



Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Covenant- Local Grants priority in 2019/2020 February 2020

48 grants totalling £687,649

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Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount	Project description	Priority
<b>Northern Ireland</b>				
Military and Police Support of West Tyrone	MAPS Veterans' Garden Phase 2	£16,400.00	MAPS will build on a veterans' garden established in an area of outstanding beauty, extending the project to meet demand and provide further facilities with a view to completing a centre of excellence for the provision of services to those who served.	Local Service Delivery
Caledon social and economic development CIC	Caledon Cares	£20,000.00	The group will undertake the redevelopment of the former Church of Ireland hall in Caledon. This venue will be used as a satellite facility, meeting the diverse needs of the veterans' community in a wider NI social and community project.	Local Service Delivery
Out of the Shadows	Sew it Seams Let's Deck It	£5,000.00	The organisation will provide 20 handmade single quilts specifically for the use of Help for Heroes at Phoenix House, Catterick. They will also provide an outside decking and paved area at the respite time-out facility to provide an outside space for family time.	Local Service Delivery
<b>Scotland</b>				
Garelochhead Station Trust	Lifeskills for Transition	£12,196.00	The group will provide 12, 3hr sessions including one-to-one support, relaxation techniques, budgeting, cookery skills and dealing with schooling issues. The project will target those about to leave the military, and their families.	Local Service Delivery
RAF Lossiemouth	Confidence to Soar	£14,100.00	The group will offer a six-day outdoor activity respite break for teenagers with a parent who serves in the Armed Forces. They'll have the chance to explore the challenges and positives of being a military child, improving confidence and pride in their identity.	Local Service Delivery

Motherwell and Wishaw Citizens Advice Bureau	BUILDING SKILLS FOR VETERANS	£19,671.00	The project will help (primarily) early Service leavers to gain employability skills, achieve certified training courses and a CSCS card, which will prepare them for work within construction, production and warehousing. They will also gain valuable insight into civilian workplace practices.	Community Integration
The Three Kings Cullen Association	Cullen Community Hub Integration Project	£19,986.00	The group will transform a redundant technical classroom at the rear of the centre into a safe, healing and inspirational social base and workshop.	Community Integration
<b>Wales</b>				
Llantwit Major School	Llantwit Cluster MPCT Project	£4,000.00	The group will employ a company to run team building and leadership courses. As well as supporting confidence building and developing skills that can transfer, the courses provide a practical environment in which collaboration and social links between MOD and non-MOD pupils can be fostered.	Community Integration
The University of South Wales	SCiP Alliance Hub, Cymru	£14,382.00	In partnership with SSCE Cymru and the SCiP Alliance, the group will lead the formation of a Wales-based Hub to engage with and provide support for the educational progression of Service children and their families. Activities will focus around five main pillars: Partnership, Practice, Research, Policy, and Sustainability.	Local Service Delivery
Treffos Independent School & Nursery	Treffos Forest Centre	£15,000.00	Funding will provide a fixed, wooden, sheltered structure within the forest school classroom to allow for activities to continue in the most inclement weather.	Local Service Delivery
Army Welfare Service Haverfordwest	Community uplift	£7,488.00	Funding will be used to purchase much needed community centre resources. The centre is used by a number of Service families participating and civilian groups.	Community Integration
Torfaen County Borough Council	Torfaen's Commitment	£10,500.00	Torfaen Armed Forces Covenant Forum, through a day of events in Pontypool, will celebrate our Armed Forces, bringing together different generations and including a parade for The Royal Welsh, re-signing of the Covenant and a local schools competition.	Community Integration
HQ 160th (Welsh) Brigade	Veterans' Stories Video Project (Wales)	£9,848.00	The project will carefully source and record the witness accounts of tri-Service veterans from all over Wales, with focus on their recollection of VE/VJ Day and what it meant to them. The project will use a professional production team to create lasting digital record of veterans' memories.	Community Integration
HQ 160th (Welsh) Brigade	VE Day 75 Celebration Event	£19,993.00	The project will celebrate VE Day 75 with a picnic-style family day, followed by a live-concert. It will bring Armed Forces & Cadet	Community Integration

