



Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Covenant- Local Grants priority; in 2018/19  
 March 2019; 43 grants totalling £743,993

**ARMED FORCES  
 COVENANT  
 FUND TRUST**

Name	Project Title	Grant Amount	Description	Priority
<b>Northern Ireland</b>				
The Not Forgotten Association Northern Ireland	Provide Entertainment Roadshows and lunches to the serving and ex-service community throughout Northern Ireland	8,400.00	The project will provide Entertainment Roadshows and lunches to the serving and ex-service community throughout Northern Ireland. The project will reach injured serving personnel and disabled veterans and their carers, to allow them experience an afternoon of light entertainment together with lunch and giving them the opportunity to renew old friendships and/or make new friends.	Local Service Delivery
Lough Erne Yacht Club	Veterans Water Access Project	15,500.00	The project will enable the organisation to expand their disabled Sailability Program to include access to the water for Combined Forces Veterans. This will allow access to the water in a variety of sailing boats and power boats. LEYC can provide training on both power and sailing boats for people of any age.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Cormeen social and economic regeneration partnership	Cormeen community Hub (armed forces families programme)	20,000.00	The project will refurbish an existing community facility to construct new community suites to provide a dedicated learning and development space for the armed forces community in that area of Co Armagh as well as for wider community use.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Army Sailing Association Northern Ireland	"Calm Waters"	20,000.00	The Calm Waters project will engage injured veterans in NI, delivering recognised qualifications in sailing and power-boating, creating opportunities for comradeship, helping to overcome physical, mental health and social isolation barriers, teaching new skills, improving wellbeing, giving injured veterans inclusion, a sense of purpose, and driving personal development and resilience.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery

The Greater Rathfriland Community Development Forum	The Greater Rathfriland Community Development Forum "Beyond the battlefields"	20,000.00	The project will redevelop the former St John's church hall in Rathfriland to create a dedicated health and well-being hub and a facility dedicated to youth development, delivering cost-effective benefit for the towns youth, elderly and the armed forces community.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Brooke House Project	Intergenerational Lakeside and Garden Retreat	20,000.00	The project further develops existing supportive activities for veterans by providing accessible outdoor activities. The fishing lake will create an outdoor activity that is accessible to civilians, veterans and for intergenerational activities. An existing allotment area will be enhanced by adding covered area with lighting and a cooking facility so that it can be used all year round, reducing isolating over the winter months. Volunteer befrienders will support the project.	Community Integration
Ballymacash Sports Academy	Ballymacash Sports Academy	20,000.00	The project will create a Community Health & Wellbeing Hub in Ballymacash that will improve the quality of life for local people and the significant Armed Forces Community living in Lisburn and surrounding areas, developing a space that can be used for football, sports, educational and community facilities. The project will directly benefit people from the Armed Forces community, and encourage good interactions between Armed Forces and civilian communities	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Military and Police Support of West Tyrone	West Tyrone Veterans Garden	12,730.00	The project will establish a veterans garden in an area of outstanding beauty to become a spoke in the Nature Based Therapy Defence Gardens in Northern Ireland. Horticultural therapy is recognised as a powerful means of healing personally and socially, and to gain confidence, independence and a sense of well-being.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
<b>Scotland</b>				
Wings For Warriors	Disabled Veterans Flying School	20,000.00	The grant will enable the charity to train more pilots and support their work in developing a flying school for disabled veterans, that offers training and support to move to an alternative career in the aviation industry	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery

