boats will be used at local events.
Rhu & Shandon Community Centre	New Gas Central Heating System for Rhu & Shandon Community Centre	£20,000	Rhu and Shandon Community Centre opened in 1905 and since then has been serving the local community as a venue for a wide range of activities . The community centre is located near HMNB Clyde. The grant will enable this community centre to be refurbished with a new central heating system; so that it can continue to be a base for local activities that bring military and civilian communities together
Royal British Legion Scotland Grangemouth Branch	Legion Scotland Grangemouth Branch-Preparing For The Future	£20,000	This grant will fund refurbishments and improvements to the building, in particularly to meet the needs of older veterans, and to enable the building to be used by a variety of local organisations.
Salvation Army	New Future project	£20,000	The New Future project works with unemployed people to help them to move towards work and qualifications. This project offers opportunities for veterans to engage in mentoring activities.
St John and Red Cross Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)	Defence Medical Welfare Service - Highland & Grampian Welfare Support	£20,000	This project will provide a medical welfare service to the Armed Forces community in Highlands and Grampian council areas. The project will work with the NHS, LAs, AFs and the voluntary sector across parts of Scotland. It will facilitate referrals to other services, reduce inappropriate referrals, reduce likelihood of families getting into crisis and enable service users to access emotional and practical support to aid their recovery.
Housing Options Scotland	Military Matters - Housing Advice for Armed Forces Families	£20,000	Focusing on housing advice for the Armed Forces community in Scotland, the project will improve the quality of information and to especially support families who have 'fallen through the cracks.' The idea has been to focus specifically on coordination between MOD, serving units and families, to address gaps in provision of information and services (as highlighted by the Scottish veterans Commissioner and a report by Lord Ashcroft.
Citizens Advice Bureau West Lothian	First Contact	£2,160	The project design, produce and distribute a booklet, entitled 'Get Help ASAP' . This booklet outlined the services available from the Armed Services Advice Project within the areas of West Lothian, Midlothian, East Lothian and the City of Edinburgh.

B.A.S.I.C (SCIO)	B.A.S.I.C and Cornerhouse Crèche	£5,900	The creche cares for children aged 1-3; and is based near HMNB Clyde. It is used by members of the Armed Forces Community and Civilian communities, promoting integration
The First Base Agency	The Carnsalloch Veterans Garden Project	£7,500	This project will enable veterans to come together in a safe environment where people can be out in the fresh air. It will reduce isolation, and have a positive impact on wellbeing. Veterans can share positive time together; and be signposted to services that can meet wider needs. The grant will be used for equipment they need for their plant beds and greenhouses.
39 Engineer Regiment	Cumming Hall	£11,593	This grant will be used to obtain furniture for Cumming Hall; which is used by the Army Welfare Service and other organisations, and can be used as a space for community engagement activities
Combat Stress (Ex-Services Mental Welfare Society)	Tools for Life	£11,901	The organisation will invite 20 veterans of Combat Stress to take part in Common Wheel's 'Build Your Own Bike' course. This is to provide meaningful time and social interaction for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The ten week course is led by an experienced bike engineer within a full equipped professional workshop.
Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust	Hunters Tryst Woodland renewal	£18,200	The project will involve armed forces, their families and the wider community in a programme of community activity and participation session to transform, improve and maintain sections of urban woodland in Dreghorn/Colinton in south Edinburgh. The woodlands act as a very physical barrier between the predominantly military residential areas and the neighbouring civilian communities but have great potential as a valuable local amenity and as traffic-free connections through the surrounding areas.
Motherwell & Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau	Veterans Employability & Transition Support	£19,040	The organisation will employ an employability officer to deliver an employability programme across Lanarkshire that is suitable for veterans, early service leavers, serving personnel transition and those being discharged via ill health.
The Royal Caledonian Education Trust	Forces Kids Live	£19,480	The organisation will bring an original theatre production, 'Forces Kids' which piloted in 2015, to a range of additional schools across Scotland. The live drama takes key messages and presents them in an age appropriate way to primary age pupils. The production and learning resources aim to increase awareness of the challenges Armed Forces children could face, in particular dealing with separation and moving schools, to improve teachers' knowledge and confident to support armed forces children, and to increase opportunities for young peoples' voices to be heard in respect of the support they receive.

Project 81 Youth and Community Enterprise Ltd	Integra81	£19,680	The project is intended to increase the numbers of Armed Forces families using the facilities available at Centre 81 and the services provided by their youth initiative. Staff time will be dedicated to reaching out to armed forces families, to understand the barriers for them in accessing the services and take action to reduce or eliminate those, and to improve delivery of services.
Scottish Association for Mental Health	SAMH Veterans families employment support	£19,681	SAMH will deliver a pilot veterans' families employment support project in Edinburgh. The overall aim of the service is to improve employment prospects for this target group by delivery a holistic employment-focussed support incorporating elements of mental health support.
Women's Enterprise Scotland	Business ideas / startup education for spouses	£19,895	The funding will be towards a programme to inspire, motivate and inform forces spouses on the benefits and challenges of business creation and start-up.
St John and Red Cross Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)	Defence Medical Welfare Service - Lothian Welfare	£20,000	This project will support individuals from the Armed Forces Community (AFC) to ensure that they are referred to the right place to access the services they require. They will work with the NHS, and with veterans in hospital to provide additional support to try to reduce the length of stay in hospital, and help the veteran achieve better outcomes
The Tower Digital Arts Centre	Faslane Cinema Audio Upgrade	£20,000	The funding is to upgrade the sound system at the Tower Arts Centre. The Centre operates a cinema for MOD personnel outside the local base, and in the community. Families are brought by bus from HMNB Clyde to the town centre cinema.
Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage Group	A Permanent Record of Their Service	£20,000	The organisation will carry out an oral history project. They will interview service personnel to record their thoughts and experience and workshops will be arranged with organisations such as Legion Scotland Annan Branch and Dumfries RAF Association to encourage discussion. The aim of the project is to involve local people in recording the contribution to the defence of our country made by local armed forces personnel from WWII right up to the present day.
St. Mark's R.C. Primary School	Expanding Outdoor Learning opportunities	£19,200	The school will initiate an outdoor learning programme, co-ordinated with Scotland's Forest Schools. The experiences that children have can lead to an increase in self-reliance and hence an increase in self-esteem and self-confidence. This is especially important with the MOD children attending the school. Around 20% of the school's children are from MOD families.

