

Grants awarded under the Armed Forces Families Fund: Supporting Partners programme 2025/26 – September 2025

17 grants totalling £965,696

Organisation	Project Title	Grant Amount (£)	Project Description
England			
Active Plus	Military Partner Career Pathways	£70,000	The Military Partner Career Pathways project will work with partners of serving personnel (including reservists) in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly to increase employment opportunities, access to education, training and to grow in confidence and self-belief. Tailored one-to-one support will be provided by a lived-experience Military Partner Change Coach.
Army Welfare Service-Donnington & Tern Hill	Supporting Spouses	£10,000	Supporting Spouses is a programme operating at Donnington and Tern Hill bases that aims to support partners of serving personnel. This is through a number of sessions including Early Help drop-in, Family Fun Night and Walk & Talk.
Bath Spa University	Skills for careers and wellbeing	£69,208	This project aims to support partners of serving armed forces personnel by helping them acquire in-demand skills, access flexible and portable employment opportunities or start their own businesses and increase their confidence and wellbeing. The project focuses in Wiltshire, with some elements being available nationally and internationally via online delivery.
CatZero	Catzero Leconfield Supporting Partners Programme	£57,835	CatZero will deliver a two-year programme, improving the skills, confidence, mental health and wellbeing of partners of serving members of the armed forces at Defence School of Transport, Leconfield, East Yorkshire. The codesigned programme will meet individual needs, address social isolation and provide practical support to overcome barriers to employment.
Citizens Advice Rushmoor	Gurkha Resilience, Knowledge Access Project	£ 69,077	This project will improve access to advice and support services for partners of serving personnel, especially non-UK nationals from

			Gurkha regiments, across Aldershot and Larkhill Garrisons. It removes language and cultural barriers through bilingual advice, outreach, and advocacy delivered by Citizens Advice Rushmoor, a national leader in Gurkha community support.
Hambleton Community Action	Outpost Leeming	£67,394	This project will support family members of serving personnel living at RAF Leeming, helping to improve their overall wellbeing through volunteering, building resilience through development of self-advocacy skills, mitigating for transport challenges, running recreational and skills-based workshops and offering a holistic advice and signposting service to partners and families.
Hull FC Community Foundation	Common Purpose	£46,290	This project offers a weekly programme of wellbeing, personal development, and family learning activities, 'Common Purpose' is an innovative approach towards meeting the mental health needs of partners of service personnel. Co-produced with potential beneficiaries living on Normandy Barracks, activities aim to improve mental health and wellbeing, foster cohesion, and inspire aspirations.
National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA)	Employment Opportunities in Early Years	£62,202	National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) is the UK's foremost provider of professional early education and childcare training. NDNA offers a proven training and employment programme within the early years sector to partners of serving personnel or reservists that recognises the range of skills and experience they bring to the workplace.
RACPD	Spouses/Partners – Confidence Through Learning	£70,000	RACPD is a charitable training provider supporting service partners and dependants through tailored learning programmes. These initiatives enhance essential skills, promote wellbeing, and foster educational success. By celebrating achievement and progression, this project will upskill individuals to develop academic qualifications and create opportunities for career entry or progression.
Wales			

Adferiad	Employment and Volunteering Pathway	£70,000	Adferiad will deliver an 18-month, Wales-wide programme supporting armed forces partners into volunteering and employment. Through tailored outreach, training, and placements, the initiative boosts confidence, skills, and career prospects. It prioritises inclusivity, mental well-being, and long-term impact, empowering participants while promoting systemic change across organisations and the wider armed forces community.
UK Wide			
Forces Employment Charity	The Families Programme	£70,000	The Families Programme assists partners of serving personnel in enhancing their aspirations, boosting their confidence, and acquiring the skills needed to find fulfilling employment, including whilst posted overseas. The project will empower individuals to maximise their potential, whilst improving their financial stability and reducing isolation.
The Milspo Network	The Business Launch Accelerator Course	£34,901	An online business start-up course supporting military partners to build flexible, sustainable businesses that work around military life. This funding will allow the course to be updated and extended, offering a further 120 people the chance to start something of their own - wherever they're posted.
RFS Career Academy	FLOURISH	£45,907	This one-year project will support the mental wellbeing and personal development of military spouses and partners, in the UK and overseas. Grounded in lived experience, it offers emotional support, peer connection, and skills-building opportunities - empowering participants through services shaped by the very communities they are designed to support.
X-Forces Enterprise	Enterprise Pathways for Forces Partners.	£61,748	This project will deliver a business start-up support programme for partners of serving members of the armed forces. Delivery will be in the UK, overseas bases and on-line, enabled by our partnerships with HIVE and welfare support. The programme includes group work and 1-1 mentoring with specialist support for specific businesses.
Overseas			

British Loan Service Oman	Oman Partners' Arabic Kick Start	£60,000	The project will provide introductory (survival) Arabic lessons to partners of tri-service personnel serving on Loan Service in Oman. Whilst there is provision for language training for serving personnel, no such provision exists for partners, so this project seeks to redress this disparity and demonstrate investment in partners' personal development.
BFBS	AI Skills for Military Partners	£66,884	An online and in person training programme offering military partners worldwide the skills and confidence to use artificial intelligence tools in everyday life and work. Through self-paced learning and live support, the project promotes wellbeing, digital confidence, and new opportunities for employment, self-employment or further learning.
British Gurkhas Nepal	Thrive Beyond Borders	£34,250	The project supports partners of serving personnel in Nepal, restricted from working locally. It helps them gain new skills, build confidence, and prepare for future careers or enhance existing abilities, ensuring smoother reintegration and personal and professional growth upon their return to the UK.
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