

## **Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust**

### **The Veterans' Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund: Positive Pathways Standard Terms and Conditions to grant**

This Grant Agreement is important. It sets out the standard legal conditions of our grant offer to you. You accept that these standard terms and conditions are not negotiable.

This is a legal document and you should ensure that you fully understand your responsibilities before accepting a grant from us.

#### **1. Definitions**

- 1.1 "You" and "your" means the organisation receiving a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust subject to these terms and conditions.
- 1.2 "We", "us" and "our" means the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and includes our employees and those acting for us.
- 1.3 "Partner" means an organisation specified in your application which will be working directly with you in delivering the Project.
- 1.4 The 'Project' means the activity or activities that we have agreed to support with a grant as set out in the Offer Letter and in accordance with this Grant Agreement.

The 'Grant Agreement' includes and incorporates:

- 1.1.1. these standard terms and conditions;
- 1.1.2. the Offer Letter which sets out any additional conditions;
- 1.1.3. your application form and any documentation confirming changes to these plans which may include a revised budget; and.

#### **2. The Grant**

- 2.1 You acknowledge that you are holding the grant on trust for the beneficiaries of the Project and therefore you must use the grant exclusively for the Project.

- 2.2 The amount of the grant is set out in the Offer Letter. We are not able to increase the amount of the grant.
- 2.3 You must accept our offer within four weeks of receiving it by signing and returning one copy of the Offer Letter. If you do not return the signed Offer Letter within four weeks the offer will be automatically withdrawn. The Offer Letter must be signed by two people who are authorised to sign on behalf of the organisation.
- 2.4 The date of the Grant Agreement will be the date of our Offer letter.
- 2.5 You must tell us promptly about any changes to information you have given us, including any changes to your bank or building society details and you must make sure that the information we hold about your organisation is always true and up to date.
- 2.6 You must hold any unused part of the grant on trust for the beneficiaries of the Project at all times and if you spend less than the whole grant on the Project, you must return the unspent amount to us on demand.
- 2.7 If at any time we are not satisfied that you have met all the terms of our Grant Agreement, or we require extra information or documents, we will let you know and/or will request this information.
- 2.8 You will tell us immediately if you receive any offer of duplicate funding for this Project

### **3. The Project**

- 3.1 You agree to deliver the Project in accordance with your Application and the programme criteria.
- 3.2 You must maintain adequate insurance at all times. This includes employee and public liability insurance.
- 3.3 You agree to comply with all laws regulating the way you operate, the work you carry out, the staff you employ or the goods you buy. You will ensure that you have an equal opportunities policy in place at all times, to help you comply with all relevant laws and good practice whilst the Grant Agreement remains in force. You will obtain any planning permission and all approvals, copyright and other consents and licences required by law or by us. This will include but without limitation compliance with all employment legislation, equality legislation, health and safety requirements compliance with the requirements of GDPR and all other relevant legal or regulatory approvals necessary for the Project to be delivered. In particular, but without limitation, you will ensure that all staff or volunteers involved in the delivery of medical and /or specialist activities or therapies are professionally trained and fully and

appropriately qualified and insured. You will be registered with OFSTED or the Care Quality Commission if appropriate for the delivery of your services and this Project.

- 3.4 If your Project involves work with children and adults at risk (“vulnerable people”), you will take all reasonable steps to ensure their safety. You will obtain the written agreement from the legal carer or guardian before having any direct contact with any vulnerable person. You will have and carry out an appropriate written policy and have a set of procedures in place at all times to safeguard vulnerable people, which will include procedures to check backgrounds and disclosures of all employees, volunteers, trustees or contractors who will supervise, care for or otherwise have significant direct contact with vulnerable people with the Disclosure and Barring Service.
- 3.5 If you are required by us to enter into a partnership agreement with another organisation or organisations acting as a Partner in order to deliver the Project then you will submit the proposed partnership agreement to us for our approval and understand that you cannot start the Project until you have a signed partnership agreement in place. The partnership agreement must ensure that you are named as the accountable body for delivering the Project. You should ensure that your Partner(s) act at all times in accordance with these terms and conditions of grant, so far as applicable to their role on delivering the Project, and in the event of conflict between the terms of the partnership agreement and these terms and conditions of grant, then these terms and conditions of grant must take precedence.

#### **4. Information, publicity and evaluation**

- 4.1 You must follow our branding and publicity guidelines at all times if practical and appropriate. You will acknowledge the Armed Forces Covenant and the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust by following the guidelines we will provide. You will enter and maintain up to date details of your Project on our App if requested. You should feature the required logos on any grant funded building or vehicle and on all information, marketing and publicity materials including digital media relating to the Project. You should also incorporate verbal and written acknowledgment of our support into your communications.
- 4.2 You hereby give us permission to use, in our sole discretion and as we think fit, any materials produced for or by the Project. You hereby grant us a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty free perpetual licence to reproduce part or all of your Project or related documents as we may reasonably require for marketing, publicity, research and evaluation and reporting purposes.

4.3 If asked by us, you will provide information and materials for us to evaluate the grant programme as a whole and/or your Project outcomes

## **5. Payment of the grant**

5.1 We will pay the grant by bank transfer (BACS) into a UK-based bank account or building society account in your name, which requires the signatures of at least two authorised people for every withdrawal. You may use a debit card to make cash withdrawals or payments from this account for any purchases in relation to this Project provided that at least two authorised people sign off the monthly account before payment

5.2 You understand and accept that we will not increase the grant if you spend more than the total grant awarded as stated in the Offer Letter.

5.3 You will show the grant and related expenditure in your annual accounts under the description of “Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Funding” as a restricted fund. If you have more than one restricted fund, it will include a note to the accounts identifying each restricted fund separately. If you have more than one grant from us, you will record each grant separately in the notes to the accounts. You will acknowledge our grant in your annual report and accounts.

