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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

18 July 2022

Report of the Director - Public Health

Recovery Month Grant Funding

(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a key decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 For the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:

3.2 a) Agree the award of Recovery Month Grants to a total value of £7,482 for Recovery Month activities to six organisations as outlined in section 4.7 of the report.

3.3 b) Note the grants will be funded from the Public Health Grant for activity taking place across the county during Recovery month in September 2022.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Recovery Month is a national event which takes place in September each year. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire since 2014 and is an opportunity to showcase that recovery from substance misuse is possible, to reduce and challenge associated stigma, and contribute to building recovery communities so individuals can begin to re-establish

essential social connections in their communities. As a result of this, it is expected that more individuals will see that recovery from Substance Misuse is possible and will seek out Council-funded support and treatment services, improving the overall health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents.

- 4.2 The £7,482 funding to be used for this year's Recovery Month grants has been identified from the underspend of the previously allocated Recovery Grants for 2022. £0.20m was allocated for the Recovery Grants in 2022, but only £0.18m was granted to successful organisations.
- 4.3 Prior to 2019, activities for Recovery Month were concentrated on large scale events which required considerable resources to organise and tended to take place in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller recovery organisations from other parts of the county were struggling to take part in a meaningful way. Since 2019, the focus has switched to applications from these smaller recovery organisations to enable individuals from across the county who are in recovery to participate. The new approach was welcomed by local organisations and has generated a renewed energy and enthusiasm for collaborative working around recovery from substance misuse.
- 4.4 Following on from a successful first year in 2019, events in 2020 and 2021 had to be scaled back due to the impact of Covid-19, but still took place virtually. The virtual events maintained the positive momentum around Recovery Month which has been built over the previous few years, despite the challenges caused by the pandemic. It is anticipated that disruption due to Covid-19 for events in 2022 will be minimal, enabling organisations to showcase recovery and bring individuals together as they did so successfully in 2019.
- 4.5 This report covers applications for Recovery Month events to be held in September 2022. Applicants have been extremely positive about hosting Recovery Month events this year and have worked in partnership with one another to develop integrated events, bringing individuals county-wide together.
- 4.6 Six applications were submitted from five organisations, and these were considered by an evaluation team, using a pre-determined, objective, scoring template. All six applications scored successfully against the scoring criteria.
- 4.7 It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations for recovery month activities:

1. Chesterfield FC Community Trust – Application 1 – Recovery Football Festival

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Chesterfield FC are planning to host a recovery football festival at St George's Park, playing against other recovery organisations (In Partnership with Stand To, DAAS)	8 September 2022	St George's Park, Burton on Trent	Venue Hire (Including referees & changing rooms) Refreshments	£1,660

2. Chesterfield FC Community Trust – Application 2 – Recovery Games

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Chesterfield FC plan to attend the recovery games. Teams attend from different recovery organisations to compete in selected games, the majority being team-based.	Date still to be confirmed	Doncaster	Coach Hire (to be shared with Stand To, DAAS) Refreshments	£1,200

3. Derwentio Housing Trust – Recovery Walk and Recovery Open Day

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
<p>Derwentio are planning to hold a number of events in a single day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery Walk- an access inclusive walk. • Recovery Open day at Growing Lives, with activities including crafts, horticulture and a group collage 	13 th September 2022	Cotmanhay, Derbyshire	<p>Craft Supplies</p> <p>Personalised Water Bottles for attendees</p> <p>Refreshments</p>	£725

4. Helping Hooves CIC - Recovery Celebration Weekend

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
<p>Helping Hooves CIC are co-producing with attendees at their project a celebratory recovery weekend, including camping, cooking meals, and other outdoor activities</p>	9, 10 and 11 September	Erewash	<p>Bell tent hire</p> <p>Tent flooring</p> <p>Tent furniture and floor cushions</p> <p>Camp fire materials</p> <p>Refreshments</p> <p>Self-care hampers</p> <p>Activity equipment</p>	£1,777

5. Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) STAND TO – Recovery RockBoxathon, Recovery Games and Recovery Football Festival

