

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

27 June 2019

Report of the Director of Public Health

REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of Recovery Month grants to a total value of £3400.

2. Information and analysis:

Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past four years and is an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Local activities have previously concentrated on large scale events which take considerable resources to organise and have tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the county have struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and recovery month in Derbyshire was starting lose momentum. On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach is more inclusive of our geographically diverse county, and has revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users. An annual showcase event, where achievements around recovery are recognised, has been planned for later in 2019.

This new approach has been welcomed by local organisations, and has generated a renewed energy and enthusiasm for collaborative working around recovery. In order to ensure that finance was not a barrier to delivering innovative and local recovery events, or engaging with larger organised recovery events, small grants have been offered to local organisations who support people in recovery.

Applications have been received at this stage for organisations to take part in the Recovery Games for 2019 and for other activities within Recovery Month, which as stated earlier, is September.

Recovery Games applications

The annual event, which has been running for five years, celebrates the success and achievements of those who are in recovery from long term health or drug and/ or alcohol addiction. Teams are made up of people from within the recovery community who have either ‘lived experience’ or who work, volunteer or mentor in the drug and alcohol service. Bids were welcomed for small amounts to cover costs of attending the event, including refreshments and fuel.

Four applications were submitted and considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. All organisations successfully scored against the scoring criteria.

One organisation had duplicated costs in their application that were covered by another application and therefore were advised that their application would not be considered.

It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following three organisations to enable them to engage in the Recovery Games for 2019:

	Organisation name	Location	Event	Service Provided	Cost
1.	Chesterfield FC Community Trust	Doncaster	Recovery Games	Coach hire, refreshments	£664
2.	Derbyshire Veterans HQ	Doncaster	Recovery Games	Fuel to pick participants up and take them to Proact Stadium for coach	£50
3	Stand To	Doncaster	Recovery Games	T Shirts and fuel to pick participants up and take them to Proact Stadium for coach	£260

All organisations currently deliver projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

Recovery Month applications

For Recovery Month, bids were welcomed for amounts to cover celebrating recovery locally. We encouraged innovation and creativity.

Five applications were submitted for this round from four organisations and were considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. Four applications scored successfully against the

scoring criteria with one further application on hold pending a more robust financing and delivery plan.

It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations to enable them to engage in the Recovery Month activities for 2019:

	Organisation name	Location	Event	Funding specifics	Cost
1.	Derbyshire Veterans HQ	County wide	Crooked Spire and Red Arrows modelling activity and display	Materials and display events	£266
2.	The Zink Project	High Peak	Community Café	Food, facility rent, publicity, expenses	£320
3	Stand To	County wide	Fly Fishing event at Ladybower	Fishing passes, travel costs, including mini bus	£1210
4	Derventio – Growing Lives Project	Erewash and Amber Valley	Recovery Garden establishment and open day	Garden materials and refreshments for open day	£630

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3 Social Value considerations:

Social value benefits of recovery are highlighted by the ‘Life in Recovery’ Study (September, 2015) by Professor David Best from Sheffield Hallam University. This study showed that people moving into recovery were more likely to be in education or employment, to volunteer, eat healthily and take regular exercise.

4. Financial considerations:

The total amount allocated to develop Recovery Month activity in Derbyshire is £20,000 over three years. This was approved from underspends from the demand-led elements of the substance misuse budget which is met through the Public Health Grant.

5. Legal/ HR considerations:

The Council’s standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

6. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

7. Background papers:

Adult Care Senior Management Team paper 13 November 2018 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 11th April 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

8. Key Decision: No

9. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

10. Officer's Recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the award of grants as detailed in the report to support Recovery activities for 2019 in Derbyshire.

That the Cabinet Member agrees to accept further reports over the next two years relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

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