Tagsa Uibhist	Uist Wellbeing Service	20,000.00	The project will create a new service which identifies and offers specialist support and access to community resources to veterans and their families to ensure they remain part of the local communities. The service will identify with the unique difficulties faced by veterans and their dependencies and offer needs led, targeted support. The Western Isles has a high number of ex-service personnel but access to specialist services or appropriate information is complex	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Outfit Moray	Community Adventure Links	20,000.00	Outfit Moray will deliver a programme of outdoor learning and adventure for mixed groups of Service families and local young people to strengthen and develop community integration. The young people will participate in a range of activities, climbing, canoeing, biking, orienteering and map reading and develop friendships through shared learning.	Community Integration
<b>Wales</b>				
Reading Force	Parc Reading Families	15,100.00	Parc Reading Families shared reading and scrapbooking project will engage offenders who are former service personnel, their families, staff, and civic-partners, connecting offenders to their children/families, and a corollary boost in self-esteem. All involved have the opportunity for a positive experience and physical keepsake; which is important evidence of their relationship even though Dad isn't with them.	Local Service Delivery
Cardiff City FC Foundation	Cardiff City Veterans Employment Hub	19,855.00	Cardiff City FC Foundation will support 40 unemployed or economically inactive ex-servicemen and women living across South Wales who are currently facing barriers to integrating into civilian life and their ability to gain employment. The Foundation will help them to further develop their skills and create links with employers.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Ysgol Maes Garmon	Ysgol ni, cymuned ni / Our school, our community	19,100.00	Ysgol Maes Garmon will establish a year-long programme of activities, dedicated to the achieving the principles of the Armed Forced Covenant, and in doing so will embed the AFC in the ethos of the school, it's pupils, staff and wider community. The project includes work with teachers, pupils and the wider community.	Community Integration

St Giles Primary	Building Blocks: Resilience and Wellbeing	11,700.00	St. Giles' CIW Primary School will run a Prince William Award programme. Led by Ex-Service personnel, the programme will help build the confidence and self-esteem of pupils, including Service children, developing their co-operation, communication, problem-solving and teamworking skills, and, above all, their resilience to cope in the face of challenges.	Community Integration
<b>East</b>				
Release Financial Charity	FFxF (Financial Freedom for ex-Forces).	20,000.00	The FFxF Project will train ex-service personnel and service personnel as Budget Buddies, to support financially stressed/distressed ex-service personnel, service personnel and their families manage their finances. They will be mentors and coaches who help others navigate the maze and complexity of money-related matters, sign-post to support and manage their budget.	Local Service Delivery
Cadet Apprenticeships Company	Wider Forces Apprenticeship Pilot	12,600.00	The project will match the talents, unique skills, and positive attributes of Armed Forces Spouses with future employers to help spouses not only work and access apprenticeships but find a career they want to do.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Skillforce	Veterans' Support Programme	20,000.00	The Veterans' Support Programme will provide peer support to those whose attempts to create a life beyond the Armed Forces have faltered and are in or at risk of entering Police custody. It provides practical support, partnering with other organisations to access resources to help veterans move towards a more positive future. This project responds to veterans' needs in the East Midlands and surrounding area.	Local Service Delivery
RAF Wittering - Community Support	Childminding training for all	6,000.00	RAF Wittering in partnership with Peterborough City Council will provide childminding training for local people in Wittering and Kendrew Barracks. This will provide opportunity for spousal employment, individuals to have a rewarding career, become their own boss, learn new skills and offer parents greater choice around childcare provision.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Home-Start Horizons	Army Base Family Support	19,557.00	This project will engage and work with military families who have children 0-8 years old, and aims to reduce social isolation, increase self-esteem, help parents and carers give their children the best possible start in life and set up healthy lifestyle programmes.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery

Home-Start Mid & West Suffolk	Reducing Isolation in Families Together	17,842.00	Home-Start Mid & West Suffolk working in partnership with Wattisham and RAF Honington bases in Suffolk. A bespoke package of support will be given through groups, home-visiting and training of volunteers, designed to meet the diverse needs of families connected to the base who live in the surrounding rural areas.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
<b>London</b>				
Civil Engagement HQ London District	London's First World War VCs Remembered	17,584.00	The project will create an accessible and enduring online resource in commemoration of the 85 VCs awarded to residents of the London Boroughs during the First World War. By mapping the locations of the commemorative paving stones and provide further information of those honoured and the circumstances of their valour. The VC paving stones are a recent addition to the urban environment in a number of London Boroughs. By creating an online archive to give context and further information the project is creating an inclusive and accessible means of connecting the community with its local history.	Community Integration
The Household Cavalry Museum Trust Limited	The War to End All Wars?	18,736.00	This project builds on earlier educational work linked to the Armistice, and the role our armed forces play in creating a safe and free society. This project will focus on the peace that ensued following WW1 and the sacrifices made by a million British and Commonwealth soldiers to achieve this. They will bring together the wider civilian and Armed Forces community through a series of events over the autumn of 2019. The project looks at the aspirations of the of 5 million servicemen who served in WW1 and whether their hopes for a fairer, more equal, and more democratic Britain were frustrated by the financial crisis in the inter-war years. Meeting a serving soldier at the Household Cavalry Museum will enable children to experience how British values endure today.	Community Integration
The Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation	Next Steps	19,700.00	Stoll will provide vulnerable Veterans with targeted support to enable them to find meaningful employment, which is key to their ability to make a successful transition to civilian life and full independence. They will achieve this through establishing relationships with Veteran-friendly employers, as part of their Health and Wellbeing programme.	Local Service Delivery
<b>North East</b>				