			Force personnel, their families and veterans, together with the general public.	
<b>East of England</b>				
Combat2Coffee CIC	Veterans Barista Training and Community Outreach	£13,750.00	The project will provide support in the Ipswich area to veterans and families suffering with mental and physical health issues. They'll be trained in becoming a barista, will have access to other trades and training and will receive mentoring.	Community Integration
Age UK Leicester Shire and Rutland	Joining Forces	£18,818.00	The project will support veterans over the age of fifty and their immediate dependants, providing monthly veteran cafes, dedicated and specialist information and advice, tailored one-to-one support and help accessing support from within the local community or military welfare organisations.	Local Service Delivery
East Suffolk District Council	Operation Camouflage	£9,500.00	Operation Camouflage is a four-day military themed activity organised for young people from military families, and the wider East Suffolk community. Young people are identified by local schools who nominate those at risk of offending, are in care, or are deemed as vulnerable and are given the opportunity to attend.	Community Integration
Attack Helicopter Force	Wattisham Station Community Garden Project	£4,126.00	The project aims to reduce isolation and mental ill health by creating an activity where individuals get together and create a useful, pleasant space in the community. It will also be used as a social prescribing outlet for Service personnel who struggle with mental ill health and or isolation issues.	Local Service Delivery
<b>London</b>				
The Household Cavalry Museum Trust Limited	Centenary of the Unknown Warrior	£19,548.00	The group will work with eight schools to teach them about the Unknown Warrior. Young people learn about WW1 soldiers, visit parliament to learn how the Armed Forces upholds democracy, and take part in escorting the Union Flag from Victoria to Westminster Abbey.	Local Service Delivery
Croydon Commitment	(VE) Veterans' Day Engagement and Celebration	£9,175.00	The project will address issues of isolation and loneliness in the veteran community by engaging them in performance and craft workshops such as story-telling, poetry, cake making and beer	Community Integration

			brewing, with local groups and schools that will culminate in a borough-wide VE celebration.	
Blind Veterans UK	Social clubs for blind veterans	£17,500.00	The group will provide 132 lunch clubs, coffee mornings and similar social events for 500 blind veterans living throughout the South East of England.	Community Integration
<b>North East England</b>				
Walking With The Wounded	Gateshead veteran hub fixtures & fittings	£18,500.00	Funding will enable the refurbishment of the Gateshead veteran hub, a focal point for Armed Forces community and charity services in the North East for years to come.	Local Service Delivery
North Lincolnshire Council	North Lincolnshire Armed Forces Hub	£18,500.00	The group will enhance the current veterans' hub, encouraging other organisations to use the building. They will create a directory of local support and will promote the hub's activities to the wider community.	Community Integration
RFEA - The Regular Forces Employment Charity	Project Nova – South Yorkshire & Humberside	£20,000.00	The group will deliver Project Nova across South Yorkshire and Humberside to support veterans who are arrested or at risk of arrest to improve social stability, employment opportunities and to act as an early intervention service to reduce violence which acts as a catalyst to offending.	Local Service Delivery
Wakefield Trinity Community Trust	Trinity Vets	£10,100.00	The group will deliver 'Trinity Vets', a weekly, two-hour hub session from the Mobile Rocket Stadium, engaging veterans in physical activity and mental resilience activities, leading to greater wellbeing, new social connections, and information on local support services that aid employment, education, and social developments.	Local Service Delivery
Finchale Group	Team Albermarle - Behind the Wire	£20,000.00	The project will focus on supporting the Albermarle community through a programme of activities to improve wellbeing and maintain happy and healthy lives including planning and building vegetable/flower gardens, cooking nutritious meals, making money go further and weekly craft courses and physical activities.	Community Integration
<b>North West England</b>				

University of Chester	Introducing undergraduate nurses to Veterans	£19,957.00	The project will develop existing educational videos and interactive resources delivered online, informing student nurses about the health needs of the Armed Forces community.	Local Service Delivery
Wigan Athletic Community Trust	Training Forces	£19,759.00	This health and employability project will target veterans to improve their employability, through delivering 12-week mentoring programmes that will improve their health and wellbeing.	Local Service Delivery
Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation	'One of Us'	£12,450.00	The project will deliver interventions including a one-hour physical activity sessions, a family activity session to improve overall family wellbeing and a session to recognise the challenges to men's health in conjunction with 'State of Mind'.	Local Service Delivery
Transformation for Veterans	Cheshire Veterans Positive Futures Programme	£12,550.00	The group will deliver a personal development programme designed by veterans for veterans struggling with mental health, building resilience, self-worth, coping and self-management capability and motivation to overcome barriers. It will help prevent future mental health problems, reducing isolation by facilitating ongoing peer support networks through participant-led outdoor and group activities.	Local Service Delivery
Veterans Living History Museum CIC	Bringing Military History Back to Life	£19,634.00	The group will expand their current provision, educating people about British and Commonwealth military history in a fun and interactive way and engaging with local veterans	Community Integration
Royal Air Force Spadeadam	Brampton Youth Project	£6,640.00	The project will combat and deliver youth alcohol and substance misuse education and is a chance to remove those on the periphery of criminality to build confidence to progress into education and employment within the Brampton area.	Local Service Delivery
<b>South East England</b>				
17 Port & Maritime Regiment RLC, Mulberry Community and Families Centre	Marchwood Community HUB.	£20,000.00	Funding will allow the creation of a social hub for the military/wider community, including foreign and Commonwealth, with clear spaces catering for different needs, focusing on adult, youth and combined integration.	Community Integration
Veterans' Growth	Social Therapeutic Horticulture (STH) Pilot Scheme	£20,000.00	Veterans can attend a two-week course consisting of physical horticulture activities, theory-based learning, visits to sites of	Local Service Delivery