Dementia Service Development Trust (DSDT)	Helpful hints for veterans with dementia	£20,000	Veterans Scotland and DSDT will pilot a support workshop scheme in Falkirk and District which provides advice to veterans and their families living with dementia. Workshops should empower those who attend, giving them the knowledge they need to live life to the full with a diagnosis of dementia
WALES			
Llangwm Community Centre	WW1 - A Village at War	£9,659	To commemorate the Battle of the Somme, Llangwm Community Centre in partnership with the local History Society and choir will have a concert performance of "WW1 - A Village at War", at St. David's Cathedral, Pembrokeshire. This will involve people from three local choirs including military wives. Links will be developed with local bases as part of the project
Time Banking Wales	The Adventures of Mrs RFA Orangeleaf and Friends	£15,950	The project will produce an animation based on the popular children's book series 'The Adventures Of Mrs. RFA Orangeleaf' written by Ex-serviceman Pierre Cornlouer. The author has 30 years experience of military conflict in the Armed Forces and in this book and subsequent film, aims to help children understand what the Services do. This animation would help families with small children understand the variety of duties our Armed Service personnel undertake, which are sometimes overlooked by the media. The voice over artists will be ex-forces personal some of whom have suffered from post traumatic stress and are disconnected from their very own community. This project will help integrate members of the forces back into the community as part of their resettlement, work through their experiences, develop skills and confidence, especially in communication, and enable their engagement in this wider community project. Young people from the Armed Forces cadets will also play a part in this project.
The Friends of The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum, Brecon	Never Forget Your Welsh Heroes	£18,951	The project will archive material from the Zulu War (1879), Boer War (1902) and all combat areas of WW1, scanning hundreds of documents and putting these online so that they can be accessed more widely. The documents include letters, diaries and photographs. Volunteers will transcribe the letters and diaries; and links will be made with other organisations
Gwynedd County Council	Strengthening Access to Support	£10,300	Gwynedd Council will lead on work to co-ordinate support services for current and former armed services personnel within Gwynedd. The council will run events, lead activities and undertake training to nurture public understanding and awareness of the issues affecting the armed forces community, and encourage integration

Amgueddfa Cymru National Museum Wales	Take a Seat	£16,350	This project will install a series of 15 benches along one of the pathways of the St Fagans National History Museum, involving local army veterans who each had mental health problems, and some with physical disabilities too. This will allow the site to become more accessible for disabled and elderly visitors, as each bench also had a wheelchair space beside it. St Fagans is a popular space with veterans, and allows them to relax in open space and socialise with peers.
Mount Street Infant and Nursery School	Mount Street Infants Community	£17,500	The school will develop an area of the playground to provide a social space for the parents of military and civilian children to meet informally before and after school. 30% of the school roll are service children and the transient service families sometimes have difficulty integrating into this small community.
West Wales Action for Mental Health	Veterans Lead Mental Health Development Worker	£20,000	The grant will fund a Veterans Lead Mental Health Development Worker to work with veterans with mental health needs
EAST			
Workshop Sea Cadets	Upgrade of Unit Staff and Male Cadet Facilities	£10,000	This refurbishment project will improve the facilities for the Cadets; and will mean that the facility can also be used by other groups in the local area; promoting integration
The Bridge for Heroes	Military Experience Day and Education Centre (MEDEC), Outreach project	£16,000	The project will deliver a number of integration events. It will train veterans in public speaking to empower them to deliver local talks and presentations; and a holiday club will be run to provide activities on site for children and young people. It will also include intergenerational events between veterans and young people.
Rosmini Centre Wisbech	Community - New friends, new places & new challenges.	£19,630	The project will engage with people who are socially isolated and who had previously found difficulty in making friends in the local area; targeted towards veterans but also open more widely. They will run a range of activities to reduce isolation, and will signpost people with needs to appropriate services.
Hartsbourne Primary School	The Decorated Duck (Pastoral Support Centre)	£19,659	This is the final stage of the 'Decorated Duck' building project, which will enhance the existing pre-fabricated community space to facilitate integration between Armed Forces and civilian parents and communities. Adding a timber-framed structure to provide a sheltered outdoor space will allow more activities to take place within a safe community café setting, which has improved disabled access, enhanced entry security, a parents waiting area and will include a children wall mural.

