

Aged Veterans Fund- List of all grants awarded

Total value of grants: **£29,400,761**

Round/ year of grant	Organisation	Project Name	Description	Grant awarded
1 2016	The Royal British Legion	Aged Veterans Healthy Living Programme	Through this portfolio, The Royal British Legion will support 11 projects to increase understanding of the impact of ageing on veterans and their families, encourage a greater understanding of the impact of ageing amongst this community and capture the effect that military service may have had on their ageing experience. They are also using the Aged Veterans Fund to seed fund projects that show promise and potential for contributing to better outcomes for ageing veterans, and help projects with proven effectiveness to be extended and operate at greater scale.	£1,000,000
1 2016	Somme Nursing Home, Northern Ireland	The Centenary Wing	The Aged Veterans Grant contributed towards the development of the Centenary Wing in Belfast to develop capacity for veterans in Northern Ireland. It will support aged veterans to continue living at home as long as possible, and to provide permanent care when this is no longer possible including palliative end of life care where appropriate. The new wing will be available in July 2017. This project sits within the wider portfolio of The Royal British Legion, but provides support specifically to veterans in Northern Ireland.	£600,000
1 2016	Blind Veterans UK	Health and Wellbeing project who have lost their sight, hearing or mobility	<p>This portfolio aims to support aged veterans that have lost their sight and also experiencing the loss of their second or even third age related faculty including their hearing and mobility. The focus of the application is to create a consortium of charities who will work together to share best practice and resources to develop a health and wellbeing project for older veterans who have lost their sight, hearing or mobility.</p> <p>The grant will research, deliver, measure (and disseminate to other military and non-military charities) a range of health and wellbeing services specifically adapted for the veterans who have lost one or more their faculties. The objective of the project is to help more vulnerable older veterans stay independent and healthy in their own homes for longer.</p>	£709,996

1 2016	British Nuclear Test Veterans Association	Nuclear Community Charity Fund – Making the Difference	<p>The grant is supporting 5 projects to promote and deliver education, research and support relating to the heritage, health and wellbeing of atomic veterans, their spouses and offspring of the nuclear survivor community, principally in the UK.</p> <p>The projects include physical and mental health research, welfare and wellbeing service delivery, evaluation and education.</p>	£999,970
1 2016	Age UK Support Services (Yorkshire and Humber)	Mission possible: Active Service in Later Life	<p>The grant is supporting 6 projects to develop and extend the services and activities offered by four Age UKs in Yorkshire. Using a person-centred approach it will develop new activities and forums appropriate to the needs specific to older veterans engaging veterans in their development.</p> <p>The project will undertake wide-ranging assessments of older veterans needs and offer a programme of healthy ageing through: information and advice, care navigation, independent living, silver surfer groups; befriending, walk from home; prostate cancer support groups. A bespoke motivational training package will be used by volunteers to engage veterans and manage their health. The project will also deliver specific reminiscence activities, involving trips to places the older veterans were stationed. Funding will also enable the development of relationships with veteran's organisations and a marketing and promotion campaign aimed at getting services to isolated older veterans.</p>	£539,980
1 2016	St John and Red Cross Defence Medical Welfare Service	Greater Manchester Armed Forces Families Integrated Health and Wellbeing	<p>This project looks at the healthcare issues facing aged veterans and older people in general and seeks to create an integrated care model that will lead to a better customer experience and outcomes, less confusion and complexity and cost savings. It is set within the context of the devolution of services in the Greater Manchester area and Public Service Reform. Defence Medical Welfare Services will work with the local authorities, NHS Trusts and Armed Forces charities to promote services and ensure beneficiaries are identified and engaged.</p> <p>The project seeks to embed an Armed Forces Families approach in within health care delivery; identify, develop & improve integrated services; improve access to services; develop data and information sharing protocols to improve the quality, availability and transition into services. It will also provide</p>	£948,264