SHAPE-UK LTD	Forces United @ IMPACT.	19,950.00	The project will engage young vulnerable people without an understanding of the Armed Forces Community and explore Armed Forces links of ancestral Commonwealth contribution during WW1 and WW2. Through shared learning of commonalities, the project will break down barriers uniting everyone to promote and better understand the different roles of the Armed Forces including humanitarian and peacekeeping duties.	Community Integration
Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation	The Forces Academy	16,763.00	Hartlepool United Community Sports Foundation will run programmes designed to help ex-service personnel and reservists with multiple barriers to employment get closer to the labour market. The Forces Academy will deliver interactive workshops around mindfulness, careers advice, employability and offer opportunities for work experience along with regular exercise sessions.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Legasee Educational Trust	Military Families “A lifelong service”	19,000.00	Families play a vital supporting role to serving military and ex-military personnel. That support can be hugely tested when coping with the effects of both physical or mental injury. By telling their stories, these families will help the public to better understand the sacrifices they make to the military effort.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
Richmondshire Leisure Trust	Health & Wellbeing of Richmondshire	20,000.00	The grant will enable Richmondshire Leisure Trust to improve and upgrade equipment and offer brand new programmes that will directly benefit members of the Armed Forces and ex military personnel. The programme on offer will give opportunities for the Armed Forces Community to engage in sport and reduce isolation	Community Integration
RFEA - The Regular Forces Employment Charity	Project Nova – South Yorkshire & Humberside	20,000.00	The funding will enable RFEA The Forces Employment Charity to deliver Project Nova in South Yorkshire and Humberside. Project Nova is an innovative programme to reach and support veterans who are arrested or at risk of arrest to improve social stability, support veterans into employment and reduce reoffending.	Local Service Delivery
<b>North West</b>				
The Washington Group (North West)	Stories Outside the Wire	18,700.00	Stories Outside the Wire is a storytelling project involving military and civilian families. It places the stories shared and told by each participant at the heart of the project. It aims to use storytelling as a method to identify and overcome barriers to better integration, improving perceptions, attitudes and understanding.	Community Integration

Confide Counselling Service	Confide-ential Support for Forces and Families	19,994.00	Confide will build on its expertise in providing counselling to forces and families through developing innovative ways of providing therapy, ensuring continuity of care during re-location, provision of group work and establishing a bespoke employee assistance programme for professionals involved in providing emotional and practical support to forces and families.	Local Service Delivery
Cumbria CVS	Carlisle and Eden AF Support Coordination Project	20,000.00	The project aims improve local service delivery for the Armed Forces Community through coordinating services and support across the two districts of Carlisle and Eden. Working with statutory and third sector partners, Cumbria CVS wants to ensure that support for our ex-service community is integrated, sustainable, person centred, accessible and well promoted.	Local Service Delivery
Dig In North West cic	Partners in Peace	19,940.00	Partners in Peace is a project joining the military community of Preston with local schoolchildren, building a series of Memorial Gardens to mark both the Armistice of 1918 and the Peace Day of 1919.Partners in Peace will help to build a lasting legacy to the Great War and those who served locally in the battles. Given the presence of the army in Preston via three barracks, local schools have forces children in them. Partners in Peace offers veterans an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the aesthetics of their local community as well as the education of local children. This in turn will help to restore feelings of purpose and value, enabling them to build a fulfilling and meaningful life in their new neighbourhood.	Community Integration
Caring Connections	The John Paul Project	6,000.00	The project will provide specialised counselling service directed at supporting ex service men and women living in the Merseyside area who are affected by a range of mental health issues ranging from bereavement to depression and needs relating to PTSD.	Local Service Delivery
Veterans in Sefton CIO	Holistic Care Programme for Veterans	19,992.00	Veterans in Sefton will deliver Holistic Care Programmes to provide early and interim mental health support through a qualified psychotherapeutic counsellor to speed up the recovery process, help families and enhance their peer mentor service. The project will look at Veterans' practical, emotional and health needs and provide appropriate support, through referral to other services or by delivering the support directly that the veteran needs. A volunteering programme, including peer mentoring and befriending, form part of this service.	Local Service Delivery
<b>South East</b>				