Goodwill Solutions (Community Interest Company)	ESTABLISH - A "wrap-around employability based support" project	£20,000	ESTABLISH will deliver targeted interventions to assist service leavers with the adjustment to civilian life and change their lives for the better - especially those involved in the criminal justice system and who would benefit from mentor and peer support through their transition. This will be achieved through a multi-agency approach, working in tandem with existing general local authority service provision, to address the myriad complex needs of individual veterans - leading to meaningful and sustainable self-progression.
Business in the Community	VETS East	£9,500	This project will improve existing transition support system in to a programme that provides employment outcomes for veterans and employers in East Anglia. This is in recognition of the issues faced by many service personnel when they seek employment following a period of deployment.
7 Infantry Brigade and Headquarters East	Toton Tigers U14 Tour 2016	£1,525	Funding will enable an under 14s football league to attend a tournament in Germany, against a team made up of service dependents. The grant covered the costs of tracksuits and team polo-shirts for the children. This will promote interaction from both service personnel and civilian groups.
Bassetlaw District Council	Wings over Worksop	£2,200	The project will deliver an event and a series of activities to commemorate Squadron Leader Wladyslaw Jan Nowak, as the first Polish pilot to shoot down a German plane at night, but also in his work to support refugee communities in Worksop after the war. The event will involve unveiling of a plaque memorial, a bench and the provision of fact sheets to the local junior and secondary school. A community event with representatives of Armed Forces and the Polish community will also be held, to celebrate the contribution of the Poles to the RAF.
7 Inf Bde and HQ East Personnel Recovery Unit	The ForcesBikeShed	£5,700	The grant will support the purchase of tools and equipment to support further development of the ForcesBikeShed and enable the project to become self sufficient. They will seek to look at ways to involve people from the local civilian population to promote community integration.
After Armed Conflict CIC	Community in uniform	£19,390	This project will enable civilian emergency service personnel and armed forces personnel to share their experiences of service and develop new networks of support. There will be three phase approach of outreach to existing organisations, creative workshops and events and at the end there will be a conference and exhibition of successes.

Digby War Memorial Hall Management Committee	Digby War Memorial Hall Refurbishment Project	£20,000	The grant will support the refurbishment of the Digby War Memorial Hall. There will be improvements to emergency lighting and the heating system. This will encourage a greater amount of users, and more activities being offered which promotes greater interaction.
23 Parachute Engineer Regiment & Sutton Heath Parish	Rock Barracks Skate Park	£20,000	This regiment is based in an isolated area. Funding will rebuild and refurbish an old, disused skate park, which is located in a military quarter area. There are a number of children living in the local area.
Lincolnshire County Council	Lincolnshire Memories and Memorials	£20,000	Funding will support the promotion of the previously Covenant funded project called 'Lincolnshire Memories and Memorials'. Young people will use the information gathered by the project and design, produce and promote a guided war memorial trail. This will promote integration by encouraging young people to hear the stories of veterans as they design this trail. The guided walks that the children design could further be used as a resource to promote awareness and understanding of the roles played by the Armed Forces in the local area.
The Matthew Project	Outside the Wire	£15,743	This project will target vulnerable veterans within the prison system in Norfolk. Funding will allow the appointment of a part time recovery work, who will build rapport with the veterans whilst still in prison, and support them once they are released.
LONDON			
Reading Force	Reading Force resource for welfare and pastoral support	£12,575	This project will produce an informative printed and electronic brochure resource for welfare/pastoral workers, espousing the benefits of shared reading for pleasure and mitigating life stress. Through this, the project aims to reach a wider audience and bring the benefits of shared reading to more Armed Forces children and their families – by supporting high quality family time especially during difficulties and challenges.
Ealing Cycling Campaign	Re-Cycle your way	£15,350	A bicycle recycling project with ex-service personnel and their families. Individuals will select a donated bike that requires repair and over the project's duration these are restored to a rideable condition, which they will then keep. Project provides skills workshop, means of personal transport and health and safety knowledge.
Islington Music Forum Ltd.	Key Changes Veterans Music Club	£18,550	A six-month programme of creative and vocational music activities, which promotes recovery from severe psychiatric illness for ex-serving personnel receiving treatment at the Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust London Veterans' Service.

Stoll - formerly Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation	Stoll in the Community	£19,600	The project aims to improve integration by increasing the charity's own profile amongst the wider civilian community - championing its work in support of vulnerable and disabled ex-service personnel – by engaging veterans with local schools to encourage WW1 and WW2 historical projects, tours, an archive and various community events.
Skills & Care CIC	Together We Grow	£20,000	Development of an allotment space provided by Greenwich local authority into a local meeting place for ex and serving personnel, their families and friends, involving refurbishment of an abandoned concrete shed into an info point, horticultural library and crafts shop. The wider site was cleared by Gurkha and civilian volunteers in readiness for the next stage of work. Activities on the site are tailored to different groups with horticulture-related training for e.g. wives, the elderly and people living with mental health issues.
Croydon Commitment Ltd	Armed Forces Community Lunch	£3,000	The project will deliver a Community Lunch in Croydon, providing an opportunity for networking. This project will invite veterans from the local area to share a meal and interact with civilians also. People from the local business community will also attend the Lunch and help in the delivery of the project. This will allow interaction between them and the ex-service personnel, encouraging conversations about business opportunities or skills training.
HMS President	Tower Hamlets Community Engagement Project	£10,960	The project will support students between the ages of 14 and 18, to access 5 days of sailing training with the Ocean Youth Trust South, which is a charity affiliated with the HMS PRESIDENT Royal Navy Reserves Unit. This project aims to provide young people with leaderships, team building and time management skills, whilst also fostering positive relations between the Navy unit and local schools and youth clubs.
Shared Enterprise CIC	Kingston Shared Enterprise Club	£19,475	This project will establish an entrepreneurial club in the heart of an estate in the local area. The estate has a large population of Armed Forces Personnel, and the club would allow a space within which members of both service and civilian groups could bond over shared interests and ideas. This club would take place fortnightly over a period of 9 months. Funding would also allow co-ordination of these projects, develop resources and invite external speakers.
Faith Matters Community Interest Company	Informing, Engaging and Supporting Joint Futures	£19,690	Deliver events in local schools to encourage integration; members of the Armed Forces will come in to schools to educate young people on the role the military play. A social media campaign to encourage the Muslim community to engage, and help reduce negative perceptions of the army.

