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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

7 August 2023

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 The Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:
- a) Approve the award of Recovery Month Grants to a total value of £3,999.95 for Recovery Month activities to five organisations as outlined in section 4.6 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 2023.

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 use 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 use is possible and will seek out Council-funded support and treatment services, improving the overall health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents.

4.2 The £3,999.95 funding to be used for this year's Recovery Month grants has been identified from underspend in the substance misuse budget.

4.3 The Recovery Month events in 2020 and 2021 had to be scaled back due to the impact of COVID-19, but events still took place virtually. Following the end of COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, recovery celebration events successfully returned to take place in person in 2022.

4.4 During Recovery Month in September 2022, four organisations, which included Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust, Helping Hooves Derbyshire CIC, Derventio Housing Trust and Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service, delivered multiple events to celebrate recovery from substance use in Derbyshire. Representatives from the 2022 recovery events reported that these had been successful, showcasing recovery and bringing individuals and organisations together county-wide. The different recovery events were attended by more than 120 people. This approach enabled individuals from across the county, in recovery to participate.

4.5 This report covers applications for Recovery Month events to be held in September 2023. Five applications were submitted from five organisations, and these were considered by an evaluation team, using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. All five applications scored successfully against the scoring criteria.

4.6 It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations for Recovery Month activities:

1. Global Adventure Missions Ltd – Application 1 – Night of Lights Recovery Walk

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Global Adventure Missions plan to conduct an evening recovery walk event across a Peak District ridge	16 September 2023	Castleton, Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel costs • Participation equipment • Photography • Refreshments 	£710

2. Kelsey Family CIC – Application 2 – Recovery Open Day

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Kelsey Family plan to hold a full day of recovery activities centred around mindfulness and connection to nature	23 September 2023	Belper, Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity instructor costs • Participation equipment • Refreshments • Travel costs 	£1,255

3. Pathways of Chesterfield – Application 3 – Recovery Open Day

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Pathways of Chesterfield plan to hold an open day to showcase people's different recovery journeys, some of the work people have completed in recovery activity groups and produce a piece of artwork.	29 September 2023	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing materials • Refreshments • Travel costs 	£235

4. Derventio Charitable Trust – Application 4 – Recovery Walking Cryptic Quiz

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Derventio plan to hold a recovery walk which will involve answering cryptic quiz questions in teams, themed around Ilkeston.	27 September 2023	Ilkeston, Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments • Participation equipment • Planning / delivery of additional event 	£879.95

5. Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC – Application 5 – Recovery Forest School Sessions

Activities/Events	Date	Location	Funding Specifics	Cost
Go Wild in Wirksworth plan to hold four recovery forest school sessions which will include constructing bush craft tools, building bushcraft shelters, woodland management and tree recognition.	6, 13, 20 and 27 September 2023	Wirksworth, Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity instructor costs • Refreshments 	£920

4.7 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 this year. This would mean that Derbyshire does not take part in a nationally recognised event promoting recovery, and the associated benefits to people in recovery from substance use 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 fewer events, on a larger scale as part of Recovery Month, as was the approach prior to 2019. However, this was resource intensive 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, 18 July 2022
["Recovery Month Grant Funding"](#)
- 7.2 Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper, 20 March 2023
["Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant"](#)

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

9. Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 That Cabinet Member for Health and Communities is asked to:
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10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 10.1 The five applications meet the criteria for Recovery Month grant funding and the events can promote recovery activities in Derbyshire in Recovery Month in 2023.

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

- 11.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The £3,999.95 for the 2023 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 £0.24m per year for Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence projects which is funded by the Public Health Ring-fenced Grant. In March 2023, the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the award of a total of £0.226m to six organisations, leaving an underspend of £13,815.
- 1.3 Allocation of funding will be as follows and will allow partners to deliver the Recovery Month events in September 2023:
 - £710 to Global Adventure Missions Ltd for the Night of Lights Recovery Walk
 - £1,255 to Kelsey Family CIC for the Recovery Open Day
 - £235 to Pathways of Chesterfield for the Recovery Open Day
 - £879.95 to Derwentio Charitable Trust for the Recovery Walking Cryptic Quiz
 - £920 to Go Wild in Wirksworth CIC for the Recovery Forest School Sessions

Legal

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations allow grants of up to £0.100m to organisations to be approved by Cabinet Member.
- 2.2 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; 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 equity 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 use 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 use is possible and will seek out Council-funded support and treatment services.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 7.1 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. There are no anticipated negative impacts from this decision.