			interest and therapy sessions. Those involved will learn new skills and will have reduced anxiety and isolation.	
Naphill and Walters Ash School	Playground Improvements Project.	£4,229.00	Funding will provide much needed playground equipment for the whole school to enjoy; including those who are new to the school and going through a difficult transition period.	Local Service Delivery
Hampshire Cultural Trust	The Resilience Garden	£18,100.00	The project will engage men from both the Armed Forces and civilian communities to design, create and maintain a community garden at Aldershot Military Museum.	Community Integration
Thursley Parish Council	Thursley VE Day Commemoration 2020	£3,620.00	The organisation will create a display in the village hall, giving a brief history of the people from the Parish who were involved in WW2.	Community Integration
<b>South West England</b>				
St Luke's Hospice Plymouth	End of Life Military Compassion	£20,000.00	This project will provide a specialist palliative care service, to improve the engagement, access and quality of care for current/former military personnel in the last months/days of their life and help develop a compassionate support network for both patients and families within existing military communities.	Local Service Delivery
REME Museum of Technology	REME Museum Playpark	£20,000.00	Funding will provide an activity area for children to play whilst visiting the museum and will also provide a hub for parents and children of the local area alongside 'Crown's Cafe'.	Community Integration
Exeter City Community Trust	All Signs Cafe @ Exeter City	£18,000.00	The group will engage with veterans, offering 'men's' shed' activities, physical activity sessions, falls prevention, sports coaching and work placements.	Local Service Delivery
Matravers School CCF	Operation Vertical Shift	£20,000.00	The group will install a climbing wall, for use by the school and by other local schools and community groups, to challenge people in pursuing an activity synonymous with a healthy lifestyle.	Community Integration
Veterans Fitness	Veterans Fitness	£5,000.00	The group will deliver weekly fitness sessions delivered by an ex-Serviceman.	Local Service Delivery
<b>West Midlands</b>				

Birmingham Museums Trust	Moving On	£20,000.00	The project will improve community integration and support of veterans, their families and the Armed Forces community in developing unique skills to improve employability opportunities and mental health. Through training, veterans will work on Birmingham Museums Trust's world-renowned collection to assist the transition from military to civilian life.	Community Integration
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust	Wilder wellbeing in the woods!	£18,442.00	The group will work in partnership with Achieving Results in Communities (ARC) to run three, eight-week woodland therapy courses for veterans in three locations: Coventry, Rugby and Leamington Spa. Participants will spend time connecting with nature to improve their physical and mental wellbeing.	Local Service Delivery
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	Shrewsbury & Telford Hospitals: Veterans' Covenant Hospital Alliance	£4,500.00	The group will train staff to be aware of veterans' needs to ensure they do not face disadvantage when accessing health care. They will engage with other stakeholders, and recruit Covenant champions.	Local Service Delivery
Warwickshire County Council	Warwickshire Armed Forces Spouses Development programme (Re-submission)	£17,077.00	The organisation will develop and deliver a programme to support Armed Forces spouses to improve their employment opportunities and/or develop businesses/micro-businesses. The programme will identify key skills and barriers that AF spouses experience as a group and individually, and seek ways to support them in overcoming those barriers.	Local Service Delivery
Army Welfare Service Community Support Hereford Garrison	Community Wellbeing and Cohesion	£11,050.00	The group will update the community centre, based on feedback from users, to ensure it is a hub for military families and for community groups. They will also deliver Mental Health First Aid Courses to military spouses and train volunteers to deliver arts and drama workshops to children.	Community Integration
<b>Overseas</b>				
British Forces Cyprus Youth Service	Healthy Lifestyles Project	£8,560.00	The group will deliver a series of workshops and awareness raising activities for children and young people on issues such as sexual health, alcohol awareness, nutrition and mental wellbeing, and will culminate in a residential.	Local Service Delivery