## **6. VAT**

6.1 You acknowledge that the grant is not consideration for any taxable supply for VAT purposes. You acknowledge that our obligation does not extend to paying you any amounts in respect of VAT in addition to the grant.

6.2 If you are registered for VAT, or subsequently become liable to register for VAT, you must keep proper and up to date records and you must make those records available to us and give us copies when requested.

6.3 If we have agreed to fund any or all of the VAT costs associated with your Project and you subsequently recover any VAT, you must pay us back immediately any of the VAT that has been paid for with the grant.

## **7. You agree that**

7.1 You must ensure that all current and future members of your governing body, or if you are a statutory body the executive team responsible for delivering the Project, receive a copy of this Grant Agreement while it remains in force and will ensure that the receipt of this grant and the delivery of the Project are within the scope of your constitution and if asked by us you will provide a legal opinion from your solicitors

confirming this. You will ensure that you have at least three unrelated trustees or directors governing your organisation in place at all times.

- 7.2 You must tell us in advance if you want to make any significant changes to your legal status, to the Project or to the name of the Project being delivered under this Grant Agreement. We will not unreasonably withhold its consent to any such changes.
- 7.3 You must write to us as soon as possible if any legal claims are made or threatened against you and/or which would adversely affect the Project during the period of the grant (including any claims made against members of your governing body or staff).
- 7.4 You must tell us in writing as soon as possible of any investigation concerning you, your trustees, directors, employees or volunteers carried out by the Police, Charity Commission, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, HM Revenue & Customs or any other regulatory body.
- 7.5 You must us immediately of any proposed changes that may threaten your solvency and inform us immediately if you are proposing to enter into any arrangement with any creditors.
- 7.6 You will inform us immediately in writing of anything that significantly delays, threatens or makes unlikely the Project's completion, including any delay or difficulty in fulfilling your obligations to work with others as specified in the Business Case.

## **8. Monitoring**

- 8.1 You understand and accept that we will monitor the progress of the Project and require you to complete all the activities specified in the Application Form on time.
- 8.2 To enable this, you will need to send us all such information as we may in our sole discretion reasonably request from time to time. If we ask, you must give us, or any person nominated by us, or the National Audit Office access to all records relating to the Project or subsequent profit made by the Project upon demand, including (but not limited to) accounts and any other financial records, VAT and any other tax records. We can ask for access to these records for up to seven years after the Project has finished.
- 8.3 You will receive a request for reports on activity every 6 months and it is expected that you respond to these requests in a reasonable and timely manner. In line with the programme guidance you are required to provide monitoring for your project through the Outcomes Measurement Framework (OMF) and you will be provided a secure log-in and advice to do so as required. Finally, you must provide us with a full report on the

Project within three months of completing it, using our end of grant report form which we will send to you. We understand that the grant is finished only after we have completed this report to your satisfaction, and you have received to your satisfaction the evidence of expenditure you have requested for the period of the Grant Agreement.

## **9. General conditions**

- 9.1 We will not be held responsible for any action you take, any action you fail to take, or for your debts or liabilities. You are fully responsible for every part of the delivery and content of the Project or for your organisation and the decisions about them. We will not be responsible to anyone else who may take, or threaten to take, proceedings against you.
- 9.2 You accept that we may share information about your grant with any parties of our choice as well as with members of the public under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of the grant may be broadcast on television, on our website, in newspapers and through other media.
- 9.3 You acknowledge that the grant comes from public funds and you will not use the grant in a way that constitutes un-approvable State aid. In the event that it is deemed to be un-approvable State aid, then you will repay the entire grant immediately.

## **10. Breach of these terms and conditions, and suspending or repaying the grant**

- 10.1 If you fail to meet any of these terms and conditions, we may, in our absolute discretion:
- 10.1.1 require you to pay back all or part of the grant (regardless of how much you may have already spent if you have not spent it in accordance with these terms and conditions); and/or
- 10.1.2 end this Grant Agreement immediately.
- 10.2 We may recover the grant in our absolute discretion, if any of the following events occurs:
- 10.2.1 you close down;
- 10.2.2 you use the grant for anything other than the Project;
- 10.2.3 you do not carry out the Project with reasonable care, thoroughness and competence;
- 10.2.4 you do not complete the Project on time;

10.2.5 you have supplied us with any information that is wrong or misleading, either by mistake or because you were trying to mislead us;

10.2.6 your solvency is threatened or if you are proposing to enter into any arrangement with any of your creditors;

10.2.7 you act illegally or negligently at any time, and we believe it has significantly affected the Project, or is likely to harm our or your reputation.; and/or

10. 2.8 you fail to declare the receipt of duplicate funding

## **11. Termination of the Grant Agreement**

11.1 These terms and conditions and the Grant Agreement remain in force for whichever of these is the longest time:

- for one year following the payment of the grant;
- as long as any part of the grant remains unspent;
- as long as you do not carry out any of the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement or any breach of them continues (this includes any outstanding reporting on grant expenditure or Project delivery).

## **12. Additional conditions**

12.1 We have the right to impose additional terms and conditions on the grant if:

You are in breach of the Grant Agreement;

We withdraw any part of the funding for the Project;

We judge that members of your governing body, volunteers or staff or any person or organisation closely involved in carrying out the Project act in a way that may have a detrimental effect on the Project or the reputation of the Armed Forces Covenant or the reputation of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust;

If we have reasonable grounds to believe that it is necessary to protect public money; and/or

We believe such conditions are necessary or desirable to make sure that the Project is delivered as set out in your application form or following any agreed changes.