

**Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Families Fund: Supporting Partners programme 2024/25 – March 2025**

**15 grants totalling £799,056,00**

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
<b>England</b>			
Battling On CIC	Refreshing Start	£60,000	The Refreshing Start Project provides individualised person centre end-to-end service to support partners and spouses of those serving in the armed forces to develop the confidence, self-esteem and skills to reach their full potential, build the necessary support networks to work towards and gain meaningful employment.
Defence Medical Welfare Service	Supporting Military Community Spouses/Partners	£57,765	DMWS will provide independent, person-centred support to military partners in Hereford and Salisbury to improve mental wellbeing through practical and emotional support, advocacy, and links to wider support.
Greater Rushmoor Nepali Community (GRNC)	Excel together	£57,000	Excel Together will support spouses and partners of serving personnel, including reservists, particularly non-UK nationals, in transitioning to life in the UK by providing mental health awareness, practical and social skills. Hybrid sessions (face-to-face and virtual) will help build resilience and help tackle challenges like social isolation and career instability.
Home-Start Richmondshire	Catterick Connections	£39,938	Home-Start Richmondshire will improve the wellbeing, community connections and transferable skills of partners of serving personnel through our volunteer befriending and support programme.
Preston North End Community and Education Trust	Tackling Life Together	£ 40,623	Working with 4th Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, 'Tackling Life Together' is an early intervention approach towards improving the mental health and wellbeing of spouses and partners of reservists. Co-produced with beneficiaries, a weekly programme

			of group-based wellbeing activities will tackle loneliness, improve mental wellbeing, and create healthy aspirations.
Solent Mind	Anchoring Minds: Mental Health Navigator	£54,343	This project aims to expand an existing emotional wellbeing service (with RNRMC) by extending support to Army and Air Force families. It will introduce a mental health navigator who will operate a triage system, providing appropriate signposting and referrals based on the individual's location and the challenges they face.
Suffolk Family Carers	Caring Forces	£57,000	This project aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of spouses and partners with family caring roles by providing one-to-one and peer group support. It will also work across communities to raise awareness of the challenges they face and explore ways to overcome them.
Suffolk Mind	Frontline Partners	£59,717	Frontline Partners will engage a Wellbeing Outreach Worker to build trust and connections with partners/spouses of serving personnel. This relationship-building will facilitate co-production and delivery of services which support partners/spouses' mental health and eases integration into unfamiliar living and working environments while they're based in Suffolk and for future postings.
University Of Central Lancashire	Education a pathway to wellbeing	£57,919	Working within the North West's Further/Higher Education organisations, this project will educate practitioners on the needs of armed forces partners as potential students and employees. Through developing pathways to address the unique challenges partners face, raising confidence, aspirations and improving wellbeing through opportunities to study and work in the FE/HE sector.
<b>UK-Wide</b>			
Aurora New Dawn	RAF families support (domestic/sexual abuse/stalking)	£60,000	Aurora New Dawn will recruit a dedicated independent specialist advocate to support partners of serving RAF personnel/reservists who have experienced – or may be at risk of – domestic/sexual

			abuse/ stalking, reducing isolation and increasing wellbeing for RAF families in the UK.
Forces Employment Charity	Supporting Partners into Tech Careers	£50,000	The project supports spouses and partners of serving personnel in raising their aspirations, building their confidence, and developing the skills necessary to secure fulfilling employment and promoting the diverse opportunities available within the technology industry, aiming to empower individuals to consider careers in a rapidly evolving field.
The Warrior Programme	Supporting and Empowering Service Partners	£60,000	The project aims to enhance the self-esteem, confidence, and resilience of tri-Service partners and spouses. By enhancing self-awareness and communication skills, it will improve family relationships, help individuals better cope with the challenges of service life, and support the development of a vision for their futures along with the networks to achieve these goals.
<b>Scotland</b>			
HMNB Clyde	Submariner Families Programme	£54,751	This project aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of spouses and partners, of serving personnel, by providing local community programmes offering wellness activities, and promoting fitness, mental health, and community integration.
<b>Wales</b>			
RAF Valley People and Community Support Department	S&P Community Connections Support Project	£30,000	The aim of this project is to bring service spouses and partners together by engaging them in a variety of positive health and wellbeing activities, to tackle isolation and loneliness, while also enabling the development of informal support networks.
<b>Overseas</b>			
Global Support Organisation/National Support Element North Italy - Military Base Unit	Professional Development for Spouses	£60,000	The aim of the project is to support spouses who have accompanied their partners to Italy. Due to restrictions, spouses are unable to work, therefore this project will aim to help develop new skills, build confidence on return to the workforce or completely map a new career for themselves.

<b>Total £799,056.00</b>
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