

Grants awarded under the Veterans Places, Pathways and People programme 2024: Development Grants Phase 1 – March 2024

10 grants totalling £1,284,265

In March 2024, the Trust awarded development grants to the current portfolio lead organisations following extensive planning, discussions and a robust solicited grants process. These initial grants will help maintain the excellent momentum this programme has built so far in making positive, tangible changes within the Veteran community.

The organisations listed below are the current portfolio leads and are in the consultation period (Phase 1) of which the results will form the basis for the strategic plan, which will set out how they best support Veterans and their families under this programme over the next three years.

| Organisation | Project Title | Region | Grant Amount (£) | Project Description |
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| Veterans Outreach Support | Partnership In Mind | South East | £133,369 | Partnership in Mind Phase 1 will deliver a wide-ranging consultation and fully costed strategic plan, reinforcing earlier success and strengthening collaboration. It will be aligned with the AFCFT's programme objectives for the next chapter of VPPP delivery in SE England and will turbo-charge Veteran support in mental health and wellbeing. |
| Adferiad Recovery Veterans Services | VPPP Wales | Wales | £126,278 | The VPPP Wales Team aims to enhance collaboration and expand the Veterans Network in Wales, building on previous achievements. This consultation period will assess Veterans' needs, partnering with other organisations to improve access to support, reduce stigma, develop a strategic plan, and support Veterans' families and caregivers. |
| The Bridge for Heroes | Project Viewpoint | East of England | £133,561 | The Phase 1 project will sustain those portfolio members whose continued support of Veterans is critical. It will also be the strategy design phase for a wide-ranging consultative programme amongst Veterans and service providers at all levels, to establish support for vulnerable Veterans so that they can become self-sustaining. |
| Defence Medical Welfare Service | Collaborative Connections Empowering Veterans | North East and Yorkshire | £129,551 | DMWS will lead a comprehensive consultation with Veterans, partners and a wide variety of third sector and statutory organisations to develop a strategic plan to enhance the physical and mental health and wellbeing of Veterans, their families and carers. Pathways of support access, collaboration and empowerment will be key. |

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| Defence Medical Welfare Service | Joining The Dots: Empowering Veterans | Midlands | £123,401 | Empowering the Armed Forces community across the Midlands, DMWS 'Joining The Dots' dedicated network of professionals and volunteers remains committed to coordinating efforts and collaborating with cross-sector organisations. Through comprehensive consultation, DMWS will shape a strategic plan to enhance the health and wellbeing of Veterans, their families and carers. |
| Poppy Factory | London Veterans Partnership: Better Together | London | £101,344 | The project will establish how to better support Veterans experiencing mental health and social isolation by conducting a comprehensive consultation with Veterans, families and professionals. From this a strategic plan will be developed that focuses on creating an environment that encourages collaboration to maximise resources and deliver better outcomes for Veterans. |
| Armed Forces Community HQ CIC | Forces Wellbeing Collective | North West | £133,775 | The Forces Wellbeing Collective will continue to coordinate and support a network of professionals, volunteers and cross-sector organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of the Armed Forces community in the North West. This phase of the project will deliver a comprehensive cross-sector consultation to shape the strategic delivery plan. |
| NHS Lothian | Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance | Scotland | £134,836 | The Scottish Veterans Wellbeing Alliance provides spaces and places across Scotland where Veterans and families can connect and access support, learn new skills and benefit from activities delivered by a compassionate workforce nurturing relationships. The next stage will focus on travelling to places, speaking to people about their future pathway. |
| Invictus Games Foundation | Brighter Futures for Veterans | South West | £133,300 | The Invictus Games Foundation will continue to enable a network of professionals, volunteers and cross-sector organisations to improve the health and wellbeing of the Armed Forces Community, including families in the Southwest. This phase of the project will deliver a comprehensive cross-sector consultation to shape the strategic delivery plan. |
| Brooke House Health and Wellbeing Centre | NI Veteran Support Network | Northern Ireland | £134,850 | The project will retain vital elements of the VPPP1 programme that connect Veterans around the NI Veteran support network. It will also conduct cross-sector consultations to enable the development of a strategic plan to address the wider determinants of health. |
| | | Total Awarded: | £1,284,265 | |