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Together For Service Families

Support through moves and times apart

Programme guidance 2026/27

Together for Service Families open programme

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Programme Guidance

Summary:

Grants available: between £5,000 and £75,000

Project length: between 12 months and three years

Programme aim: to mitigate the impact of service-related separation and relocation for families of serving personnel and reservists

Application closing date: 12 noon 16 December 2026

Application link – [Apply to the Together For Service Families open programme](#)

Terms and conditions to grant – [Standard Terms and Conditions to grant](#)

Checklist before you submit your application:

- ✓ We have read the supplementary information to support my application on the Trusts website: [Click to view the Applicant Hub \(opens a web page\)](#)
- ✓ Our project will support families of either currently serving armed forces personnel, reservists or other personnel recognised under the Covenant.
- ✓ Our project meets at least one **of the** programme outcomes.
- ✓ People with **lived experience** helped us plan our project.
- ✓ Our budget is **clear and realistic and includes time for data collection and evaluation**.



Common mistakes to avoid

- ! Your project doesn't **directly target** the intended beneficiaries for this programme
- ! Your project doesn't clearly meet the **programme aims** - it is more general
- ! You haven't told us how you have **consulted** with your beneficiaries and shaped the project around their needs
- ! You haven't shown us that your project will have a lasting impact on your beneficiaries
- ! Your budget is unclear or doesn't fully reflect your project idea

We highly recommend you submit your application before the deadline in case you have any unexpected problems with technology.

So that we're fair to all applicants, we can't advise you on whether your proposed project is a good idea, or whether it is likely to be funded. We can only offer technical advice. We strongly recommend reading this guidance in full.

We can't accept late applications. Please refer to [our late application policy](#).

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Section 1 – the programme

Why are we running this programme?

This programme sits within our [grant strategy 2024-27](#) (opens a web page) and builds on the learning from our earlier Apart, Not Alone and Serving Families on the Move programmes.

The Together for Service Families open programme complements the place-based programme by supporting time-limited projects that improve quality of life for serving armed forces families. It focuses on the potential challenges associated with mobility, separation and isolation during service life. These challenges can have a significant impact across many aspects of family life, including emotional wellbeing, mental health, social connections and overall family dynamics.

The programme aligns with our Covenant Fund Funding Framework theme of ensuring armed forces communities are not disadvantaged. You can read more about the Armed Forces Covenant on the [official Armed Forces Covenant website](#).

What do we mean by ‘service-related separation’, ‘newly arrived’ and ‘relocation’?

Service-related separation means any time when a serving person is away from their family because of military service. It can also mean times when they are at home but are not emotionally or physically available. This can cause extra strain, isolation or practical problems for the family. We’ll ask you to tell us the types of separation service families face, and how often this happens.

For example:

- Deployment (including repeated deployments).
- Exercises and training (UK or overseas; short-notice tasking; extended courses).
- Weekending and long-distance commuting (serving person only returns at weekends or less).
- Unaccompanied postings (family stays in one location while the serving person is posted elsewhere).
- Detached duty and short-notice travel (including frequent time away).
- Shift patterns and on-call duties that reduce family time and increase pressure on the at-home partner.
- Reservist mobilisation and training commitments that can create sudden or repeated separation for families.

Newly arrived means serving families who have recently moved because of a service member’s new assignment. This could be within the UK, from the UK to overseas, or from overseas to the UK. It means the early stage of settling in, when families are:

- getting used to a new home, place or community
- setting up routines again, such as childcare, education and employment
- building local support networks again
- getting to know local services and support.

Families may move every two to three years. This means the period seen as ‘newly arrived’ can be different depending on the move and the family’s situation. Please explain how you

define 'newly arrived' families in this context. You should also explain how you will reach them, so they can get support early.

Relocation means serving families moving to a new duty station as part of military service. This may include:

- preparation and planning in advance of a move
- emotional and practical stress caused by uncertainty and change
- the move itself
- the time when the family is settling in after they arrive.

Relocation can put pressure on families before and after a move. Families may need support at any stage of the process.

Who can apply?