Stockbridge Primary & Pre-School	THRIVE room	8,755.00	The project will enable the school to transform an unused children's centre room into a space for children from the Armed Forces Community to explore and develop socially and emotionally within a safe space. With parental engagement and full school support, children will THRIVE, enabling us to shape well-rounded citizens of the future.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
RAF Association	Increasing the employability of RAF Spouses and Partners	20,000.00	The project will provide the opportunity for thirty-two RAF spouses and partners to participate in accredited training to become an Ofsted Registered Childminder. The training not only aims to increase their employability and wellbeing, but also increase the amount of high-quality childcare around RAF stations in the South East.	Local Service Delivery
Royal Marines Heritage Trails - Deal & Walmer	Heritage Trail Guidebook CG Forward	2,000.00	Following the successful Launch of The Royal Marines Heritage Trails in Deal in April 2018, the project will publish a new edition of the hugely successful Guide Booklet. The booklet will be made available to members of the Armed Forces Community and people from the civilian community. The trail gives an opportunity to engage with the history of the Royal Marines, and the booklet provides an accessible mechanism for people to explore the award-winning trail	Community Integration
<b>South West</b>				
The Veterans Hub	Veterans supporting Veterans.	18,600.00	The hub offers a port of call for veterans who needs to reach out and speak to someone who know what they are going through. They can offer support and help people navigate the difficult channels that are needed to get help and support, by bring the community together. The grant will enable the project to develop their work, and fund a part time post to offer more support to veterans	Community Integration
Improving Lives Plymouth	Plymouth Veterans Hub	19,895.00	The project will co-design a Veterans Hub in Plymouth with veterans, their families and carers, and will work with wider with public and voluntary organisations. The hub will support and develop social activity, develop peer support and mentoring, and work with partners to shape better care pathways to employment, mental wellbeing, welfare, housing advice, financial information.	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery



Community Self Build Agency Ltd	Plymouth Homeless Veterans self build	20,000.00	The Community Self Build Agency offer solutions for Veterans and their families who are either homeless or in housing need. The team ethos to integrate Veterans into the community by forging local partnership through training whilst offering moral guidance towards single living and future employability. Their projects can support veterans with addictive behaviours and complex needs. This project will lead to the development of properties, employment workshops and skills development	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
<b>West Midlands</b>				
West Midlands Police Veterans Police Peer Support Network	WMP Veterans Peer Support Network	20,000.00	The Veterans Peer Support Network will create a formal referral system which is rooted across the seven areas of the West Midlands Police Force and which incorporates WMPs existing structures around Vulnerability, Intervention and Prevention. This will ensure that when a Veteran is in police custody they always have a Peer to help them access the services that can support them	Both Community Integration & Local Service Delivery
<b>Multi Region</b>				
Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial	IBCC Digital Archive	20,000.00	The IBCC is building the most comprehensive repository of freely accessible digitised heritage on Bomber Command in the world. Incorporating the personal and service documents, photographs and interviews of those involved from every perspective, this archive will create a lasting commemorative, educational and research resource for current and future generations. It provides a platform for education, informs community outreach programmes, involves volunteers and enables integration through sharing the experiences of those who served	Community Integration