



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

31 grants totalling £515,014

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount	Project description	Priority
Wales				
Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau	Linking Arms	£18,500.00	The group will give young people in the area, opportunities to engage in the local community, including those undertaking their gold Duke of Edinburgh's award. Those taking part will engage with military charities, care for the castle grounds at Crickhowell, volunteer at the local military museum and take part in the Crickhowell Walking Festival.	Community integration
Welsh Local Government Association	Supporting Service Children in Education – school resources	£19,500.00	The group will develop a suite of new resources and materials, aimed at equipping schools with the tools they need to support children of Armed Forces personnel across Wales in their education.	Local service delivery
Scotland				
Leuchars Station	Leuchars Station Bowling Alley	£20,000.00	The project will upgrade a disused bowling alley to provide various team building and community cohesion opportunities, including opportunities for community engagement and youth work, allowing veterans to interact with regular soldiers and providing a welfare facility for all families and children based at Leuchars.	Local service delivery
Northern Ireland				
Brooke House Project	Lake and Garden Disability Access	£20,000.00	The group will develop their disability access and toilet facilities on the estate to enable veterans of all ages and abilities to use the site for activities such as fishing, woodland walks and archery. The	Local service delivery

			group will also develop a bee farm within the estate to offer additional activities.	
Thiepval Barracks Northern Ireland Equestrian Centre	Equine Facilitated Rehabilitation & Sport	£20,000.00	The group will deliver the 'Equine Facilitated Rehabilitation and Sport' project, engaging veterans with physical injuries living in NI, creating challenging opportunities to overcome physical and associated psychological barriers and reducing social isolation through delivery of therapeutic riding leading to participation in equestrian sports.	Local service delivery
Upperlands Royal British Legion Club	Upperlands Community Garden of Reflection	£15,985.00	The project will offer opportunities for Service personnel, young people and the wider community to engage together through practical involvement (planting and maintenance) in a garden of reflection. There will also be historical talks and awareness raising with local groups.	Community integration
North West England				
Blackpool FC Community Trust	Blackpool FC Armed Forces Programme	£19,772.00	The group will expand community provision for veterans across Blackpool, offering a diverse range of activities including peer support groups, social outings and physical activity sessions for young and old.	Local service delivery
Breckfield and North Everton Neighbourhood Council Ltd	Kick Start 2 Health & wellbeing	£19,555.00	The group will bring together local people, including veterans, who are suffering from poor mental and physical health. They will offer activities and workshops, as well as training, to promote a more positive, healthier lifestyle.	Local service delivery
RFEA - The Regular Forces Employment Charity	Project Nova - Greater Manchester	£20,000.00	The group will deliver 'Project Nova', an innovative programme to reach veterans who are arrested or at risk of arrest, to improve their social stability, reduce reoffending and help them into employment.	Local service delivery
Veterans In Communities	Veteran Support in Hyndburn & Ribble Valley	£19,914.00	The group will identify ex-Forces, supporting them to improve their health and wellbeing through outreach, one-to-one support and peer support activities.	Local service delivery
North East England				
Church Homeless Trust	Veterans' Artisan Bakery	£19,622.00	The group will involve veterans affected by homelessness, and their families, to engage in therapeutic baking, cooking and gardening activities.	Community integration