- UK-based registered charities with substantial recent experience supporting armed forces communities. Charities must have been registered in the UK for at least 12 months at the time of application.
- CICs with substantial recent experience supporting armed forces communities. CICs must have been registered in the UK for at least 12 months at the time of application.
- Local authorities.
- Armed forces bases.

Substantial recent experience of supporting armed forces communities means that either your governing documents state that you specifically work with this cohort, or that you can show that working with serving personnel and their families is a significant and regular part of your existing work. We'll ask for evidence of recent work in collaboration with the armed forces.

If your charity or CIC doesn't have substantial recent experience of working with the armed forces community, you can still apply. To do this, you must deliver your project with another organisation, or more than one organisation, that **does** have this experience. You must agree the partnership in principle before you apply. You must also tell us who the organisation, or organisations, are in your application form.

Your organisation must be based in the UK. Your project can take place in the UK or overseas. It must clearly support eligible serving armed forces families and meet the aims of this programme.

Please note that the maximum grant you can apply for may depend on how long your organisation has been registered. You can find more details in the *How much funding can you apply for?* section.

Full eligibility details for each type of organisation are available in the [applicant hub section of our website \[opens web page\]](#). Please read it before you start your application.

Additional eligibility criteria

The following restrictions may apply:

- We may decline applications from current Trust grant holders if the reporting requirements for existing grants from the Trust are not up to date.
- We generally receive more good applications for funding than we can support. We may prioritise organisations which have not yet received a grant under either *Apart, Not Alone* or *Serving Families on the Move*. Prioritisation may also be used to ensure a good geographical spread of projects, ensuring a broad range of beneficiaries and needs are supported and focusing funding where need is evidenced as being greatest.

How much funding can you apply for?

Grants of up to £75,000 are available towards projects delivered between 12 months and three years.

The maximum amount you can apply for depends on how long your organisation has been registered:

- **Charities and CICs registered for at least 12 months but less than three years** at the time of application can apply for grants between **£5,000 and £50,000**.
- **Charities and CICs registered for three years or more** at the time of application can apply for grants between **£5,000 and £75,000**.
- **Local authorities and armed forces bases** may apply for grants up to **£75,000**.

To ensure projects have sufficient time to deliver meaningful change and demonstrate impact, **all projects must be planned to run for a minimum of 12 months**, and they may run for up to three years. Be realistic in your application about the feasible delivery period, and time it might take to plan, recruit staff, engage beneficiaries and begin activities.

What your project will need to achieve

This programme aims to reduce the impact of separation and relocation on the families of serving personnel and reservists. We want to fund focused projects that respond to clear needs.

We want to fund projects with benefits that last. This means we want to know what will happen after your funded project ends. The application form will ask questions about sustainability that are relevant to this grant programme.

We welcome projects that continue or grow existing work, if this supports the programme outcomes. We may also fund pilot projects or new ways to provide support. Your project should meet the **current and immediate needs of this group**. It may include prevention, early support or help in response to a need.

Strong applications will show that you understand the needs of serving families. They will also show how your project will work with, link to or add value to support that already exists. It should not duplicate existing support. We can only fund projects that are in addition to statutory provision.

Strong applications will also show that you understand how statutory support can differ across the three services, where this is relevant. This may apply, for example, in tri-service or multi-service communities.

Your project must meet at least one of these outcomes:

- Families feel better equipped to manage and reduce the impact of service-related separation, resulting in improved mental health, wellbeing, resilience, relationships and social connections.
- Families feel better equipped to navigate and reduce the impact of relocation, enabling them to access support, build social connections, reduce isolation and settle successfully into new communities.
- Organisations have a stronger understanding of what prevents, reduces or mitigates the impacts of service-related separation or relocation for families and are sharing that learning effectively with other organisations.

Projects may focus on separation, relocation, or both. This should depend on the needs you have identified. Your application must contribute to at least one programme outcome.

Your project should support serving families, including reservist families, affected by **service-related separation or relocation**. Service-related separation may include deployment, exercises or training, unaccompanied postings, weekending and long-distance commuting, and repeated short-notice time away.

To meet these outcomes, you should work with families and listen to them. We will ask you to explain how serving families have helped shape your project, and how you know the project is needed. If you already work with the people you want to support, you can use existing feedback, service user data, consultation findings or other evidence from your current work. You may also want to speak to military welfare teams, bases or other relevant stakeholders. You can use community needs analysis, consultation findings or research to support your application.

