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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Director - Public Health

Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant
(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

To seek Cabinet Member approval for:

- a) The award of a total of £0.574m, over the financial years 2024/25 and 2025/26 to eight organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant, noting the full break down of allocations as outlined in paragraph 4.4 below.
- b) The award of a total of £0.142m, over the financial year 2024/25 to four organisations from the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant, noting the full breakdown as outlined in paragraph 4.5 below.
- c) The award of up to £0.040m from the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) to Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) to co-produce with people in recovery updated branding for the Growing Recovery in Derbyshire (GRID) website.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Evidence shows that individuals in receipt of alcohol and drug treatment are more likely to recover from drug and alcohol 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 seven years to fund projects that provide recovery activities across Derbyshire. The organisations who apply for the funding must demonstrate how the project would help Derbyshire residents throughout treatment and into long-term recovery. This could include, but is not 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 skills and effective decision making
- Building confidence and self-esteem

4.2 In September 2023, the application process for the Recovery Grants opened for organisations to apply for a maximum of £75,000 to deliver a recovery project lasting for two years from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2026.

4.3 In total, seventeen applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire. These applications were evaluated and scored 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
- How the project would offer value for money
- The sustainability of the project

4.4 The eight highest scoring organisations recommended for funding are listed below.

Organisation and Project name	Service Provided	Cost £
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<p>Derbyshire Addictions Advice Service</p> <p>Recovery Connections Project</p>	<p>DAAS provide services as part of the commissioned Derbyshire Recovery Partnership, and as a third sector voluntary sector organisation have developed a range of military veteran specific community services.</p> <p>This project will support veterans in recovery across Derbyshire with both 1:1 and group activities. It will also support their family members/affected others to learn more about addiction to better support those in recovery.</p>	<p>£75,000.00</p>
<p>Zink Project</p> <p>RISE Project (Recovery, Inclusion, Social and Employment)</p>	<p>Zink works to address and prevent poverty and improve health and wellbeing including supporting those in recovery through a wide range of services, including a foodbank and wellbeing activities.</p> <p>This project will work with G52 in Gamesley to provide work coaching to participants in recovery to improve physical and emotional health and access work experience and employment. Participants will have the opportunity of undertaking a 'micro-job' for which they will be paid and gain work experience. This project mainly covers the High Peak area but is open to anyone across Derbyshire.</p>	<p>£70,336.00</p>
<p>Pathways of Chesterfield</p> <p>Paths to Recovery Project</p>	<p>Pathways supports adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire, and Bolsover.</p> <p>This project will support people in recovery and is designed to tailor support to different stages of recovery. The aim is to support them to build skills, networks, confidence, and resilience to build on their recovery journey. This will include group work, one to one support and provide volunteering opportunities.</p>	<p>£73,943.00</p>
<p>Home-Start Erewash</p>	<p>The organisation supports parents to give children the best possible start in life. Volunteers help families facing addiction, isolation, mental health issues, poverty, financial difficulties, or a range of other challenges.</p>	<p>£66,051.00</p>

Nurturing Recovery	This project will deliver a programme of support for parents of young families in the Erewash area. This will include home visiting to build relationships, attendance at a Connection Café, building further support at an Embrace Group and group activities for families.	
Derventio Housing Trust	This organisation is a registered social landlord and supports people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Alongside this, they offer support to those in recovery at growing Lives	£75,000.00
Growing Lives Recovery	This project will provide a combination of skill-building and learning activities with personalised support to help people in recovery develop their social networks, improve physical and mental health and move closer to education, training and employment.	
Elastic FM Ltd	This organisation is a community radio station which supports, informs and entertains their local community. They focus on economic growth, social inclusion and financial empowerment.	£64,120.00
Your Choices Matter	Through personalised plans using evidence-based techniques, skill building and social support, this project aims to empower people to progress on their recovery journeys. Support available includes – recovery coaching, mentoring, health education, media training and aftercare.	
Chesterfield FC Community Trust	CFCCT provides a wide range of sporting, educational and community based activities in Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire, Bolsover and parts of Derbyshire Dales.	£75,000.00
A-Spire Right	This project uses the power of sport to engage people in an eight week behavioural change programme to support those in recovery to get active, improve their physical and mental health, gain lifestyle skills and undertake volunteering / work placements at the football club.	

South Derbyshire CVS	This organisation works across South Derbyshire to support residents to feel safe, well connected and valued. Their support includes mental wellbeing, training and education and personal development.	£74,820.00
Future Focus	This project is designed to provide those in recovery with opportunities to secure qualifications, improve confidence and self-esteem and engage with Timeswap. A six week training programme will be available in three locations in the district, three times a year along with aftercare support including volunteering opportunities.	
	Total:	£574,270.00

4.5 The Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) is provided for local authorities to directly address the aims of the treatment and recovery section of the national Drug Strategy, From Harm to Hope. The recent updated guidance on spend against this grant indicated the requirement for an enhanced focus on recovery provision. Therefore, as the next four projects also scored highly and have been through a robust process, we recommend that these should also be funded for one year using SSMTRG funding, as this will significantly increase the breadth and variety of recovery options available for Derbyshire residents. These projects are as follows:

