

Grants awarded under the Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities programme 2021/22 October

2022 27 grants totalling £2,614,460

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
Scotland			
Forces Children Scotland	Ruby Boots Project	100,000.00	Young people from veteran families will train to deliver mentorship to peers, from Armed Forces families making the same transition, who will empathise and provide help to overcome challenges that children from Armed Forces families can experience.
Wales			
Age Cymru Dyfed	'Veterans In View'	87,822.00	The "Veterans in View "project will deliver tailored, practical support to older veterans (65+) and their carers/families in West-Wales, who have remained hidden from support services due to their gender, race, rurality, social-economic circumstances, and may have experienced recent bereavement. The project will include research to inform future service planning.
Northern Ireland			
Brooke House Project	No Barriers.	99,984.00	Brooke House will take a holistic approach guiding Veterans experiencing suicide ideation to recovery and providing support to family members and carers.
England			
The Bridge for Heroes	Project INTERFACE	91,478.00	The project aims to reach specific groups of veterans and reservists, in rural areas, poorly served by public transport, to identify and assist those with hidden and

			compelling needs, reducing isolation by encouraging individuals to engage in the charity's varied range of services and activities.
British Nuclear Test Veterans Association (BNTVA)	Alleviating moral injury in veterans	100,000.00	The project will provide support with complex moral, ethical and mental health within the UK Nuclear Test Veterans community. This will follow a two-pronged approach of individual assistance and collective community help.
West London Mission	Rebuilding the lives of homeless veterans in London	96,000.00	This project will support veterans who are either rough sleeping or long-term homeless, enabling veterans experiencing crisis to achieve stability and rebuild their lives.
Home-Start Greenwich	Parenting Power, Woolwich Garrison	99,594.00	The project will support vulnerable Armed Forces families at Woolwich Garrison, with at least one child under 6, in group activities and befriending (one-to-one) support to improve parent and child health. The project will support families experiencing a range of different challenges and enable children to thrive.
The Fighting Chance	Gloves On	100,000.00	The Fighting Chance 'Gloves On' project is a boxing training programme designed for injured and limbless Veterans. The project provides a fun, challenging boxing programme alongside other social activities and support for Veterans and their families.
Sporting Force	Bedtime stories and Breakfast Together	99,100.00	Homeless Veterans and those in supported accommodation can struggle to spend meaningful time with their children. This project will create safe spaces for engagement, time shared together and overnight stays, supporting positive interactions between parents and their children. The involvement of both parents has important factors for child well-being.
Age UK Lancashire	Connecting Veterans to their Community	83,343.00	The project will support vulnerable older veterans experiencing isolation, due to where they live and/or

			because of their health, to connect with the wider veteran community. The project removes barriers to a veteran meeting with others, such as confidence, transport, or money and, where appropriate, will introduce them to a veteran befriender.
Launchpad	Rehabilitating Homeless Veterans	94,812.00	With the grant, Launchpad will provide support to 135 homeless veterans at Speke House, Liverpool over the next 3 years. This project will enable Launchpad to employ a Specialist Case Worker to work with the veterans to address complex mental health and addiction problems which caused or contributed to their homelessness.
Walking With the Wounded	Improving support for Minority Ethnicities	99,517.00	This project aims to develop a comprehensive referral network for veterans of minority ethnicities who are struggling to access employment support and services post discharge through developing referral pathways and a network of organisations who can offer specialist support to minority ethnicity veterans. The project will be led by a Cultural Liaison Manager who will have lived experience of the issues and they will create a specialist network.
Veterans' Growth	Veterans' Growth Addiction Programme (VGAP)	100,000.00	The project will address a significant need among veterans who are dealing with mental health and substance addiction challenges simultaneously. The project will bridge the gap between addiction and mental health support services, offering a route into addiction treatment and a pathway out of it, whilst supporting mental health and wellbeing.
Citizens Advice Rushmoor	Domestic and Sexual Abuse Prevention and Support (Armed Forces and veterans: Nepali and Foreign and Commonwealth)	100,000.00	The Nepali Domestic and Sexual Abuse outreach project provides specialist, bespoke support for Serving and veteran families from the Nepali community who are affected by domestic abuse and are unable to access