Activities funded under this programme may include (but are not limited to).

Reintegration support	Projects that help personnel and families adjust post-deployment.
Family resources	Tools to guide families through the deployment cycle and improve awareness of what help is available.
Mental health support	Improved access to mental health services tailored to the unique challenges of service life.
Virtual and flexible community activities	Online/hybrid activities which meet the needs of modern service families, enabling access to support regardless of time or location.
Work to join up activities across organisations	Reducing duplication and improving collaboration between those providing support and simplifying access to them for families.
Community integration	Building partnerships between military and civilian organisations to strengthen community links.
Initiatives to increase awareness of local services	Projects that raise awareness of existing services and activities, helping families navigate support easier and reducing duplication.
Welcome and orientation support	Activities that help newly arrived and relocated service families understand what statutory, welfare and community support is available to them and how to access it.
Parenting support under pressure	Activity that builds parents' confidence and coping skills when family routines, support networks or caregiving responsibilities are disrupted.
Maintaining routines and consistency	Helping families establish or maintain familiar routines and positive interactions for young children during periods of disruption.

Projects may include small elements of research or learning to inform need or shape delivery, but this should be proportionate. We would not expect research activities to form the majority of the project.

Who should benefit from your project

The direct and primary beneficiaries must be the families of current serving armed forces personnel, reservists and other personnel recognised under the Covenant.

We'll ask in your application about your direct and indirect beneficiaries.

- **Direct beneficiaries:** people who take part in the activities or services we fund.
- **Indirect beneficiaries:** others who benefit, like family members of direct beneficiaries.

****The Trust defines 'reservists' as those who are part of the Volunteer Reserve Forces.**

These people are volunteers who accept an annual training commitment and a liability for call out for permanent service. The Royal Naval Reserve (RNR), the Royal Marines Reserve (RMR), the Army Reserve and the Royal Air Force Reserves fall under the Volunteer Reserve Forces.

Our definition also covers people who are in a Full Time Reserve Service post.

It does not include recent service leavers, or veterans, who upon leaving regular service who may retain a liability for call out

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Section 2 – your application

What we will look for from your project idea

You'll need to clearly show us that you have the **relationships, skills and experience** necessary to carry out your project. This can include working with other organisations - there is more information on working with others later in this document.

In your application, we'll ask you to explain:

- Your project idea and how it will contribute to meaningful change for serving families experiencing challenges associated with separation and relocation.
- Your experience of working with the armed forces community.
- What you understand about the challenges serving families face regarding separation and relocation.
- How serving families or relevant stakeholders have helped to shape your proposal.
- What activities or support you are proposing.
- Who you will work with to deliver the project, where collaboration is relevant.

How to show evidence of need: simple checklist

Your application will be stronger if you can show:

- What serving families say they need. This could include short quotes or themes from listening sessions, surveys, forums or user groups.
- What evidence shows the need for your project. This could include emerging issues, research, waiting lists or gaps in current support.
- How service-related separation, relocation, or both affect the families you want to support. Explain the effect on areas such as wellbeing, mental health, social connections, family relationships or day-to-day life.
- If your project focuses on service-related separation, explain the common types of separation and how often families are separated.
- If your project focuses on relocation, explain how you will find, involve and support 'newly arrived' families, so they can get support early.
- What support already exists, including statutory and non-statutory support, and what gap your project will fill. Your project should avoid duplicating existing support.
- How your proposed activities respond directly to the needs of serving families, and why they are likely to make a positive difference.

Project examples - for illustrative purposes only

Example 1:

A charity has spoken to serving families and military welfare teams. They found that service-related separation can put extra pressure on parents, family relationships and wellbeing. Families said it can be hard to keep routines going, support children's emotional wellbeing and stay connected during deployments, training exercises and other times apart. The charity wants to run a project that gives parenting support to serving families during service-related separation. The project will offer workshops, tailored resources, peer support and practical guidance. This will help parents improve communication, keep positive family relationships and find ways to help children cope when a parent is away. The project aims to help families feel more able to manage and reduce the impact of service-related separation. This should lead to better mental health, wellbeing, resilience and stronger family relationships.

