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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

13 January 2022

Report of the Director - Public Health

Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a key decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of a total of £184,204 to five organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in the financial considerations section.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Evidence shows that individuals in receipt of alcohol and drug treatment are more likely to recover from alcohol and drug dependence if they can access supportive arrangements alongside treatment, which encourage and improve employability, settled accommodation, strong relationships, self-esteem, purposeful activities and healthy diet/nutrition. As a result of this, in 2015, Public Health established the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant programme. The grant programme has been running for the last six years to fund projects that provide recovery activities across Derbyshire. The organisations who apply for the

funding have to demonstrate how the project would help Derbyshire residents throughout treatment and into long-term recovery. This could include, but isn't limited to:

- improving physical and mental health and wellbeing
- providing purposeful activity, including education, skills training, volunteering and employment
- help developing social networks
- developing financial capability
- developing positive thinking and effective decision making
- build confidence and self-esteem

4.2 In June 2020, the Director of Public Health approved a small change to the grant programme. From 2021-22 onwards, project proposals which usually last for one year, are now requested to last two years, with the local authority funding only the first year, and match funding being found elsewhere for the second year. This is to enable longer-term sustainability for the existing recovery projects and to allow for a new set of potentially less experienced but equally innovative projects and organisations to apply for funding in the subsequent year.

4.3 Following a successful launch of the new scheme in 2021, organisations were invited to apply for grants commencing in April 2022.

4.4 Organisations could apply for a maximum of £40,000 for their recovery projects. In total, eleven applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire. These applications were evaluated by two members of the Substance Misuse Health Improvement Team and one member of the Public Health Commissioning Team against criteria including: the activities the project would offer; the benefits of the project to participants; how the participants would be recruited; how outcomes would be measured; and the value for money offered by the project.

4.5 There are five organisations that are recommended for funding. The organisations recommended for funding are listed below.

Name	Service Provided	Cost
Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) – Stand To Project	The Veterans' Positive Pathways will provide support to ex-armed forces veterans across the whole of Derbyshire who have experienced mental health and substance misuse. Individuals who attend the project will engage in meaningful activities to support their continuing recovery.	£38,951
Padley Group	Padley Kitchen Derbyshire will offer cookery classes across four different localities in Ripley, Chesterfield, Ilkeston and Swadlincote. The sessions support substance misuse clients to learn how to cook, prepare meals and to build new positive social connections. One class will be a gender specific, women only class.	£38,303
The Brook Community Church and Centre	Recovery Plus will offer recovery support groups, one to one sessions and peer support sessions for people in recovery as part of a wider offer to help people with complex needs from their base in Shirebrook.	£38,520
Helping Hooves Derbyshire CIC	Carrot Club Wild will offer a range of outdoor activities, including equine coaching, animal welfare, gardening, allotment development, orienteering sessions and bee keeping, to support substance misuse clients in recovery across the whole of Derbyshire. This will increase social connections, improve mental health and increase confidence.	£39,470
Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC	The Countryside Kitchen, based in Wirksworth, will provide substance misuse clients from across Derbyshire with skills to prepare, cook and serve meals in an outdoor environment, including setting up their own workspace inside a marquee to increase social connections, improve diet, increase self-esteem and increase self-worth.	£28,960
	Total	£184,204

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Alternative options considered were:

- Keep the project proposal length at one year – Until 2021, project proposals were requested to be one year in length. However, by requesting the project last for two years, of which the local authority would fund only the first year, it was felt this would

provide some longer-term sustainability to the project. This would also allow for a new set of potentially less experienced but equally innovative projects and organisations to apply for funding in the subsequent year. We also felt this would reduce the risk of reliance on council funding to fund existing projects. We feel we have achieved this with the organisations recommended for funding in this report.

- Do nothing –this was not an option on the basis we know that individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment are more likely to recover from addiction if they can access supportive arrangements alongside treatment.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 4 February 2020
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”
- 8.2 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 3 February 2019
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”
- 8.3 Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018 “Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.4 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017
“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.5 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016
“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”
- 8.6 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 01 September 2015
“Drug and Alcohol Treatment Recovery Services”

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1- Implications.

10. Recommendation(s)

- 10.1 That the Cabinet Member:

- a) Approves the award of funding to the five organisations outlined in this report, who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug dependence Grant funding criteria, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in the financial considerations section, to provide recovery activities in Derbyshire in 2022 and 2023.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 The five organisations meet the criteria for the grant funding and the projects can provide recovery activities in Derbyshire in 2022 and 2023.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

- 12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

1.1 The value of the grants is from a recurring budget of £200,000 per year for Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence projects. The specific budget line is from the Public Health Grant. Allocation of funding will be as follows and will allow partners to deliver the programme for 12 months from April 2022:

- £38,951 to Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) – Stand To Project for the Veterans' Positive Pathways Project.
- £38,303 to Padley Group for the Padley Kitchen Derbyshire Project.
- £38,520 to The Brook Community Church and Centre for the Recovery Plus Project.
- £39,470 to Helping Hooves Derbyshire CIC for the Carrot Club Wild Project.
- £28,960 to Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC for the Countryside Kitchen Project.

Legal

2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member. The Council's Constitution allows for Cabinet Members to delegate authority to officers to undertake the powers afforded to them by the Constitution. The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grants are made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

Human Resources

3.1 The funding will enable local providers to deliver projects and services. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.