Westminster Archives	Not Forgotten	£19,905	This project will educate local people about the important role played by the Armed Forces. Phase one involves commemoration of the Somme and the reinstallation of the Westminster Council Staff War Memorial. This will involve outreach sessions with children across ten different schools, and workshops at the Westminster Archives on the theme of conflict with a children's author. A service is also planned. The second phase will work with children involving them in Remembrance Week at Westminster Abbey. This includes Archive workshops, a visit to the local war memorial and to some military themed Museums.
The Royal Tank Regiment	RTR Military Ethos Rugby Project	£20,000	The Royal Tank Regiment will establish a rugby club for local youth, particularly from the Feltham Young Offenders Institution. The club will be run by military personnel, both serving and retired. The funding will be used for equipment and uniforms.
The Heritage of London Trust Operations Ltd	St George's, Woolwich: transition	£20,000	The project will bring new audiences to St George's, including local residents, community groups, local schools, young people, and visitors from outside the borough of Greenwich. The outreach events will raise the profile of the site amongst the local Woolwich communities and beyond, improving understanding of its significance as the remains of a Victorian church building, embodying the history of the Royal Artillery in Woolwich, as well as its more recent history. A downloadable Learning Pack will be an enduring legacy, and will continue to be promoted by the Woolwich Garrison Church Trust and by visiting schools.
NORTH EAST			
North Yorkshire County Council Carnagill & Wavell Children's Centre	Ride Safe Family Activities	£6,570	The project will deliver a range of youth and family cycling skills days to foster safer riding on public roads - delivered through the Children's Centre Network. There is a priority on this project to support integration and resettlement of returning military families to Catterick Garrison after postings elsewhere.
Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall	Topcliffe & Asenby Village Hall Improvements Project	£8,100	The grant will help to refurbish the community hall in a remote rural location; making the hall more suitable for a range of uses; and improving access for older and disabled people. This will enable more activities to be run which will bring the community together.

St Cuthbert's Community Hall, Colburn	St Cuthberts Community Hall	£20,000	The pre-existing community hall was declared unfit for purpose and needs improved disabled access and complete toilet refurbishment for increasing numbers of residents. The project will enhance access ensuring that veterans of all ages and abilities can better-use the facility, aiding integration and maintaining links between the generations in a parish with a strong Armed Forces footprint.
FirstLight Trust	Scarborough Service Coordinator	£20,000	The project will provide an dedicated person to provide services to veterans attending the veterans hub. The services will be developed from needs assessments with the veterans directly.
Giroscope Limited	Foundations for transition	£11,750	This project will place ex-serving personnel who had been part of the Criminal Justice System in to a 6 month volunteer placement within a construction environment, providing them with experiences in skills such as plastering, joinery, plumbing, painting and decorating. The organisation will also provide a reference for these individuals, breaking down a barrier in them gaining employment.
Army welfare service, community support.	Building links	£12,762	This programme will launch a project to encourage greater community integration amongst service personnel and civilian groups. The project had two strands, one which would work to develop a regional youth voice network to provide young people a platform upon which they could share their opinions. Secondly, there will also be an outdoor education programme, including opportunities to go camping.
Hull and East Riding Citizens Advice Bureau Ltd	East Riding Armed Forces Money Advice Project (East Riding AFMAP)	£19,995	Working with veterans based in rural areas, this project will run an Armed Forces Money Advice Project. The organisers have previously arrived out this project in Hull, but sought to bring these services to regions where rural isolation and service deprivation may be an issue for Veterans. The funding covers the delivery of this project for 12 months, allowing 5-8 cases to be handled each month, in conjunction with existing charities and organisations.
South Tyneside Council	Ex-Service Personnel and Reservists Employment Project	£20,000	The project will provide recruitment support for veterans resettling in to the North East, which has traditionally been a 'hot bed' for recruitment to the services. A part time project worker will promote links between ex-servicemen and potential employers, and develop local partnerships

Clervaux Trust	Clervaux and Catterick Young Families Community Covenant Project	£20,000	This project will launch a 12 month craft and horticulture programme for young families and children based at the Catterick Garrison, as well as for young civilian families in the local area. This will be based at a local farm and involve a weekend visit to this site every month throughout the year. Young families will be involved in growing and cooking food together, and working with animals on the farm. There will also be small workshops teaching parents and children woodwork, pottery, bread making and wool craft.
AF&V Launchpad Ltd	Minibus for Launchpad (Newcastle)	£20,000	Funding will enable the acquisition of a minibus to support veterans living in Launchpad's Avondale Housing in Newcastle. The objectives of this charity are to help these veterans to make the transition to employment and acquire permanent housing within two years. The minibus will allow the charity to take trips to job interviews, training venues, confidence-building activities, and health and welfare appointments and to work on community projects.
Northumbria Calvert Trust	Inspiring Breaks	£20,000	The Northumbria Calvert Trust will deliver two day residential breaks for Veterans, particularly those who found themselves in the Criminal Justice System, in order to allow them to re-adjust to civilian life in a restful and peaceful setting. This will offer a range of therapeutic activities, designed to increase self-confidence amongst the Veterans. Activities included swimming, climbing, high ropes, clay pigeon shooting and sailing.
NORTH WEST			
The Regimental Charity of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border)	The Lions of England: Commemorating the past; celebrating the future!	£12,000	The project will widen the pre-existing military commemoration of the First Day of The Battle of the Somme to a larger audience, drawn from local communities across the NW of England. It will raise awareness of the role of local battalions from across the NW during the most bloody battle ever fought by the British Army. The Somme still touches a nerve with those communities that sent soldiers to the battle in 1916; just as their descendants today serve in the modern day Duke of Lancaster's Regiment. It will also develop wider links with civilian organisations to build more community integration work in future.