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
<p>DAAS plan to hold three events (all in conjunction with Chesterfield FC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host another “Recovery RockBoxathon” a communal fully accessible event 2. Attend the Recovery Games 3. Take part in the Recovery Football Festival 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Date TBC 2. Date TBC 3. 8 September 	County-Wide	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fitness instructors Venue hire Travel costs, Refreshments 2. Refreshments Travel costs 3. Refreshments Travel costs General Overheads: PPE and waste disposal First Aid Kits 	£1,240

6. Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC – Forest School Support for Young People Affected by Substance Misuse

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Go Wild in Wirksworth will host four half day Forest School sessions with individuals in recovery and their families to help rebuild connections.	Weekends in September, to be agreed with attendees	Derbyshire Dales and Amber Valley	Site rental Refreshments	£880

4.8 All the above organisations currently deliver projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

5. Alternative Options Considered

5.1 Alternative options considered were:

- Do nothing - one option would be to not run the Recovery Month grants program this year. This would however mean that Derbyshire does not take part in a nationally recognised event promoting recovery, and the associated benefits to people in recovery from Substance Misuse living in Derbyshire would be lost. If Recovery Month events do not go ahead, recovery, and celebrating the achievements of people in recovery, will not be promoted on a significant scale, stronger recovery communities will not be built and associated stigmas will not be challenged.
- Another option would be to provide grants to host large scale events as part of Recovery Month, as was done prior to 2019. As aforementioned however, this was resource intense and time consuming to organise. In addition, smaller recovery organisations from other parts of the county would be struggling to take part in a meaningful way, and recovery would not be promoted county-wide.

6. Implications

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

7. Background Papers

7.1 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper, 22 July 2021
“Reducing The Harm of Substance Misuse In Derbyshire”

7.2 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper, 17 September 2020
“Reducing The Harm of Substance Misuse In Derbyshire”

7.3 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper, 13 January 2022
“Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant”

8. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

9. Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:
- a) Agree the award of Recovery Month Grants to a total value of £7,482 for Recovery Month activities to six organisations as outlined in section 4.7 of the report.
 - b) Note the grants will be funded from the Public Health Grant for activity taking place across the county during Recovery month in September 2022.

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 10.1 The six applications meet the criteria for Recovery Month grant funding and the events can promote recovery activities in Derbyshire in Recovery Month in 2022.

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

- 12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The £7,482 for the 2022 Recovery Month Grants will be financed through an underspend in the existing Recovery Grants budget.
- 1.2 The value of the Recovery Grants is from a recurring budget of £0.2m per year for Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence projects which is funded by the Public Health Ring-fenced grant. In January 2022, the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the award of a total of £0.184m to five organisations, leaving an underspend of £15,796.
- 1.3 Allocation of funding will be as follows and will allow partners to deliver the Recovery Month events in September 2022:
 - £1,660 to Chesterfield FC Community Trust for the Recovery Football Festival.
 - £1,200 to Chesterfield FC Community Trust for the Recovery Games event.
 - £725 to Derwentio Housing Trust for the Recovery Walk and Recovery Open Day.
 - £1777 to Helping Hooves CIC for the Recovery Celebration Weekend.
 - £1,240 to Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) STAND TO for the Recovery RockBoxathon, Recovery Games and Recovery Football Festival.
 - £880 to Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC for the Forest School Support for Young People Affected by Substance Misuse.

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 events. Derbyshire County Council accepts no employment or future redundancy liability, with all employment and related matters to be managed by the providers.

Information Technology

- 4.1 As part of the Council's standard grant agreement, providers will have to complete the Schedule two section outlining the measures they will take around the use of individuals personal data, to ensure it is processed, stored, and destroyed in line with Council policy.
- 4.2 There will be no Council IT systems used by providers as part of the Recovery Month Grants.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The purpose of Recovery Month is to celebrate and promote the concept of recovery in a positive and inclusive way; as an Equality Impact Assessment has not been deemed necessary at this time as there will be sufficient mechanisms within the administration of the grant to ensure equality of access.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 The Recovery Month grants support the 'Vision Derbyshire' element of the Council's priorities as set out in the current Council Plan. Substance Misuse and the associated health harms is a highly complex challenge facing Derbyshire, but through promoting recovery in collaboration with the organisations set out in this report, the idea of recovery can be promoted county-wide and associated stigmas challenged. As a result of this, it is expected that more individuals will see that recovery from Substance Misuse is possible and will seek out Council-funded support and treatment services.