Organisation and Project name	Service provided	Cost
Honey Hope Farm CIC	This organisation hosts peer led recovery groups, led by experienced mental health peer supporters. Projects include conservation, equine connection, and farm-based training.	£36,788.00
Connections @ Honey Hope Farm	This project has various activities including equine connection, conservation and bee keeping, bushcraft and small hold farming. People will have the opportunity to learn new skills, make new connections, improve mental and physical health.	
Kelsey Family CIC	This organisation provides family-based recovery services to those affected by substance use. The	£36,912.00

Recovering Together	<p>focus is on positive interactions and builds strengths of all family members.</p> <p>This project supports families and those in recovery to build communication and trust using activity boxes, positive coaching sessions, physical activity sessions and regular activity days.</p>	
Rhubarb Farm CIC	Rhubarb Farm is a horticultural social enterprise which supports vulnerable people. Attendees are engaged in purposeful, productive activity, offered training courses and personal support.	£30,654.00
Rhubarb Recovery	This project will employ a drug and alcohol worker to support people in recovery whilst at the farm. Activities will take place at the farm and will include farm work, training opportunities and one to one support.	
Derby County Community Trust	This organisation aims to use the power of the football club to engage people and improve lives across their four key outcomes – improved health and wellbeing, participation in physical activity, personal attainment, and enhanced communities.	£37,500.00
Active Choices	This project will deliver a diversity of activities ranging from physical activity, healthy eating, lifestyle changes, mental wellbeing and support into volunteering, training and employment.	
	Total:	£141, 854.00

4.6 The Growing Recovery in Derbyshire website is designed to be a Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services gateway allowing anyone to find up to date information on drug and alcohol treatment services, recovery opportunities, mental health support and other useful services throughout Derbyshire.

4.7 The website was initially built in 2015 with very basic branding and on software which is limited in its functionality and adaptability to changing needs.

4.8 Therefore, Public Health wish to award of up to £0.040m to Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS), who are uniquely placed as part of Derbyshire Recovery Partnership and work with people in recovery, to

co-produce updated branding and rebuild the website on a new web hosting platform that has greater scope in its functionality and adaptability, improving the experience of people in recovery and professionals who use the website.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 No formal consultation has taken place, but the ongoing engagement with those in recovery suggests that these projects will support recovery.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Do nothing: This is not a preferred option as individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment are more likely to recover if they can access supportive arrangements alongside treatment. Also, this option would not be in line with the recent government 10-year policy 'From Harm to Hope', which recent updated guidance had a renewed focus on developing recovery opportunities.

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, for Health and Communities paper 20 March 2023 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
- 8.2 Cabinet paper 06 April 2023 'Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant'
- 8.3 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 13 January 2022 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
- 8.4 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 04 February 2021 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
- 8.5 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 04 February 2020 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
- 8.6 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 03 February 2019 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
- 8.7 Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018 'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'
- 8.8 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017 'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'

- 8.9 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016
'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'
- 8.10 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 01 September 2015
'Drug and Alcohol Treatment Recovery Services'

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

10. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities

- a) Approves the award of funding totalling £0.574m to the eight organisations outlined in this report, who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant Funding Criteria, noting the full breakdown of allocations as outlined in the financial implications in Appendix one, to provide recovery activities in Derbyshire over the financial years of 2024/25 and 2025/26.
- b) Approves the award of funding totalling £0.142m to the four organisations outlined in this report, who meet the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant Criteria, noting the full breakdown of allocations as outlined in the financial implications in Appendix one, to provide recovery activities in Derbyshire over the financial year 2024/25.
- c) Approve the award of up to £0.040m from the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant to Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Service (DAAS) to co-produce with people in recovery updated branding for the Growing Recovery in Derbyshire (GRID) website and to improve the functionality of the website by rebuilding the website with the updated branding on a new web hosting platform.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 The eight organisations meet the criteria for the grant funding and the projects have demonstrated that they can provide activities to support recovery in Derbyshire from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2026
- 11.2 The four organisations meet the criteria for the grant funding and the projects have demonstrated that they can provide activities to support recovery in Derbyshire from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.
- 11.3 Derbyshire Alcohol Advice Services (DAAS) are uniquely placed as part of Derbyshire Recovery Partnership and work with people in recovery, to co-produce updated branding and rebuild the website on a new, web

hosting platform that has greater scope in its functionality and adaptability.

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

12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The cost of £574,270.00 will be met from existing budgets, namely the Public Health Grant.
- 1.2 Allocations for the individual schemes are set out in Paragraph 4.4 above.
- 1.3 The cost of £40,000 will be met from the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG).
- 1.4 Funding for the four additional grants will come from Year Three of the SSMTRG 2024/25 and shall last one year.

Legal

- 2.1 The Council has power to provide grants under the general power of competence set out in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 The Council's Financial Regulations state that grants below £0.100m require Cabinet Member authorisation.
- 2.3 The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. This includes conditions 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.

Information Technology

- 4.1 There will be an improvement in terms of the branding of the website and the website will be built on a web hosting platform that has greater scope in its functionality and adaptability.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and sex.
- 5.2 By providing funding for eight recovery projects, there would be an increase in geographical coverage of the Recovery offer across more of Derbyshire, which would contribute to tackling health inequalities within the County.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 Ensuring a comprehensive and effective offer of recovery support for adults, and vulnerable adults, will contribute to supporting individuals at risk of poor social and health outcomes to build 'Recovery Capital' and maintain their recovery from drug and alcohol dependence.
- 6.2 The enhanced recovery offer will also contribute to the following priority as set out in the Council plan:
 - Resilient, healthy, and safe communities.

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.