Chorley Council	From the Somme to Some Other Lands	£17,000	The project will promote community integration, linked to commemorations of the centenary of the Battle of the Somme and the Chorley servicemen who lost their lives. A 2 week programme entitled "The Somme Experience" will be offered to all Lancashire schools free of charge. The materials introduce 4 different "characters" who talked about their experiences of World War I. All 4 characters were interconnected using the fictional character of "Walter Collins" who had recently signed up to the Army. Other characters are Walter's mother Ethel; A Nurse; A Stretcher-bearer and An Army drill sergeant. Pupils will be gathered together for a plenary, and encouraged to write to Astley Hall to explore what they thought Walter's fate would be. The project explores local links to Lancashire.
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	Creative Tameside	£17,770	The project will build on extensive community integration work achieved between veterans and young people through former Covenant funding. The new project will work with a wide range of veterans, including those recently leaving service and veterans of Indian ethnicity. The project will engage veterans, their families and civilian communities through creative workshops culminating in art displays at the Manchester Day Parade 2016 and Armed Forces Day 2016.
Veterans in Communities	Open All Hours	£19,885	The project will enable extended opening hours of the centre, which means that larger numbers of veterans can access programme activities and social events. This resulted from service user feedback, which indicated high demand for longer hours of operation. The VIC Centre offers support to veterans seeking a safe haven to relieve isolation and access supports for other difficulties they face. Much of the additional manpower is achieved through an enhanced volunteer scheme, which involves civilians wishing to 'give back' to the commitment of AF personnel. However, additional funding has been required to pay for the additional running costs and equipment needed to stay open during evenings and at weekends
Wigan Athletic FC Community Trust	Football 4 Forces	£19,970	Football 4 Forces is a health improvement, wellbeing and employability scheme for working age veterans living in Wigan. Activities over eight months included coaching sessions for up to 20 participants, lifestyle workshops and development of skills required to become a football coach.

Cumbria CVS	Cumbria AFC Opps Network	£4,770	Funding will create a network of local, regional and national organisations that currently provide support in Cumbria, or are looking to extend support in to Cumbria. By bringing these representatives together, they will be able to share examples of good practise, develop a greater coverage of services that are available and ensure that members of the ex-service community have access to better coordinated support and prevent the duplication of services.
Kirkham Town Council	Kirkham Community Covenant	£12,700	Funding will enable the development of an art installation in the local park. The project will engage local armed forces personnel and civilian populations, to explore the contribution of armed forces and exhibit the relationship between local service and non-service groups. Military personnel and their families will be encouraged to share their experiences, which will be translated in to art by a professional artist. .
Warrington Borough Council	Cheshire Armed Forces Network	£14,700	This project will develop a network of support for the Armed Forces community in the Cheshire Region. There will be training to front-line staff in key services such as housing, physical and mental health and employment. Funding also allowed the production of a resource manual to support this training.
Dig In North West CIC	Bug Out	£17,000	This project will provide local veterans, reservists or 'sick at home' serving personnel with an opportunity to engage in stone masonry and carpentry activities. It is hoped this will encourage social interaction amongst these individuals, and allow the development of useful skills which will eventually promote increased employment rates for those out of work.
Helena Partnerships	The Driving Forces Project	£19,408	This project aims to utilise Veterans' skillsets and help to integrate them in to the community by training veterans to provide a Community Transport Service for tenants in the area, to allow them to access health and wellbeing activities. This will allow veterans to acquire new skills and improve their employability prospects.
FACT (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology)	Veterans in Practice: Prison Programme	£19,750	Recognising that issues faced by Veterans in the criminal justice system often means they need specific support, this project will launch a creative arts programme. This programme will last six months, where veterans would work with an artist to develop a digital creative project exploring the identity of veteran and offender. This would encourage a creative exploration of their own experiences, whilst fostering greater communication skills and confidence.

Rochdale Hornets Sporting Foundation	Greater Manchester Wheelchair Rugby Project	£19,831	Funding will enable the development and promotion of a Wheelchair Rugby League club for local civilian and service communities. The club, 'Rochdale Hornets' will enable communities to come together whilst also promoting the health benefits sport can bring. Weekly sessions will take place, and a tournament is planned.
Wigan Leisure + Culture Trust	Greater Manchester Wheelchair Rugby Project	£19,854	This project will develop a Wheelchair Rugby League Club for both service and civilian populations in the local community. Through providing a platform through which individuals could play a sport, interact with each other and make new friends, greater community integration could be achieved. This was particularly in recognition of the fact that the local area is one of the most deprived areas of the country. Providing this service aimed to encourage participant's self-esteem.
Liverpool Arabic Centre	Aden Narratives: Ex-servicemen Sharing Stories	£20,000	Funding will be used to create a documentary examining the relationship between the British Armed Forces and local populations in Aden, in the Middle East from 1938-1965. Exploring this relationship will help to promote greater integration and challenge perceptions about the nature of relation between these two groups.
Manchester City Council	Manchester Veteran Village Community Alleyway ...	£20,000	Funding will support construction of community gardens in a 'Veterans Village', which will bring together the residents of two streets, both from the service and civilian communities. The alleyways had previously been inaccessible, but were cleared and are now being made in to green spaces, to be enjoyed by all. Flowers, herbs and vegetables will be planted by local volunteers, to be enjoyed by the local community, serving to promote healthy eating as a by-product. There will also be solar lighting to promote security and area of decking will be installed.
S.A.M.S.Support And Management Solutions CIC	St Helens Armed Forces Community Breakfast Club	£20,000	Funding will be used for weekly Breakfast Club sessions where veterans could drop-in and access advice on a range of issues such as housing problems, unemployment and Debt problems. The project will work with local military charities
SOUTH EAST			
Royal Air Force MT	RAF Benson 2015/16 Road Safety Campaign	£2,926	The project will deliver a range of activities to raise awareness of road safety within service families and the wider community. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and resources