Example 2:

A charity has designed a project to support service families who have recently moved because of military service. These families are newly arrived and are settling into a place they do not know well. The charity spoke to serving families, military welfare teams and other stakeholders. They found that relocation can put a lot of pressure on family wellbeing, routines, relationships and access to support. This can be especially difficult in the first few months after a move. The project will give families clear information and early support to help reduce the stress of relocation and build family resilience. A digital welcome hub will help families find information about healthcare, childcare, education, employment opportunities and support services. The project will also offer welcome events, peer support and personalised guidance. This will help families find their way around local services and build social connections. The charity will work closely with military welfare teams and other organisations. The project aims to help newly arrived families get support early, settle more quickly and confidently, and reduce the impact of relocation on family wellbeing.

What we fund (and don't fund)

We fund:

- Staff time to deliver the project.
- Volunteer costs and reasonable expenses.
- Reasonable travel costs, including to enable beneficiaries to take part.
- Session costs, materials and items to support your project such as art materials, supplies for a breakfast club, laptops or IT equipment to help with project delivery.
- Accessibility costs (interpreters, translation, accessible formats).
- Reasonable overheads which reflect the cost to your organisation of delivering this project.
- Partner costs for collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Evaluation and learning activities - we'll check your budget to make sure you've allowed appropriate resource for data and reporting.

We don't normally fund:

 Where money only benefits one person. By this we mean where your whole project would only benefit one person.	 Making grants or donations of money or items of value to individuals or families.	 Repeat or regular projects that require a source of uncommitted funding.	 Endowments (to provide a source of income).	 Topping up existing grants and aid from a government department.	 Investments
 Fundraising costs, including organising fundraising events and activities.	 Paying for ongoing costs of existing partnership activity.	 Projects, activities or services that the state has a legal obligation to provide.	 Retrospective funding for projects that have already started or taken place	 Excessive management or professional fees or contingency costs.	 Projects with budgets that are dominated by capital costs - unless this is a capital programme.

This is not an exhaustive list and there may be specific exclusions for some programmes.

Any grant that we award under this programme must be in line with our charitable objectives. As a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) we cannot fund any lobbying or campaigning activity.

Budget and costs

Your project budget should be simple and realistic. Only include costs that help deliver your project and learning. Keep best-value in mind.

We can fund most things you need, like people's time, online delivery, or hiring/purchasing small items. We will fund reasonable contributions to running costs; put these in your budget breakdown.

If your application is for funding for a project running over a number of years you should consider whether to take account of projected inflation which might impact your costings.

It is unlikely that we will fund projects with budgets that are made up of big capital costs. For example, we would not expect to fund the costs of purchasing a vehicle, but we would pay for mileage costs on vehicles used by your staff and volunteers.

If we award you a grant, you'll need to send us a full budget, and project milestones, before we can pay the first instalment of your grant.

Information about how we define capital costs is available in the [Applicant Hub section of our website \(link opens a web page\)](#)

Helpful tips:

- ✓ For training: say what the training is and for how many people.
- ✓ For staff costs: show hours, that they are new or additional, and the pay rate.
- ✓ For equipment (e.g., sports items): list what and how many.

Living Wage

Like lots of funders, we seek to support the Real Living Wage wherever possible. It's reflected in our own remuneration policy and benchmarking, and we encourage project applicants to pay their staff the Real Living Wage if they can. **This isn't a requirement or an assessment criteria for any funding programme that we run.** It's a commitment to support pay at Real Living Wage levels whenever possible, and to contribute to wider understanding of and learning about the challenges and opportunities in reaching Real Living Wage pay levels in the voluntary and community sector, where it is often particularly difficult to do so.

What makes a strong application?

You'll need to show us that you have the **skills and experience** necessary to carry out your project. This can include working with other organisations - there is more information on working with others later in this document.

We won't fund projects which duplicate work. By this, we mean we won't fund projects which offer the same support to the same cohort at the same time. So, you'll need to show us how your project complements or builds on other work.

You'll also need to show us how the people you'll be supporting have helped to shape your project, and the way it will be delivered, is using their lived experience.

Explain the need for your project, and why you need the funding, in plain English. Use brief facts or quotes from people with lived experience.

