

**Grants awarded under the Reaching and Supporting Armed Forces Communities programme 2023/24 – September 2023**

**31 grants totalling £2,901,813**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Grant Amount (£)</b>	<b>Project Description</b>
<b>Scotland</b>			
BRAVEHOUND	Bravehound Connections	£100,000	Bravehound Connections will provide intensive support to vulnerable isolated Veterans and family members at risk of relationship breakdown and challenges relating to unsustainable debt linked to wider cost of living challenges
Play Therapy Base Limited	Play Therapy Services for Armed Forces Military Families	£95,542	This project will provide play therapy services for children from Armed Forces families aged 3 to 14 years old and their families, living in Midlothian.
Sacro	Changing Steps	£40,750	The project plans to fill an identified gap in services available for former serving personnel who are serving custodial sentences for sexual offences in HMP Glenochil. Changing Steps will support them during their time in custody, their transition into communities on liberation and provide links to the relevant community services.
Who Dares Cares	About Turn	£66,000	About Turn will support and engage with Veterans within the Criminal Justice System who are subject to a Community Payback Order with an unpaid work or other activity requirement in agreement with South Lanarkshire Councils' allocated workers within the Unpaid Work Service.

<b>Wales</b>			
Bridgend Carers Centre	Reaching Out to Veteran Families	£ 99,989	Reaching Out to Veteran Families will identify and support this marginalised group of Veteran Carers and families within the community of Bridgend County. The project will provide access to information, advice and support, with beneficiaries having access to a designated support worker and specialised support able to signpost to other organisations.
Poppy Factory	Navigator Cymru	£100,000	Navigator Cymru will provide intensive, personalised support for Veterans in Gwent facing challenging circumstances. Navigator will help veterans develop strong support networks, connect with meaningful activities within their communities (volunteering, hobbies, social groups, support services), to support positive wellbeing, with the aim of returning to work and thriving at home.
Woody's Lodge	Veterans in Care	£100,000	This project will support Veterans who live in care homes around Wales. Working with Age Cymru the project will run Veteran specific groups within the home or at Woody's hubs/drop-in centres nearby.
<b>England</b>			
Adfam	Adfam @ Home for families of serving personnel	£ 66,600	This project will deliver a support service for 36 family members of serving Armed Forces personnel with problematic alcohol and substance use. The service will consist of twelve individual support sessions per person and 46 moderated peer/group support sessions.
Age UK Lincoln & South Lincolnshire	AUKLSL Cost of Living and Energy Advice for AFC Veterans	£ 98,140	The project will deliver in-depth information and advice to Veterans aged 50+ and their carers. The project will use a holistic approach within Armed Forces communities, where vulnerability and wellbeing is impacted by the current cost of living and energy crisis in order to maximise income and combat social isolation.

Army Welfare Service	Force of Nature - Community Wellness Garden	£ 99,920	The project will set up a community wellness garden specifically for past and present military members and their families to bring the existing and new community together. People can enjoy the outdoors, grow fruits and vegetables and access a variety of wellbeing sessions.
Carers Plus Yorkshire Ltd (prev Scarborough & Ryedale Carers Resource)	No One Left Behind	£ 95,169	Building on their experience of working with the local military community with additional support needs, Carers Plus Yorkshire will offer both free short-term information, advice and guidance to access the right support at the right time, and long-term support through locally-based groups to reduce isolation, nurture peer support and build friendships.
Citizens Advice Portsmouth	Forces Home Straight	£ 98,656	Forces Home Straight aims to reduce debt and housing crisis for services, families and Veterans in Portsmouth and Rushmoor. The project will bridge the gap between military and civilian advice, increasing awareness of available help and empowering people to deal with civilian debt and housing by providing preventative specialist help and legal aid, via a co-ordinated referral system.
Climb 2 Recovery	Therapeutic Adaptive Climbing and Mountaineering	£ 99,000	This project will optimise the recoveries of seriously wounded Service people and Veterans through a programme of progressive therapeutic adaptive climbing and mountaineering, all of whom have completed at least two-years of conventional clinical treatment and yet remain chronically and severely disabled by their injuries or illness.
Community Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services (CDARS)	Project 360	£100,000	CDARS will deliver a wraparound care programme for Veterans experiencing acute mental health needs in South West London. Project 360 will provide specialist one-to-one counselling sessions, support groups, advocacy, wellness activities and referrals to specialist organisations for further support if needed.