Court Lane Infant School	Real Heroes are all around us	£3,300	The project will bring together school children, Armed Forces personnel and members of the emergency services to improve young people's perceptions, understanding and importance of the roles. The event will shift the focus on the ubiquitous culture of 'celebrity' and teach youngsters of all ages that the real celebrities in life are highly-trained and skilled everyday people who just happen to wear a uniform.
Talavera Junior School	Our Community Readers	£5,000	The project will serve the wider school community, including Military families and Nepalese families. The project will families feel more confident in coming to the school through a series of friendly, informal sessions offering story time and music time.
The Inspiration Federation	Breaking Barriers Project	£14,272	This community integration project will help tackle negative attitudes and misconceptions young people had regarding HM Armed Forces. The project will deliver workshops to young people, and compare their views of the Armed Forces before and after participation. Young participants were questioned before and after their participation. It will enable serving personnel and veterans to develop new skills.
WSX Enterprise Limited	St Anne's House - Military/Community Integration for New Entrepreneurs	£17,031	The project will enable an existing Enterprise Centre in Aldershot to increase their capacity to support business start up activities and promote community integration. Through the project they will work with the Army Families Federation, Army charities and resettlement bodies such as the Career Transition Partnership. They will also work with the Nepalese community, which contains Ghurka members of the Armed Forces Community.
Brookwood and Pirbright Children's Centre	Extended Early Intervention and support for Service and Civilian families with 0-5 years olds	£17,515	The grant will support the delivery of services to military families, at a time when more military families are moving to the area.
The Surrey Care Trust	Learning Together	£19,805	The project will support Armed Forces and civilian women with specific training and qualification needs, who would benefit from one-to-one mentoring and accredited qualifications to boost their life prospects and reduce isolation and family hardship.
The House at Pooh Corner	Snug Outdoor Play	£19,886	The project will develop a mobile play kit, which will be versatile and mobile. It will be used in rotation at different venues and will benefit Armed Forces families with children aged 0-11.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Vulnerable Veterans - Halting the Revolving Door	£20,000	The project will work with ex service personnel who have experience of the criminal justice system, to reduce offending behaviour. The project will train mentors, and develop links with practitioners in the armed forces, police, prisons, Surrey County Council, the voluntary sector and some local councils.
Blackdown preschool	IT resources and educational play project	£1,462	Funding will allow the organisers to acquire a play kitchen, an art trolley and three iPads to support the learning and development of pre-school children. Many of these children are from service families. Access to I pads assists the parents to be able to see their child playing at pre-school. This is particularly useful for service fathers or mothers who may not be able to see their child as often as they might like due to work related responsibilities.
Buckinghamshire Mind	Armed Forces MHFA - Buckinghamshire	£3,237	The organisation will deliver Armed Forces Mental Health First Aid across Buckinghamshire to provide the basis for increased mental health resilience amongst veterans and serving personnel and their families.
Shorncliffe Station Nursery School	Excellence in community and family engagement	£12,350	The project will establish a toy and book library, in a nursery located close to an army residential area, and upgrade the IT in order to promote better engagement amongst civilian and service children.
Motiv8 South Ltd	Bike Maintenance Club	£12,903	This project will co-ordinate a series of workshops aimed at encouraging veterans to engage in bicycle recycling, through the creation of a Bike Maintenance Club. This will encourage greater links with the community and created vocational opportunities. Alongside this, the social opportunity will foster emotional and physical wellbeing amongst the participants.
Reading Ex-British Gurkhas	REBGA Gurkha Community Support Worker	£14,560	Funding will be used for two Gurkha Community Support Workers who will act as a focal point for all ex Gurkhas and their dependents in the local area who require access to advice. This may involve translating, interpreting and assisting in local GP areas or liaising with other organisations to assist in issues like accommodation or mental health. This is particularly important as there is a growing Gurkha population, where 60% of the population are over the age of 60 and have poor English language and literacy skills.
The Trench Experience	Trench Experience Community Integration Project	£17,600	The organisation will purchase a multipurpose vehicle to use as an exhibition space, to re-create WW1 and subsequent conflict experiences. This will be taken into diverse communities, including military bases and used for an outreach and education programme in which military and civilian communities will take part.

Gravesham Borough Council	Basecamp KENT	£17,780	The project will gather information about the types of services required and in demand by local armed forces personnel and their families, and then launch a pilot project in the Kent area where a disused building will be turned into a community Hub and café to support the Armed Forces community.
Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum Ltd. (SMEF)	Gurkha Veteran's Integration Drive	£19,724	This one year project aims to improve integration between veteran Gurkhas and older retired people living locally by providing opportunities for interaction between the two groups. Funding will allow the appointment of a worker to oversee the project, whilst also funding activities such as language sessions, monthly coffee mornings or information days, and trips
Rushmoor Healthy Living (RHL)	We are Gurkhas!	£19,860	This project will enable ex Gurkhas to tell their story to Rushmoor communities about why they joined the British Army and why they have returned to Rushmoor to live. The organisation feels this will bring the two communities together, challenge perceptions, promote full integration, expel myths and reduce tensions in the community.
Community Impact Bucks	Connecting the Community through volunteering	£19,872	This project will promote volunteering as a way of integrating the service personnel and local civil population in the community. Funding will allow the appointment of a project co-ordinator to oversee the project and help in the creation of volunteering posts. This would allow civilians in to the station to volunteer or service personnel to go out in to the community to offer their services.
Crofton Hammond Infant School	Crofton Community Cabin	£19,920	Funding will be used for the construction of a cabin at a school within which 30% of the student population are children from service families, with many parents of civilian children away for long periods of time working on oil rigs also. It will allow a space for support work with these families.
The Lampard Centre	Play centre	£20,000	This project is intended to improve the opportunities for integration between Armed Forces and civilian communities in Chatham, Kent. The provision of an outside area for the community centre will enable there to be more events and regular groups serving both populations at the only community centre in the area.
Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead	Family Champions Launch Project	£15,152	This project will empower volunteers to support families in need in the local Broom Farm Armed Forces estate, and in the civilian areas of Dedworth. Volunteers will come from military families and via local businesses. This would serve to promote integration amongst these communities, and allow local businesses to provide support in business advice and learning resources.