Show who your partners are and what each will do.

Describe what you will do, how often, and where.

Show how you will check progress and share what you learn

Link your activities to the programme outcome(s).

Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to help you apply

You can use AI to help **start** drafting your answers. Please check and improve anything AI writes and **never** use AI to invent stories or quotes. We may reject applications if we have concerns about accuracy. If you use AI, please tick the box to tell us - this helps us improve our support.

Check out our list of suggested prompts below which you can combine with your own project plans and information to **start** your application.

- I am applying for a grant to support [who you want to help]. Using the information I provide, help me clearly explain the need or problem this project is responding to, why it matters now, and how it affects the people we work with. Do not invent information or statistics.
- Based only on the details I share, help me describe what our project will do, who will benefit, and the positive changes we expect to see. Structure this in a way that would work well for a grant application, without adding new activities or claims.
- Please review the text below as a draft grant application response. Help me improve clarity, structure and readability while keeping the meaning the same. Highlight anything that sounds unclear, repetitive or weak, but do not add new content.

When using AI to support your application, you should remain mindful of your organisation's data protection responsibilities, including compliance with UK GDPR.

Working with others (collaboration)

Working with other organisations may strengthen your project, particularly where this improves access to support for serving families. You should explain who you will work with, why they are important to the project and how collaboration will help avoid duplication.

- Families help shape the design, where possible.
- Partners understand who does what and how referrals or signposting will work.
- The project complements existing statutory and non-statutory provision.
- The project is accessible to families who may find it harder to connect with support.
- Learning from the project can inform future support for serving families.

The Trust uses the term **delivery partner** to describe a particular kind of partner. You may have more than one for your project. A delivery partner is an organisation which is either:

- receiving part of the grant OR
- critical to the delivery of the project (through providing resources or some other means).

If any of the organisations that you will be working with meet this definition, you need to read our guidance below on delivery partners.

The lead organisation (the applicant) has legal and financial responsibility for the grant and any funds given to partners.

Delivery partnership agreements

If we award you funding and you plan to work with one or more delivery partners, it will be a term and condition of your grant offer that you have a formal signed partnership agreement with them. See our guidance on what a [delivery partnership agreement](#) should include on our website. We will want to see a draft of this agreement and may ask for changes before approval.

Showing the change your grant will make

The projects we fund form part of our rolling research into what helps to reduce disadvantage for the armed forces community. This is part of our job for the Ministry of Defence.

If we fund your project, you'll need to send us regular progress reports which tell us:

- **Information about the people you help** (in totals, not names).
- **Information on how your project is doing**, using simple measures we give you.
- **Example case studies**, so that we have some qualitative insight into the project benefits

We'll give you an Excel sheet and clear instructions. If you're using either the ONS4 or WEMWBS wellbeing measures as part of your project, this will provide you with an opportunity to share some aggregated data with us.

By accepting the grant offer, you agree to give us information to show the impact your grant has made. You may also be required to take part in evaluations, impact studies or other research related to the funding you receive. We'll let you know what's required and how to participate.

Metrics to help us evaluate this programme's impact

If you're offered a grant, we'll talk to you about some simple metrics that we'll be using to help evaluate this programme's impact against its planned outcomes. The more data you can give us to inform those metrics, the more learning our evaluation will be able to share - to help other future projects deliver for the armed forces community.

Your project may not deliver in the way you initially expect it to - that's ok! There's always useful learning which we want to capture.

Here are some examples of the sorts of metrics we might use on a programme. We'll advise you on the specific metrics we'll be using for this programme and how to share that data with our evaluation at offer stage.

Programme outcome

People who are under-represented or seldom heard can get mental health and wellbeing support that meets their specific needs.

Organisations learn more about these groups and share that learning so support improves across the community.

Metrics we may use

A small number of short survey questions about their experience of accessing your support. You might report the total (aggregated and anonymised) scores to our evaluation.

Organisations you work with might answer **two scored feedback questions** about what they learned, and you report the total scores to our evaluation.

Funding your project's data reporting

Collecting and using data is an important part of running any project. It helps you understand your work better, and it helps us make sure Ministry of Defence funds are used wisely.

