

Grants awarded under the Sustaining Delivery of the Covenant programme 2020/2021 September 2021

20 grants totalling £500,000

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount	Press Summary
England			
Charnwood Borough Council	Sustaining AF Covenant Delivery (CMR)	£25,000.00	This cluster; lead by Charnwood Borough council will build on their earlier work. The project, Sustaining AF Covenant Delivery (CMR), will improve and help to make difference to the Armed Forces Community within the Charnwood Borough Council.
Rutland County Council District Council	Making our Covenant count	£25,000.00	The project will use the funding from the Trust to significantly strengthen support to our Armed Forces Communities. This will be across the three partnership areas of serving units that have significant veteran populations. It will enable creation of sustainable partnerships and improve engagement across identified areas of need. It will embed previous work and deliver additional support.
Surrey County Council	Forces Connect South East Training	£25,000.00	Forces Connect South East (FCSE), will build on their previous training and awareness raising programme. The project will deliver updated face to face and online training to public authorities (including newly elected councillors, frontline staff and health) regarding the Armed Forces community.
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	West Yorkshire Implementation Project	£25,000.00	The West Yorkshire Implementation Project will work to enhance understanding of the the Covenant across the local authority. Identifying and sharing best practice alongside supporting councils to embed this across services will lead to the community being served by those who respect, understand and appreciate the Armed Forces.
City of York Council	Armed Forces Drop in Center	£25,000.00	With this funding, the project will create a drop in center based in York, for our Armed Forces community. York was chosend because it is central, has good transport links and has expertise in supporting the Armed Forces community.

Gateshead Council	Armed Forces Outreach Engagement Project	£25,000.00	Gateshead Council will improve the access routes into the existing Armed Forces Outreach Service. In particular, this grant will target Armed Forces spouses and those still serving. Gateshead Council has found that these groups are under represented in referrals and this project will enhance the support offered. A dedicated resource will assist with the pathway into employment, volunteering or confidence building.
Kingston Upon Hull City Council	Strengthening engagement with our community	£25,000.00	The project will deliver a targeted engagement programme building on earlier work to embed the Armed Forces Covenant principles within a cluster of local authorities. A targeted engagement programme will build on this earlier work. The Strengthening engagement with our community project will increase awareness of the Covenant ensuring that those involved with Military Service are not disadvantaged.
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	GM Armed Forces Covenant ELearning	£25,000.00	With this funding, Greater Manchester Combined Authority, in partnership with Warwickshire County Council, will support tailored elearning packages to further knowledge of the Armed Forces Covenant across the City Region.
Lancashire County Council	Our Forces Community 'One Voice'	£25,000.00	Lancashire County Council will provide a programme of training, resources and assistance to the 15 councils in Lancashire; upskilling their public facing staff to better understand and support Lancashire's Armed Forces community as they engage with public services. Our Forces Community 'One Voice' project message and a 'one-voice' approach will be key to this activity.
Colchester Borough Council	Armed Forces Community Development	£25,000.00	Colchester Borough Council will employ a part time resource to focus on strengthening the Armed Forces Covenant; across a cluster of local authorities. The new role includes reconnecting with partners, developing joint work and bringing the online armed forces information up to date. The role will also look at ways to strengthen the Armed Forces communities within the local area
Herefordshire Council	Embedding the Covenant in delivery	£25,000.00	Herefordshire Council will deliver a tailored programme of awareness raising events and develop online video content for internal staff, members and relevant partner organisations for Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire Councils. Telford & Wrekin will be delivering specific and identified outreach support to veterans through local providers of mental health services.

Dorset County Council	Embedding the Dorset Armed-Forces Covenant	£25,000.00	Since 2018, Dorset has established a high profile Armed Forces Covenant partnership programme; working as a cluster of local authorities. This funding will continue to develop and deliver the programme's five year strategic plan. Priorities of the project will include improving data collection and analysis, enhancing communications and digital engagement. Embedding the Dorset Armed Forces Covenant will also further develop events and implement a partnership of activity.
Portsmouth City Council	Solent Partnership Thematic Needs Assessment	£25,000.00	The project will review needs within the Armed Forces community. This will happen with a baseline review work to consider distance travelled in respect of housing, education and health. The project will also identify emerging themes resulting from the pandemic and create a forward plan that enables local resources to be deployed to maximum effect.
Milton Keynes Council	Sharing Best Practice, Sustaining Delivery	£25,000.00	The Sharing Best Practice, Sustaining Delivery, will ensure covenant delivery by uncovering unmet support needs among veterans, reservists, family members. This continued funding will ensure that best practice regionally and nationally is shared. There will also be continued support for VCN, strengthening of existing partnerships, developing others and secure admin support.
Warwickshire County Council	Refresh of Covenant e-learning programme	£25,000.00	Warwickshire County Council will refresh and expand the original e-learning programme developed through 2016-2019. The original 'Frontline Staff' module is now dated and policy and needs improvement. This will be made available more widely.

Scotland			
Highland Council	Covenant Commitment Highland and Moray	£25,000.00	Highland Council will build on previous project recommendations to develop and deliver bespoke information about the Armed Forces Covenant to Community Planning Partnerships as well as deliver specific themed projects. All materials will be tailored to be easily delivered, both virtually and face to face and as downloads from various websites.
Wales			
Caerphilly Borough County Council	Gwent Armed Forces Support	£25,000.00	Gwent Armed Forces Support project will provide specialist advice to the Armed Forces Community. This will include key areas such as housing, budgeting and debt advice via established Veteran Hubs and bespoke sessions within the local areas. Additionally the county council will deliver Armed Forces Covenant training sessions to local authority staff, public bodies and third sector organisations.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Continuing delivery of the Covenant.	£25,000.00	This grant will help with the continuation of vital support through a cluster of local authorities to the armed forces community within the 'Continuing delivery of the Covenant' project. The project will maintain the momentum and enhance the existing provision for the Armed Forces community across West Wales.
Cardiff Council	Cardiff Armed Forces Advice Team	£25,000.00	The project will continue the critical work of the Cardiff Armed Forces Advice Team. Supporting members of the Armed Forces Community, the team will help them to access free, high quality advice about a range of topics including employment, benefits and housing. This funding will help increase the reach and the engagement time available for more vulnerable members of the Armed Forces community
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	Supporting our Armed Forces Communities	£25,000.00	The project will continue to deliver the work that was initiated using the Strengthening Delivery of the Covenant grant. This funding will further embed the good practice and ways of working that have been developed and to provide ongoing benefit and better outcomes for our Armed Forces Communities.