

# ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND CONSULTATION 2023



## Important note

This document is for informational purposes only.

It contains details of the questions asked in our consultation. Further useful information is available on our website.

To have your say and take part in our consultation, please go to our website.

[Click here](#)

Or visit

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/armed-forces-covenant-fund-consultation-2023/>

**Organisations:**

We have produced a paper copy of our Consultation to enable you to gather opinions from across your organisation. If any of your employees would like to complete our survey as an individual, in addition to having their views heard as part of your organisation, we would very much encourage this; the link to our survey can be found [here](#).

**Consultation Survey**

Thank you for taking part in this survey

Your views and ideas are so important in helping shape our future funding programmes so that we can ensure our funding makes the biggest difference.

You can complete this survey without giving us your name, or any information about your organisation. However, it's helpful if you could please give us a little information about yourself or the organisation that you represent, as this helps us to see if we have a range of views, from different people.

We will publish a report containing the consultation findings.

You can find out more about how we use your information here: Your privacy is important to us. For more information on how the Trust processes your data, please refer to our privacy policy [here](#).

The Trust is committed to meeting the highest ethical standards. For more information on our Code of Ethical Conduct, please refer to our ethics policy [here](#).

There is a further "About You" section at the end of the survey, which is optional.

**We are very grateful that you've given some of your time to complete this survey and share your views with us.**

**How important is it that our funding builds partnerships?**

(By partnerships we mean a relationship between two or more organisations, that could help to promote the integration and understanding of Armed Forces communities)

**Q1. How important is it that our funding builds partnerships between Armed Forces communities and wider society?**

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important, there are other areas of work that are more important than this

**Q2.** How important is it that our programmes focus on preventing problems from occurring?

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important, we should focus on projects that can support people and meet immediate needs

**Q3.** How important is it for our programmes to have long term impact that prevents future problems for the Armed Forces community?

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important - we should focus on projects that directly support people

**Q4.** How important are targeted funding programmes that help Armed Forces communities find and access the support that they need?

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important - there are other areas of work that are more important than this

**Q5.** How important is it that we support projects that help veterans who live overseas?

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important, we should focus on projects supporting UK Armed Forces veterans living in UK

**Q6.** How important is it for the Trust to encourage collaborative projects where different organisations work together?

(By collaborative working we mean Trust funded projects working together for the benefit of Armed Forces communities and beneficiaries)

Very Important - it should be a key funding theme	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important, we should focus on projects that deliver support directly to services

### Learning from current funding programmes and wider research

**Q7.** Should any of these aims be a particular focus for the Covenant Fund?

Please choose your priorities and then rank them in order, with 1 being the most important.

	Priority (please tick)	Please rank your priorities, with 1 being the most important.
Reducing stress and challenges for Armed Forces families		
Helping veterans who have significant mental health challenges. This could include building on the work that we have done to support projects that address suicide risks		
Reducing loneliness and isolation for Armed Forces communities		
Making sure all veterans can access the support they need; with a focus on veterans who might currently be particularly isolated such as LGBT+ veterans or female veterans		
Helping veterans who have difficulties due to physical challenges such as mobility difficulties or pain		
Reducing the impact of Cost-of-Living challenges		
Other (please specify)		

### Cross Cutting Themes

**Q8.** These are the four themes for the Covenant Fund, now, and into the future. Please put them into the order that you think is most important to focus on for the next three years.

Theme	Please rank your chosen themes in order of priority (with 1 being the most important)
Non-Core healthcare for Veterans	
Removing barriers to family life	
Extra support, both in and after Service, for those that need help	
Measures to integrate military and civilian communities and allow the Armed Forces community to participate as citizens.	

**Q9.** How do you think can we best achieve sustainable outcomes in our work and support long-term change?

(By outcomes we mean the long-term changes that projects make)

**Q10.** What outcomes are most important for us to focus on?  
(By outcomes we mean the long-term changes that projects make)

**Q11.** How can we ensure that we spend funding fairly across the UK and that our programmes have a good geographic reach?

**Q12.** Is there anything else that you would like us to know?

### **Grant Making**

This section is about the mechanics of grant making.

**On a sliding scale, do you think it is more important to...**

**Q13.** Fund projects for a short period of time,  
so that we can fund more projects overall.

Award longer grants to fewer projects,  
which may result in a higher rejection rate.

**Q14.** Make lots of smaller grants.  
to ensure a good geographic  
spread of projects.

Make fewer, larger grants,  
but risk that some geographic areas  
may have less projects funded.

**Q15.** How much money do you think we should award to a project lasting 1 year?

**Q16.** How much money do you think we should award to a project lasting 3 years?

## About You

You can complete the survey without giving us information about yourself; however, if you are happy to share this information with us, then we will only use this information to help us analyse the results of this survey.

You can find out more about how we use your information [here](#)

It would be helpful if we could have a little more information about you as we want to make sure that we are representing the whole of the Armed Forces community.

The questions are optional, and you can select 'prefer not to say' or you can skip each section.

**Q17.** What is your age range?

18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Prefer not to say

**Q18.** What is your gender?

Male	Female	Prefer not to say	Other (please specify)

**Q19.** What is your sexuality?

Heterosexual/straight	Bisexual	Gay/lesbian	Other sexuality	Prefer not to say	None of the above

**Q20.** What is your relationship status?

Single	First marriage	Subsequent marriage	Separated	Divorced	Cohabiting	Widow/widower	Prefer not to say

## About You - ethnicity

Why are we asking this: The UK Armed Forces includes serving personnel who are members of many different ethnic groups. We are keen to understand the views of all our communities.

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**Q21.** Please choose the option that best describes your ethnic group or background.

White

Scottish/English/Welsh/Northern Irish/British	Irish	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	Any other White background, please describe

#### Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

White and Black Caribbean	White and Black African	White and Asian	Any other Mixed/Multiple ethnic background, please describe.

#### Asian/Asian British

Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Chinese	Any other Asian background, please describe

#### Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

African	Caribbean	Any other Black/African/Caribbean background, please describe

Any other ethnic group, please describe:

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#### Q22. What is your nationality?

Scottish		English		British		Welsh	
Irish		Northern Irish		Prefer not to say			

From a Commonwealth Country (Please state)