

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

3 February 2020

Report of the Director of Public Health

RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE GRANT

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of £147,388 for five organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant.

2. Information and analysis:

Evidence shows that individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment are more likely to recover from addiction 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, the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant programme was developed. The grant programme has been running for the last four years to fund projects that provide recovery activities across Derbyshire.

In September 2019 organisations were invited to apply for the next round of the 12 month grant that will run from 1 April 2020. Organisations could apply for a maximum of £40,000 for their recovery projects.

In total, ten applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire. These applications were evaluated by four members of the Public Health Commissioning Team 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; and the value for money offered by the project. There are five organisations that are recommended for funding and five organisations who do not meet the objectives of the grant. The organisations who are recommended for funding are listed below.

Funded organisations

Name	Service Provided	Cost
<p>A-Spire Right: Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust</p> <p>Funded for the last 4 years</p>	<p>This project is a multi-sport offer via an 8 week programme of physical activities and related theory aiming to build confidence and self-esteem in order to create changes in thinking towards health, wellbeing and habits. The 8 week programme is delivered 4 times a year. In 2019 the Trust won the Best Intervention Award from The National League Trust for this project. Covers Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover.</p>	£39,955
<p>Rhubarb Recovery Continued: Rhubarb Farm</p> <p>Funded for the last 4 years</p>	<p>This organisation provides volunteering and training opportunities on a horticultural social enterprise project with an opportunity to gain a paid position at the farm via their micro-job scheme. Activities include gardening, training opportunities on site, maintaining abstinence and relationship building. Covers Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield.</p>	£37,098
<p>Growing Lives: Derventio Charitable Trust</p> <p>Funded for the last 3 years</p>	<p>Provide mentoring support, gardening, furniture recycling, cookery, arts and crafts. People will be signposted to learning and job opportunities and will be taught to produce healthy meals. Covers Erewash and Amber Valley.</p>	£34,670
<p>RISE: The Zink Project</p> <p>Funded for the last 4 years</p>	<p>The project provides work coaching to participants in recovery from drug or alcohol dependence in order 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>	£28,250
<p>The Derbyshire Veterans Group Recovery and Wellbeing Hub</p> <p>Funded for the last 2 years</p>	<p>To provide a 'Veterans Hub' within the Chesterfield area where ex Armed Forces personnel (including family members) can access support around their substance misuse, signposting and advice around other health and welfare issues. The organisations also provides group sessions, support into education, group activities and telephone support for those who cannot attend the Hub. This is available for veterans across Derbyshire.</p>	£7,415
	Total	£147,388

In addition to the support these projects will provide, Derby County Community Trust is grant-funded by Public Health to deliver activities for people in recovery from substance misuse issues in South Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley. In areas not covered by the recovery projects, the Commissioning Team will work with locality leads to identify community projects which offer activities which may support recovery.

Once approved this round of grant funding will end on the 31 March 2021. From April 2021 it is the intention of the Public Health Commissioning Team that the grant programme will end and organisations have been informed. Future requirements for recovery activity shall be procured by undertaking a competitive process in line with the Councils Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. This new approach will be developed over the next 12 months. In preparation for this, the current projects will be reviewed and evaluated throughout the next 12 months to inform requirements for the procurement process and ensure equitable coverage is available for all who require support across the county. Contracting arrangements will enable organisations to develop their activities further and plan their work on a more long-term basis.

3. Communication

We have communicated with all relevant parties that there are likely to be changes to the way the programme is funded from April 2020 which have been positively received. We are looking to develop an outcomes based approach which maximises the resources we have in a sustainable manner. We will ensure we support them through this change and continue to communicate any decisions in a timely manner.

4. Financial Considerations

The amount of funding for the proposed successful organisations is £147,388. If approved this funding would begin from 1 April 2020 for 12 months. The funding will come from the Public Health ring-fenced grant budget for 2020/21.

5. Legal Considerations

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 also state that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

As outlined above the intention will be to change from the grant programme to contracting arrangements for organisations to deliver recovery support activities. The Commissioning Team will consult with stakeholders from April 2020 regarding

the change of approach. The Team will also work closely with the Legal Department to ensure the proposals meet legal requirements.

6. Other considerations

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

7. Background papers

Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018

“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”

Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017

“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”

Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016

“Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire”

Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 01 September 2015

“Drug and Alcohol Treatment Recovery Services”

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 Cabinet member approval is given to award the five organisations who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant funding criteria and to further develop the recovery communities in Derbyshire from 2021 as detailed in the report.

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