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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

3.1 To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of £37,240.00 over the financial year 2024/25 to Global Adventure Missions from the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG).

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 find projects that support

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.

- 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. Seventeen applications were received, and the eight highest scoring were recommended for funding. A further four applications were approved for one year, utilising the SSMTRG, as updated guidance on this grant indicated the requirement for an enhanced focus on recovery provision.
- 4.3 In addition to these four, permission is sought to fund a further project, Global Adventure Missions 'Peak Performance: Road to Recovery' at a cost of £37,240.00 to deliver for one year from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2025, from the SSMTRG funding to further strengthen the recovery support available in Derbyshire.
- 4.4 The project will engage people in recovery to engage in outdoor activities including bushcraft, woodland management, campfire cooking, hiking in the Peak District, and abseiling to build confidence and self-esteem through the natural environment. The project will also offer women only sessions to create a safe space for women to engage. Women often face unique barriers to treatment and recovery, as services may deliver in ways that do not meet the reality of their lives. A gender specific group helps address this by providing a space where women can access support in an environment that is non-judgemental and empowers them to move forwards with their recovery.

5. Consultation

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

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 updated government 10-year policy 'From Harm to Hope' which recent updated guidance had a renewed focus on developing recovery opportunities.

- 6.2 Do something different: This is not a preferred option, as whilst there will still be provision of other supportive recovery projects, they do not offer a provision that particularly focuses on women, in this location. Also, this option would not be in line with the recent updated 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 22 January 2024 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'.
8.2 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 20 March 2023 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
8.3 Cabinet paper 06 April 2023 'Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant'
8.4 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 13 January 2022 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
8.5 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 04 February 2021 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
8.6 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 04 February 2020 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
8.7 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 03 February 2019 'Recovery from alcohol and drug dependence grant'
8.8 Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018 'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'.
8.9 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017 'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'.
8.10 Cabinet Member, for Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016 'Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire'.
8.11 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 £37,240.00 of funding to Global Adventure Missions to provide recovery activities in Derbyshire from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2025 from the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 Global Adventure Missions meet the criteria for the grant funding and have demonstrated that they can provide activities to support recovery in Derbyshire from 01 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.

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

12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The cost of £37,240 will be met from the Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG).

Legal

- 2.1 The Council's Financial Regulations state that grants below £0.100m require Cabinet Member authorisation.
- 2.2 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 a project. 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 are no tangible IT related implications attached to this proposal.

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.

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.