Hampshire Cultural Trust	Gurkha Connections	£20,000	This project will work with young people from local schools to design an exhibition celebrating the connections between the Gurkhas and the British Army. They will also explore the local connections and role of the Nepalese community in the area, promoting community integration
SOUTH WEST			
The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum	A digital future - engaging with communities.	£9,873	The grant will enable the upgrade of IT systems for the Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum, to allow improved communication and links with a number of stakeholders, including serving regiments, veterans and local schools. Improving IT systems will allow increased ability to reach out to more interest groups, and encourage increased interest in the Armed Forces, particularly through allowing digital access to collections
Devon County Council	Devon Armed Forces Community Service Directory	£12,700	Identifying that there was a large Veteran population in Devon, this project seeks to set up an online directory of available services and support. The website will contain a variety of links to information that may be useful to ex-service personnel, including a range of content that will be developed by veterans, for other veterans to use. Funding will cover the development and maintenance of the site.
Wiltshire South County Guide Association	Enhanced facilities for Girlguiding at Berwick St James Guide HQ Activity Centre - Increased capacity	£15,000	This project will support the refurbishment of a Girl Guiding Lodge, which will be used by girls and young women of a range of ages, including young people from Armed Forces Families. The Lodge can offer activities such as pistol shooting and fencing. It supports Girl Guide units over a wide area.
Marlborough Brandt Group	Commonwealth Club	£19,806	The grant will be used for pilot after-school club open to children from four primary schools with significant numbers of pupils from Armed Forces families. Older student volunteers will help run the activities in conjunction with appropriate training and support from volunteer parents. In particular, the club will support efforts that improve understanding of pupils of different backgrounds and develop awareness of their respective journeys to a new life in the UK.

In The Same Boat C.I.C.	Forward Together	£20,000	The project will a community based project to improve the social integration of Armed forces members particularly those with mental health needs. They aim to involve the local community in activities where this can be done in an appropriate way. As the project progresses it is hoped that veterans who take part in the project will themselves become volunteers who help deliver the project to other sections of the community thereby increasing social integration and cohesion.
Exmouth Unit 395 Sea Cadet Corps	Hew building and extended community use	£20,000	The project will enable the Sea Cadets to move to suitable new premises for water-based and offshore training and development activities. The project will also enable the unit to expand to be able to offer places to more young people.
29 Regt RLC	29 RLC Whole Life Development - Trim Trails	£4,500	Funding will enable the development of a new Adult Fitness Assault Course and an Infant and Junior Fitness Challenge at the Royal Logistics Course in South Cerney. This project aimed to encourage greater interaction between the civilian and service personnel communities in the area, in particular by using Army grounds as a setting for the assault courses.
RAF St Mawgan	Kernow Family Force	£13,950	The organisation will build on successful work with the Children's Centre to improve provision of activities and learning opportunities for pre-school children, their siblings and parents from service and non-service families. This is a way of overcoming barriers and creating a legacy of positive experiences and improved perceptions leading to lasting links and greater integration between service families and the wider community. The organisation is seeing increased demand from RAF St Mawgan were numbers of families is increasing
HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, Imjin Music Festival	Imjin Music Festival	£15,000	This event is aimed at encouraging community integration and interaction between civilian and service personnel communities. The barracks are made up of a variety of nationalities and that the local community is diverse, the event will help bring together these strands, and celebrate this diversity. The project promotes community interaction
Torbay Council	Torbay Mental Health First Aid Training	£15,632	The council will train four mental health first aid trainers to support service veterans in the Torbay area.
The Wellington College Academy Trust	The LAT (Ludgershall and Tidworth) Festival.	£17,258	This school will deliver a community festival, in partnership with the Army. The School has a majority service children student population, which may increase in the near future. There will be a six day programme of educational, sporting and cultural events. Funding will also enable the creation of a community hub room,.. The project will inform students of local army unit activity, as well as encouraging increased interaction between civilian and service groups.

Cornwall Museums Partnership	Joining Forces	£17,299	This project will bring together service and civilian communities using the Helston Museum as a conduit to explore experiences. There will be a temporary exhibition of military related objects and creative workshops with the civilian community to create a response to the exhibition. There will be a follow up of a series of community activities examining how engagement with the wider civilian community can be generated. This will enable community interaction and integration, including the participation of schools, a retirement home and community centre groups in the creative workshops.
West of England Rural Network	Rural Hidden Heroes	£18,600	The project aims to directly inform and improve the coordination and delivery of support to the Armed Forces community by healthcare and support services in this rural area. The grant will be used to map the veterans and their families, and their needs, organise activities to improve wellbeing and raise awareness of the support they might need.
Combat Surfers (Trading as: Surf Action)	Surf Action Armed Forces	£20,000	This project will support the mental wellbeing of service personnel, their families and other blue light emergency personnel through healthy sporting activities and social interaction by providing access to high intensity water sports, allowing individuals to interact within the community. The service will signpost individuals to relevant services, allowing them to gain access to extra support.
Devon Armed Services Community Support Hub	Hub Transition 2016	£20,000	This partnership project will design new tools for the Armed Forces Community to improve access to information and advice. The project will involve serving personnel including reservists, charities and voluntary sector, public health, CCGs, national NHSE support and a range of other partners including probation, education and housing.
Plymouth Community Healthcare CIC	Mental Health First Aid (Armed Forces)-Workplace Support for Veterans	£20,000	Funding will enable the development of a Mental Health First Aid Armed Forces course, designed to be delivered in the workplace. Recognising that mental health is a major issue for ex-service personnel, the course will provide practical information about dealing with mental health problems, whilst also boosting confidence in helping to offer someone support in addressing mental health issues.
WEST MIDLANDS			
Shrewsbury Town in the Community	Military Community Soccer Schools	£4,428	The grant will support a Soccer School holiday project to integrate Armed Forces and civilian children over four days each during Easter and summer breaks.