Hull FC Community Foundation	Fit to Play	£11,160.00	The group will use sport to tackle isolation in the Fit to Play project. They will target adult veterans and offer group-based mental resilience activities as well as engaging Forces and veterans' families in whole-family sport activities.	Local service delivery
The Jon Egging Trust	Blue Skies Coast and Countryside	£19,969.00	The group will work with members of the military community in Yorkshire to become inspirational role models, transforming the lives of vulnerable young people through intensive educational programmes, sharing career and life experience to create inspiring video learning and inspiring primary-aged young people and those living in rural communities.	Community integration
Operation Veteran CIC	Operation Veteran Support	£8,500.00	The group will provide free to use breakfast clubs and hubs, offering support and guidance to veterans and their families. There will also be volunteering opportunities to help improve confidence and self-esteem and to reintegrate veterans into their communities.	Community integration
South West England				
Gloucester Rugby Community Charity	Gloucester Rugby 'Veterans Activity Hub'	£9,040.00	The group will offer a weekly two-hour session for veterans aged 50+. Activities will be low impact and group based to boost physical and mental wellbeing and reduce isolation.	Local service delivery
Music Connect CIC	Wiltshire Services Music Tuition Subsidy	£19,723.00	Funding will support continuation of music tuition for 97 Armed Forces children in Wiltshire, giving them the opportunity to progress musically and improving their mental and personal development.	Local service delivery
Upavon Support Unit	Outdoor Community Fitness Project	£20,000.00	The group will install outdoor gym equipment for all ages on a communal area near the Service Families Accommodation at Upavon station, which is isolated and suffering from a lack of public transport.	Community integration
The White Horse Federation trading as Larkhill Primary School	Early Years and Well Being	£20,000.00	The group will open nursery provision within Larkhill Primary School. This will directly benefit the families of troops returning to Larkhill from overseas.	Local service delivery
South East England				
Crofton Anne Dale Federation	The Mess	£20,000.00	The group will provide a safe, clean and well-equipped space for their Troopers club. Activities at the club include cooking, semaphore skills, mindfulness activities and games.	Local service delivery

Family Friends	Family Life	£19,985.00	The group will provide bespoke support to Armed Forces families, in particular the Welsh Guards who have recently moved to Windsor. Group sessions and activities will help to reduce isolation and improve wellbeing, helping families to thrive.	Local service delivery
Rainbow's End Playgroup	Rainbow's End Playgroup stimulating play and learning environment	£3,943.00	The group will develop an outdoor area into a stimulating and safe space for both the military and civilian children who attend the setting.	Local service delivery
Skill Horizons CIC	Together We Build A Better Tomorrow	£11,905.00	The group will transform an overgrown a space for children at Cheriton Primary School to use for reflection and wellbeing, focussing on the needs of the Service community and bringing both the Service and civilian communities together in a joint legacy.	Community integration
Thanet Community Development Trust	They Also Served	£20,000.00	The group will involve both civilian and military volunteers in creating a trail and accompanying guidebook to tell the stories of the civilians and key workers around Thanet who died in the World Wars. The oral history of those living in the area at the time will also be recorded and there will be links to other military trails in the region.	Community integration
West Midlands				
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	Armed Forces Community Garden	£20,000.00	The group will develop a new garden at Hillfield Park into a peaceful sanctuary for veterans, family members and the local community.	Community integration
St John & Red Cross Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)	Medical Welfare Emergency Response Birmingham	£13,125.00	Funding will enable an emergency response medical welfare service to the Armed Forces community living in Birmingham when they are admitted to hospital or a healthcare pathway.	Local service delivery
East of England				
Children's Links	Messy Explorers	£7,950.00	The group will provide weekly creative and messy play sessions for children aged 0-5 in Coningsby. Sessions will be held at the HIVE and will be advertised to both RAF and civilian families.	Community integration
Cottesmore Academy	Enhancing Kendrew Barracks' Family Support	£19,800.00	Funding will support 60 additional pre and after school activities for families at Kendrew Barracks with health and wellbeing needs, with two children. Parents will access a two-hour morning session	Local service delivery

			with their pre-school child, then an after-school session with both children.	
RAF Coningsby	Youth Mental Health First Aid	£1,948.00	Funding will enable 16 people working with young people to undertake a youth mental health first aid course, delivered by Mental Health First Aid England. This will include school staff, youth and community workers and other professionals working with young people locally.	Local service delivery
Suffolk County Council	Suffolk Armed Forces Covenant Engage2	£15,642.00	Funding will provide the project with additional staff capacity, allowing them to raise awareness and support on a number of key action points in the Suffolk Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan, including: health and wellbeing, training, employment, housing and community engagement.	Local service delivery
London				
The Fighting Chance	Boxing Through Barriers	£19,976.00	The group will deliver the Boxing Through Barriers project, focusing on hard-to-reach veterans, motivating them and helping them overcome barriers such as social isolation.	Local service delivery
Royal Marines Reserve City of London	RM Community Boxing Partnership	£19,500.00	The group will use funding to divert young people from disadvantaged backgrounds away from violent crime and give them a sense of purpose and the opportunity to get involved with disciplined, physical training in a Royal Marine Commando environment.	Community integration