The Fighting Chance	Women. Veterans. Families.	£89,024	<i>Women. Veterans. Families.</i> is designed for Women Veterans experiencing difficulties with transition, mental or physical health and social isolation. The project provides a bespoke programme of support for Women Veterans and their families, designed to improve access to support services and create a supportive community of Women Veterans.
Forces Employment Charity	Families Programme: Enhanced Employment Support	£100,000	This project will enhance the level of employment support provided to vulnerable military spouses, partners, and widows experiencing multiple barriers to employment.
Groundwork Greater Manchester	HMPs Veterans' Successful Transitions	£100,000	HMPs Veteran's Successful Transitions will support Veterans currently serving sentences in Greater Manchester prisons. The project will provide a full package of support in training, education, housing, financial guidance and mental wellbeing to both rebuild confidence and self-esteem, and to help Veterans achieve a successful transition back into the community on release.
Improving Lives Plymouth	Unpaid Carers of Veterans Support	£100,000	This project will offer a wrap-around, holistic service to ensure that families and unpaid carers of Veterans of all ages receive support and guidance they need. They will be offered opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills, access health and social care provision, and mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.
North Yorkshire Citizens Advice & Law Centre (NYCALC)	Catterick Connection	£99,600	Catterick Connection will provide free, confidential and impartial advice to serving Armed Forces personnel, new Veterans and their families based at, and around, Catterick Garrison in North Yorkshire. The service will focus on resolving financial problems, including those caused by the cost-of-living crisis, and interlinked family relationship issues.
RMA-The Royal Marines Charity	Transition Support: Long Service Leavers	£95,330	This is a targeted project offering additional support for Royal Marines transitioning after 22 years completion of service, providing bespoke 1-1 guidance, workshops and civilian mentors. This project will support beneficiaries into meaningful and sustainable civilian employment following long-term military service.

The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Aid Society (FAS)	Infantry Connect	£98,000	Infantry Connect will deliver a digital community platform to transform the way vulnerable Veterans can connect and be supported to access the help they need. The project will connect struggling infantry Veterans to a large peer support network alongside a range of support services. This project is collaboration between six regimental associations.
Scotty's Little Soldiers	StandBy - Military Bereavement in Education	£70,984	StandBy will ensure bereaved Service children and young people are sensitively supported in their education setting. This project addresses the gap in guidance, training, resources and support around mitigating the challenges bereaved Service children, who have experienced the death of their parent, face within an education setting.
Sharks Community Trust	Reaching New Goals	£87,875	Reaching New Goals will offer targeted wellbeing activities focused on helping working age Veterans, facing challenges with PTSD and other mental health problems, with the skills, confidence and resilience to progress into sustained employment. One-to-one and group sessions will prioritise mental health, employability skill attainment and self-efficacy.
Smart Savings CIC	Veterans Regroup Outreach Events	£64,170	Veterans Regroup Outreach Events will offer free activity days (gardening, water sports, bushcraft, foraging walks, crafts and cooking) for vulnerable Veterans with complex needs in Cornwall who are impacted by cost-of-living challenges. The project helps Veterans re-connect with the Armed Forces community and develop a more positive outlook on life.
The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association – Forces Help	Domestic Abuse Trauma Support	£96,314	This project will provide vital mental health support to highly vulnerable women and children from the Armed Forces community who are escaping domestic abuse. A programme of new activities will be offered to support beneficiaries move from crisis to independence.
The Warrior Programme	Moving Beyond Domestic Abuse	£100,000	Warrior, in partnership with Aurora's Armed Forces Advocates, will establish an evidenced based service for serving personnel affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence. Moving Beyond Domestic Abuse will address

			compelling and complex individual needs and deliver lasting change, enabling beneficiaries and their families to rebuild.
Tom Harrison House	Tom Harrison House Therapeutic Retreats	£99,750	This project will offer nature-based, therapeutic retreats over the next three-years to Veterans living with addictions and mental health needs. Six retreats will be family retreats to support families in overcoming the challenges they face supporting their loved one through addiction.
UK SMART Recovery	SMART Veterans Programme England	£141,000	SMART Veterans Programme will support Veterans with addiction, helping them change their behaviour, by providing techniques to build motivation, cope with urges, manage thoughts and behaviours and create a fulfilling life. This will be achieved in an environment where Veterans support Veterans to recover and reintegrate into their community.
Veterans Outdoors	Artemis+ (plus)	£100,000	Artemis Plus will provide a comprehensive programme of emotional and physical resilience for female Veterans in the South West, enabling women to 'move on' from their Service careers and achieve the next steps in their lives.
Veterans Outreach Support	Vectis Veterans	£100,000	Veterans Outreach Support will reinforce and expand its current range of activities in welfare, wellbeing and clinical support on the Isle of Wight supporting the on-island Veteran community, improving lives whilst combating loneliness and isolation.
Youth Options	Serving Families Together Hampshire	£100,000	Serving Families Together supports families of serving personnel, who are struggling with Child/Adolescent to Parent Violence and other forms of challenging/self-harming behaviour. The project provides Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) training to parents, alongside youth/family support for the whole family, addressing harmful behaviours and improving relationships and communication.
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