1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment	Tern Hill Astro Observatory	£7,295	The project will develop an Astronomical Observatory located within the secure grounds of Tern Hill Community Centre. It will be wheelchair accessible and available all year round. The location is important as it falls in the middle of Armed Forces and civilian housing, so is a hub of activity to help integration and youth education on the same site as other services, including a gym and local cadets building.
MediaActive Projects C.I.C.	Community Unity	£18,023	The project will involve young people from Armed Forces and civilian backgrounds to work to develop new skills and shared experiences. The project will offer learning experiences in media and digital technologies, leading to an exhibition and event at a community fun day and the Cosford Air Show.
Make Some Noise West Midlands (Limited)	Connect Create	£18,290	This music-based youth project will bring together young people aged 13-18 from Whittington Barracks and civilian teenagers, encouraging attendance to a local Armed Forces youth centre.
HMM Arts Ltd.	Diverse Sounds	£19,435	The project will provide high-quality musical opportunities for civilian and Armed Forces families, including young carers, breaking barriers between communities with a multi-cultural workshop and joint-learning experience.
1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment	Tern Hill Dance Studio	£2,866	This project will create a dance studio within the gym that is already used by civilian and armed forces children. The demand for classes, leading to examinations, has come from both communities, and this project will improve integration.
Wave-length Social Marketing CIC	Consider, Plan and Act Upon	£7,117	The project will run a series of workshops within the Telford and Wrekin area in order to provide information and first step guidance to veterans considering self-employment. Workshops will take place over two days, and there would be a series of 'meet ups' following these workshops. These will take place with the wider Telford community, thus allowing some interaction between the two communities, whilst also encouraging greater self confidence amongst Veterans.
Construction Industry Trust for Youth	Helmets-to-Hard-Hats	£13,930	Helmets to Hard Hats helps early service leavers to access training and employment. The organisation will focus on those facing increased barriers due to literacy and numeracy. Workshops, training, site visits and interview skills are all included in a three day package of support
The International School	Liberating the Roma: Birmingham to Bergen-Belsen	£18,800	This project is intended to improve community integration through shared understanding of the role of the British Army, particularly in liberating Europe from the Nazis, and connect pupils with the modern British Army. With a large Roma Gypsy cohort at the school this project will have a particular resonance.

Shropshire Council	Armed For Coaching	£19,560	This project will offer free sports coaching and activities for local service personnel and their families in Shropshire. Qualifications in specific sports, (level 1 or 2) will be offered participants who will then supported to go out and set up new clubs and activities locally, encouraging integration between the Armed Forces Community and the local civilian community.
The Staffordshire Regiment Museum Trust	Mission: Adventure	£20,000	This project involved the construction of a new outdoor military themed adventure playground, located at The Staffordshire Regiment Museum near the Whittington Barracks. This will be aimed primarily at 5-13 year olds, and will aim to encourage a greater interest in the military. This area will include information about modern military warfare, benches and a shelter which could be used as an outdoor classroom for schools and youth groups. As part of this project, there will also be an orienteering course and a treasure hunt activity
OVERSEAS			
Defence Section, British Embassy, Doha, Qatar	Defence Section, British Embassy, Doha, Qatar	£5,000	The project will deliver three events, which will bring together serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families, who live and work in arduous conditions in a very unpredictable part of the world. The project will include Armed Forces Day, Host a Visiting Ships Company and Qatar: UK Service Families Day, all address isolation, community integration and provide great networking platforms for different generations to explore ideas and share advice and employment opportunities.
European Joint Support Unit	SHAPE UK Armed Forces Community Facilities	£20,000	There are a significant number of UK citizens, military and civilian, working and living at SHAPE in Belgium and there is no dedicated Mess for socialisation. This project will provide a refurbished mess space for activities for adults and children.
MULTI REGION			
Reading Force	Reading Force Little Ones - Shared reading activity pack for parents	£13,025	The project will produce a parents' pack of shared reading information and activities (working with experienced Early Years practitioners) and deliver it to service parents primarily through Childrens' Centres nationwide. The purpose of the pack is to provide practical activities for mothers of young children to help them cope with the emotional, social, mental and health challenges they and their family encounter when their partner is away.
Directorate of Personnel Services (Army)	Mental Health First Aid Funding for Army Personnel and families	£12,800	To deliver a bespoke armed forces mental health first aid course to army brigades in England – the funding will be used to pay for the manuals for 640 students, participating in 40 courses

Support Our Forces (ta Forces in the Community)	Safety Catch	£18,900	To deliver a two day course in major cities around the UK to 10 veterans, or family members, per workshop, the course will focus on mental health and employability skills.
Tickets For Troops	Tickets For Troops - Reaching out to the regions	£20,000	Tickets for Troops distributes free tickets to sports, music, theatre, entertainment and cultural events across the UK to those currently serving in the armed forces and those who have been medically discharged since 2001. This grant will be towards the costs of employing an individual on a short term, part-time contract to help support the current team solicit tickets and manage a group of Tickets for Troops Ambassadors.
Felix Fund - the bomb disposal charity	Dashboard Courses	£20,000	The grant will be used towards running a series of mindfulness courses for serving soldiers who are involved with Explosive Ordnance Disposal duties. The aim of these courses is to provide tools and techniques to enable individuals to be aware of stress or other mental health issues that they may be experiencing.