To help, we will look in your budget to make sure you have allowed appropriate resource for collecting and analysing **data about your project, your beneficiaries and your impact, and using this for reporting on progress and achievements**. Tell us in your application how you will use the resource you have budgeted for to collect and report your data. We

may also invite you to share your learning with our evaluators or through our annual surveys and events.

Subsidy Control Act 2022

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is a public body. We are required to follow specific rules under the Subsidy Control Act 2022. The law requires us to be transparent about how we use public funds, which we provide as grants.

The Subsidy Control Act is important for anyone thinking about applying to this grant programme. We encourage you to understand the criteria to determine whether something could be considered a subsidy, which are outlined in the guidance on our website. You will also be asked specific subsidy control-related questions in the application form. This helps us ensure we're discharging our duties properly under the Act.

How to apply

1. Read this guidance, the FAQs and other resources on our website programme page.
2. Prepare your project plan, budget and partner details.
3. Apply through our online grants portal (link on the programme page and at the top of this document). **Do not send your application by email or post.**

If you don't yet have an account for our online application portal, then [you will need to create one](#). (You will need this anyway if you are successful in receiving a grant, so that you can submit reports and receive grant payments). On our system, you can save a draft application form to complete later or send a draft copy to colleagues. You can also access copies of the application that you've submitted at any time.

For some programmes, you may need to attach documents to the application form. Please check the programme guidance. Please don't send any additional information once you have submitted your application unless we ask for it.

Please make sure your trustees/directors/senior staff know you are applying; we recommend adding your CEO, another member of your senior management, a trustee or director as your second contact.



TOP TIPS for completing your application form

- 1 Complete your application in a **Word document**, save it locally as you work on it. When it's complete, cut and paste the answers into our online form.
- 2 **Don't use any formatting**, such as tables or numbered lists, in your Word document. The online form may not accept this formatting and you might have trouble submitting the form.
- 3 **Save your online form** regularly while completing it, to avoid the risk of it 'timing out'.
 If either contact changes, let us know as soon as you can
- 4 You'll need to **provide two contacts from your organisation** on the application. At least one should have an organisation email address. At least one must hold the relevant authority (CEO/ CO or equivalent) to authorise any grant contract and bank account if successful.
- 5 You will be emailed when you both save and submit the application. **Check the 'Submitted Applications' tab** on your grant portal, to ensure your application has been fully submitted.
 We can only consider applications that have been fully submitted

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Section 3 – what happens after you apply?

After you apply

You will get an automated email from **noreply@yourcause.com** to confirm submission (it's a no-reply address; consider adding it to your safe senders). **If you do not get this email, your application was not submitted**—please log back in and submit. We will review your application against the criteria and may contact you to clarify details. The closing date is 16 December 2026 and decisions are expected in March 2027.

We'll also carry out several checks on the information you provide to us to make sure all information is correct and that there are no significant risks we can identify when awarding grants. Full details about the check we carry out are available on our website.

We'll check your application to make sure you've provided all the information we've requested.

During our assessment **we may contact you** to ask for clarification, or more information.

We'll review the information you provide in your application and, where relevant, data and information from the Charity Commission, Companies House or other regulators' websites relating to your constitution and recent audited accounts.

After submitting your application, **you must advise the Trust of any significant changes** in your organisation, its governance or finances which might impact on our consideration of your application.

We'll assess your application against the key criteria of the programme.

If we ask you to send us any further info, you'll need to do this within five working days.

We may also look at other publicly available sources such as your organisation's website and social media activity.

Please note: If your application is handled by one of our external grant assessors, they may contact you from a non-Trust email address.

Be assured that our external assessors will always clearly identify their role and copy the Trust Grants Manager for the programme into their email.

If you've got any concerns, you can contact us at info@covenantfund.org.uk

If you've any further questions about your application after you've submitted it, you can contact us at info@covenantfund.org.uk

How we will assess your application

We look at all applications fairly and consistently. Here's what we check for.

