

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**14 MAY 2020**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of Recovery Month grants up to the value of £6,010 for Recovery Month activities.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past five years and is an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Local activities have previously concentrated on large scale events which take considerable resources to organise and have tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the county have struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and recovery month in Derbyshire was starting to lose momentum. On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three-year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach is more inclusive of our geographically diverse county and has revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users.

We have had a successful first year in 2019, grant funding six organisations and sixteen separate events and activities. Events have included fly fishing on Ladybower Reservoir, a Recovery Football Festival, a community café and various organisations taking part in the annual recovery games in Doncaster. Overall, over 300 people have taken part in Derbyshire Recovery Month activities in 2019.

An annual showcase event recognising achievement around recovery was held at County Hall in November 2019. Feedback from the event and about the first year of this new approach has been generally very positive.

The first event for Recovery Month funding for 2020 was approved in February 2020, which provided funding for one organisation, Derventio Housing Trust, to run Orienteering events at various locations across Derbyshire.

This report covers applications for the second deadline, which is specifically for events taking part in Recovery Month (September) 2020.

Six applications were submitted for this round from five organisations, and these were considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. All six applications scored successfully against the scoring criteria.

It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations for recovery month activities:

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Service Provided</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1.	Derventio Housing Trust	Newcastle	National Recovery Walk	Coach hire for up to 4 organisations Refreshments T shirts	*Up to £1619
2.	Derbyshire Veterans HQ	Doncaster and Burton on Trent	1 National Recovery Games  2 Recovery Football festival	Fuel to coach departure T shirts  Fuel to coach departure	£200
3.	Rhubarb Farm	Doncaster and Chesterfield	1 National Recovery Games  2 Recovery Month Promotional events	Fuel for minibus Refreshments  Photo book Promotional table cover	£193
4.	Stand To	1a –Proact Stadium, Chesterfield  1b –Hadfield Centre, Doncaster  2 –Ladybower Fisheries, Derbyshire  3 –St Georges Park, Burton Upon Trent	1a – Rock Box  1b – National Recovery Games  2 – Fishing  3 – Football Tournament	1a - Rock Box fitness sessions  1b - Fuel to coach departure T shirts  2 – Fuel Refreshments Fishing passes  3 - Minibus hire Fuel to coach departure T shirts Refreshments	£863

5.	Chesterfield FC Community Trust	St Georges Park, Burton on Trent	Recovery Football Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitch hire</li> <li>• Referees</li> <li>• Coach travel for three organisations.</li> <li>• Refreshments</li> <li>• Guest speaker</li> </ul>	£2370
6.	Chesterfield FC Community Trust	Hadfield Centre, Doncaster	Recovery Games	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food for three organisations</li> <li>• Coach travel for a maximum of four organisations.</li> </ul>	£765

\*Derventio Housing Trust are currently asking other local recovery organisations to register their interest in attending the National Recovery Walk, with Derventio leading on the logistics for the activity. Therefore, the value of the grant to Derventio will be up to £1619 depending on how many organisations sign up to take part.

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

### **3. Social Value considerations:**

Social value benefits of recovery are highlighted by the 'Life in Recovery' Study (September 2015) by Professor David Best from Sheffield Hallam University. This study showed that people moving into recovery were more likely to be in education or employment, to volunteer, eat healthily and take regular exercise.

### **4. Financial considerations:**

The total amount allocated to develop Recovery Month activity in Derbyshire is £20,000 over three years. This was previously approved from underspends from the demand-led elements of the substance misuse budget which is met through the Public Health Grant. There is sufficient budget remaining to award these grants.

### **5. Legal/ HR considerations:**

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.

**6. Other considerations:**

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.

**7. Background papers:**

Adult Care Senior Management Team paper 13 November 2018 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 11 April 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 27 June 2019 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 03 February 2020 “Reducing the harm of substance misuse in Derbyshire”

**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 the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approves the award of the grants detailed above to the value of £6,010 for Recovery Month activities, and further agrees to receive reports relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

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