			mainstream services as a result of language and / or cultural barriers.
Battling On Community Interest Company	New Horizons	100,000.00	The grant will enable the New Horizons Project to provide two detached mentors who will work with statutory and non-statutory organisations to help veterans with complex needs access support from multiple organisations. Veterans with complex needs often have multiple issues such as substance abuse, mental health issues and homelessness; but this can be highly challenging for veterans to navigate without support.
We Are With You	With You for the Armed Forces	99,922.00	The project will provide much needed support for veterans in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly who are experiencing drug and alcohol addiction and mental health issues. With the grant, specialist support will be embedded in the region to broaden service provision for this group of veterans.
Gloucester Rugby Foundation	Empowered Together	79,150.00	The 'Empowered Together' project offers a new approach towards supporting female veterans in Gloucestershire to come together and participate in bespoke activities that improve physical and mental health. Interventions will include learning and personal development opportunities, access to physical activity, and group-based mental resilience support with an objective of improving life chances.
Defence Medical Welfare Service	Armed Forces Community - Carers Support	93,738.00	The project will offer dedicated welfare support, and advice to carers of serving personnel or carers; to help with a range of issues including loneliness, addiction issues or financial concerns.
Combat Stress	Family Support Services	100,000.00	With this grant, a new Family Support Worker will be able to work with veterans' families, providing emotional support and practical advice for living with someone with

			complex mental health issues. The project will focus on creating partner relationships with other services and engage families in treatment.
Make Some Noise Limited Ruby Boots Project	Upbeat Legacy	100,000.00	The project will offer upbeat sessions for Forces families with pre-school children, which will help to strengthen family attachment ensuring relationship resilience, reduction in isolation and loneliness through participation in creative musical activity. Increased participation in Early Years Music making will also support development of skills across the EYFS prime areas of learning and development including language
UK-Wide			
The Mankind Initiative	ACORN Pattern Changing Recovery Programme	90,000.00	The project will offer specialist support, engagement and awareness raising for men, both serving and veterans, who have experienced Domestic Abuse, connecting them with specialist services breaking the cycle of isolation and loneliness. The project will offer support for survivors aimed at helping them to move forward, understand their experiences and focus on forming healthy relationships.
The Ripple Pond	Family Pathways Support Service	100,000.00	The project, a collaboration between The Ripple Pond and The Poppy Factor will improve pathways to support for family members with caring responsibilities in the serving and veteran communities.
The Warrior Programme	Building resilience - Living your potential	100,000.00	The project will use this grant to empower 50 Serving women who have experienced significant challenges including traumatic experiences to reconnect with their jobs and rebuild their careers.
Royal Star and Garter	Veteran-friendly care home framework	100,000.00	The project will develop a veteran friendly framework applicable to residential settings for older people to help providers in offering appropriate support to thousands of

			veterans living in non-military care homes across the UK. It will include identifying veterans and their needs, addressing social isolation and signposting; and developing better ways of supporting older, vulnerable veterans in future.
Forward Assist	Intersectional Pathways for Marginalised Veterans	100,000.00	The project will offer new and highly specialist support to veterans who have experienced violence. Specialist interventions will promote long term mental health recovery and include positive recommendations for lifestyle changes for veterans and service members of all ages. Types of support offered will vary, but veterans and service members will be given the tools and skills needed to move forward and build healthy, productive relationships and lives. This online service will be offered to serving personnel and veterans no matter their geographical location.
RNRMC	Support for Foreign and Commonwealth RN families	100,000.00	The project will improve support for Non-UK and Commonwealth RN serving personnel and their families by providing effective support and guidance, developing specialist expertise, and offering a personal experience to families experiencing complexities regarding immigration
Poppy Factory	Family Employment Service	100,000.00	The project will work in collaboration with The Ripple Pond to provide a personalised employment service for adult family members of veterans with health conditions. The project will use Poppy Factory's expertise in providing employment support to veterans to work with family members, supporting them to secure and sustain employment, overcoming barriers they often face.
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