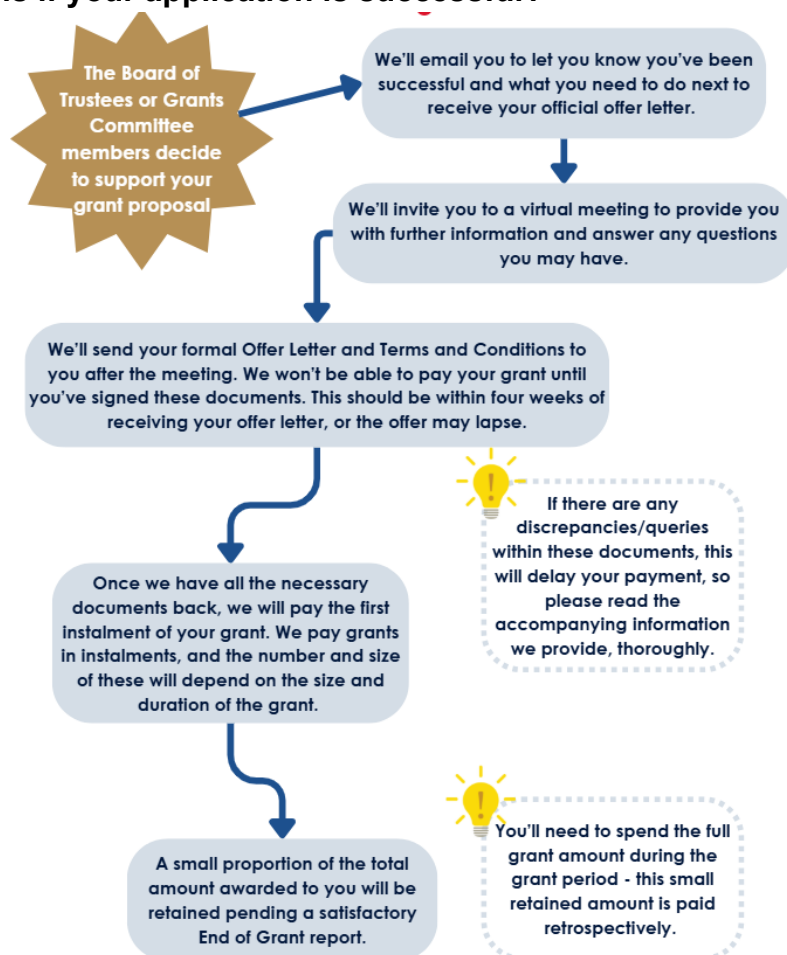
The difference that your project is making	
What are we looking for?	• That the project is addressing the aims of this programme • That the project is addressing a specific need for the serving armed forces community and that it will be able to make a significant difference to people's lives • Be able to show that the grant will have longer term sustainable benefits that will have an ongoing legacy after the end of the grant
What do you need to show us?	• What your project would do • How this would help serving armed forces families • How people from serving armed forces families have shaped this project or service; and how you know that they will use it • How many people this is likely to help, and what difference this will make • What the long-term benefits will be?
Delivery of your project	
What are we looking for?	That your organisation will be able to run your project; and that the approach to running your project would be likely to lead to the long-term legacy that you are seeking to bring about.
What do you need to show us?	• That your organisation has the structure, governance and resources to run your proposed project • That your organisation is well run and well managed • That you are planning to have people with the skills and experience to manage your proposed project • That you'll be able to start your grant activity within a time period realistic to the nature of your project • That you can keep people on your project safe • That you will deliver your project in line with our ethical values • That your budget is accurate and well-costed • Why your project offers good value for money • Whether you will be working with others to achieve your aims, and how you will do this • How you will measure the impact of your project • Your plans to ensure a long-term legacy of your work that will continue after the end of the grant

How we make a decision on your application to this programme

Final decisions will be made by the Board of Trustees or our Grants Committee who will review your application against the criteria detailed in this document. Funds are limited and we generally receive more good applications than we can support. Our Trustees will apply necessary balancing criteria when deciding which applications to fund. For this programme, the balancing criteria will be: ensuring a good geographical spread of projects; ensuring a broad range of beneficiaries/needs are supported; and focusing funding where need is evidenced as being greatest. There are occasions where we have to turn good projects down, you will always receive feedback to explain why.

If you've had a grant from us before, we expect your reporting to be up-to-date. We will take this into consideration and may make decisions based on previous reporting performance when looking at new applications.

What happens if your application is successful?



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