			healthcare staff with training in respect of armed forces, mental health and welfare to improve services.	
1 2016	Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund	Loneliness and Social Isolation Outreach Services for Aged RAF Veterans	<p>This application is for three linked projects based around Princess Marina House, a respite home for aged RAF veterans and their adult dependants on the West Sussex coast, with a vision of maximising the reach and impact of Princess Marina House as the national, focal centre for aged RAF veterans</p> <p>The first project is refurbishing and upgrading Princess Marina House to ensure a continuing and improved, high standard of comfort and well-being for aged guests. The second project is to establish a lunch club for elderly local residents from the RAF family, extending the welcome offered on a daily basis all year round and capitalising on the facilities of PMH as a centre of social life. The third project delivers a team of carers to aged RAF veterans living in the area around Rustington, helping to relieve loneliness and isolation in the comfort of their homes.</p>	£757,480
1 2016	Music in Hospitals	Heroes in Harmony	<p>The grant is to deliver 1,200 live music sessions across the ex-service care home community in all areas of the UK. Their research has shown the positive social, health and wellbeing impacts that live music can have on residents – even those with advanced dementia. Musical skills and musical tastes appear to be present long after the capacity for conversation and particular aspects of the individual personality have disappeared.</p> <p>For each concert, the care home hosting the concert is opening its doors to older people (particularly ex-service men and women) living in the community so that they can join the residents for the live music concert.</p>	£402,400
1 2016	Royal Naval Association	Ipads for RNA members	The Royal Naval Association was awarded £650,000 for iPads for digitally isolated naval veterans (that is anyone born before July 1950 not on line). This will be a 2 year project to get about 1,500 veterans on line. The grant covers the iPad, broadband for 2 years, training, support and the funds to manage the project.	£650,000
2 2017	Age UK	Joining Forces	Age UK wants to improve the lives of older veterans across England. The charity will deliver a strategic Portfolio of person-centred support in 15 different local and regional settings, which will enable testing, evaluating and sharing effective approaches to improving older veterans' quality of life and wellbeing.	£4,397,146

2 2017	Poppyscotland	Unforgotten Forces: Supporting Scotland's Ageing Troops	The Poppyscotland portfolio will reach aged veterans across Scotland. Services will include advice provision, support for those on the NHS pathway with transport being provided to appointments. Loneliness and isolation will be tackled through befriending, respite breaks, a newly created day centre and entertainment and therapeutic programmes in care homes.	£3,981,756
2 2017	TRBL	Legion Healthy Living Portfolio (2017)	The Royal British Legion's portfolio focuses on meeting the needs of aged veterans by: researching the cause and consequence of poor health and wellbeing; exploring what can be done to reduce and prevent problems in later life; and providing coordinated, practical advice and support in aged veterans' homes and communities.	£4,850,899
2 2017	BNTVA	Nuclear Community Charity Fund - Making That Difference	Through the Nuclear Community Charity Fund, the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association will deliver education, research and support activities to ease suffering, increase wellbeing and enhance social inclusion of the community of British Atomic Veterans and their families.	£4,999,229
2 2017	Cornwall RCC	Cornwall and Plymouth Veterans Combined Support (CPVCS)	We support veterans and their families to have the happiest and healthiest older age possible. Our partnership offers a holistic service that helps people get the health and social care support they need, increase their digital skills, reduce their energy costs and offer them opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills.	£574,204
2 2017	Rural Action Yorkshire	Veterans Advance North Yorkshire – We've got your back	The project will identify and raise the profile of older veterans across North Yorkshire. It will fund a diverse range of partners to offer them support for health, wellbeing and social care needs - responding to their requests for practical help, social activities and friendship on a countywide level.	£1,004,664
2 2017	St John and Red Cross DMWS	Integrated Health & Wellbeing: Herefordshire & Nottinghamshire	Provide health and wellbeing support and activities to Aged Veterans, their families and carers in Herefordshire and Nottinghamshire. Working in partnership, the projects in each area will improve the health and wellbeing of aged veterans, increase skills to support those with dementia, reduce social isolation, and enable independent living.	£796,284
2 2017	Age Cymru	Project 360°	In order to provide an urgently required all round support service for aged veterans in Wales, Age Cymru are working together with members of the Age Alliance Wales (AAW) and the volunteer group Woody's Lodge (previously Group 617) to ensure the right support is given to aged veterans through a 360° provision based on the specific needs of the individual.	£940,082
2 2017	Seafarers UK	Defining the Needs of and Assisting UK Aged Merchant Navy Veterans	An examination of the health and social care needs of aged merchant navy veterans in the UK through research, community based case work and the provision of dedicated supported housing. The funding from the AVF will help to produce a definitive profile of the wider welfare needs of Aged Merchant Navy	£943,930

			and Royal Fleet Auxiliary veterans, a section of the UK veterans community often perceived as “invisible”.	
2 2017	Hospice UK	Hospice care – improving the well being and quality of life of aged veterans	To extend hospice care to aged veterans and their families, and forge new partnerships with other organisations serving veterans in three communities in England. Three unique projects will aid veterans to develop new relationships, engage in peer support and share camaraderie with comrades, collectively reducing social isolation and enhancing well-being.	£304,467