

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

4 February 2021

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 £148,885 for four organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant. To further seek Cabinet Member approval for the award of £47,736 to Derby County Community Trust to deliver the Active Choices recovery programme.

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 five years to fund projects that provide recovery activities across Derbyshire.

In June 2020, the Director of Public Health approved a small change to the Recovery Small Grants Scheme. From 2021/22 onwards, project proposals which usually last for one year, are now requested to last two years, with the local authority funding only the first year, and match funding being found elsewhere for the second year. This is to enable longer-term sustainability for the existing recovery projects and to allow for a new set of potentially less experienced but equally innovative projects and organisations to apply for funding in the subsequent year.

In September 2020, organisations were invited to apply for the grant that will commence from 01 April 2021. Organisations could apply for a maximum of £40,000 for their recovery projects. In total, six applications were received from organisations across Derbyshire. These applications were evaluated by two members of the Substance Misuse Health Improvement Team and one member 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 four organisations that are recommended for funding and two organisations who do not meet the objectives of the grant. The organisations recommended for funding are listed below.

Recommended organisations

Name	Service Provided	Cost
<p>A-Spire Right: Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust</p> <p>Funded for the last 5 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>	<p>£39,955</p>
<p>Rhubarb Recovery Continued: Rhubarb Farm</p> <p>Funded for the last 5 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>	<p>£37,098</p>
<p>Growing Lives: Derventio Charitable Trust</p> <p>Funded for the last 4 years</p>	<p>Working with partners to recruit and train 8 Growing Lives Buddies from people with lived experience of recovery to provide peer mentorship and to assist with the transition from referral to attendance for new referrals to the Growing Lives Project. Covers Erewash and Amber Valley.</p>	<p>£36,682</p>
<p>RISE: The Zink Project</p> <p>Funded for the last 5 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>	<p>£35,150</p>
	Total	£148,885

In addition to the support these projects will provide, Derby County Community Trust (which is not eligible to apply for funding under the Recovery Grants programme) has been separately grant-funded in two previous years by Public Health to deliver activities for people in recovery from substance misuse issues in South Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley. Their Active Choices programme will offer a variety of face-to-face physical activity-based interventions alongside a robust virtual online support offer developed this year, working with a total of 80 people in recovery over a one year period at a cost of £47,736.

In localities not covered by the recovery projects, the Health Improvement Team will work with locality leads to identify community projects which offer activities which may support recovery.

3. Financial Considerations

The total amount of funding for the proposed recovery grant funding is £196,621. If approved this funding would begin from 01 April 2021 and last for the first year of the two-year projects. The grant to Derby County Community Trust would last for one year. The funding will come from the Public Health ring-fenced grant budget for 2021/22.

4. 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 states that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

5. 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.

6. Background papers

Report for the Public Health Senior Management team 29 June 2020 "Recovery from Substance Misuse"

Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 3 February 2019 "Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant"

Cabinet paper, 20 September 2018

"Developing the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire"

Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 07 September 2017

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Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 20 September 2016

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Cabinet Member, Health and Communities paper 01 September 2015

"Drug and Alcohol Treatment Recovery Services"

7. Key Decision

No

8. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

9. Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet Member approval is given to award grants to the four organisations who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant funding criteria, and to Derby County Community Trust for their Active Choices programme, to further develop the recovery communities in Derbyshire from April 2021 as detailed in the report.

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