

Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Family Fund: Supporting Partners-Innovation Grants programme 2022/23 - February 2023

12 grants totalling £483,144

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
Wales			
RAF Valley	Spouses and Partners Support Project	£29,000.00	This project will provide a wide range of needs led support activities targeted at spouses and partners of service personnel at RAF Valley. 'Spouses and Partners Support Project' will reduce isolation, developing key employability skills; increase confidence and create opportunities for self and personnel development skills, whilst fostering positive peer support networks.
England			
RAF Wittering	Supporting Partners at Wittering	£39,100.00	This project will use a building, in heart of community, to offer support to the partners of serving personnel, both locally and dispersed, offering the opportunity to gain the confidence to return to work following childbirth; a career break; redundancy and Covid using mentoring, peer support and training.
University of Chester	Employment Experiences of Serving Partners	£49,000.00	Informed by co-production with military partners, this project will seek to understand the employment experiences of both accompanied and unaccompanied partners of regular serving personnel. It will explore the barriers and potential solutions to improve employment opportunities for serving partners and provide an example resource which will be widely accessible.
Army Welfare Service	Home Force	£26,964.00	'Home Force' aims to provide targeted support to military personnel's spouses and partners. The project will provide skills, confidence, and knowledge to set up and run home-based businesses.

Armed Forces Community HQ CIC	GM Partner Peer Support	£46,090.00	This project will enable Armed Forces Community HQ to pilot an innovative blended approach to enabling peer to peer support for the partners of Serving personnel, Regular and Reserve, delivered across Greater Manchester.
RAF Brize Norton	The Big Brize Partner Project	£35,000.00	The Big Brize Partner Project' will bring together existing projects supporting military partners at the UK's largest RAF Station, guided by a steering group of military partners and community leaders, The project will improve existing services and develop new, innovative activities to meet unmet needs and foster peer support.
Family Friends in Windsor and Maidenhead	Connected Families	£31,490.00	The Connected Families Project' will provide a programme of practical and emotional support for the partners of serving personnel, to help reduce stress and manage the challenges of family life, enabling them to feel connected to others and services.
UK-Wide			
RFS Career Academy	Recruit For Spouses App	£ 50,000.00	The project will see the creation of an interactive app; enabling partners of serving personnel to receive a bespoke pathway facilitating access to employment, education and training, or wider support tailored to their unique situation.
Career Pursuit	Online career support platform	£30,000.00	This project will enable Career Pursuit, through their 'Online career support platform' project to create a tool for military spouses and partners to find employment and business support.
Army Families Federation	Positive Futures for Military Partners	£50,000.00	This project will help to ensure that service spouses and partners are provided with clear, easily accessible, effective partner employment support while undertaking a review of the current and future, holistic needs, of partners and service spouses.
The Partner Employment Working Group CIC	The Overseas Employment Guide	£46,500.00	This project will help Armed Forces families being posted overseas gain access to, and an understanding of, the requirements of being able to work in their new



			location. This could include working for themselves, their current UK employer, or for a host nation company.
Forces Employment Charity	My Forces Employment: Families	£50,000.00	This project delivers an innovative digital platform, 'My Forces Employment: Families', which complements Forces Employment Charity's successful Families Programme. The year-long initiative will deliver a digital resource constructed to strengthen military spouses' and partners' access to employment, education, and training opportunities. It aims to reduce the employment challenges associated with military life.
Total Awarded		£483,144	