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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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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 to a total value of between £3,790 and £8,085.

Please note the value of £8,085 would be grant funded if all the higher cost activities went ahead and the value of £3,790 would be grant funded if all the lower cost activities went ahead, as explained below.

2. Information and analysis:

Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It has been celebrated in Derbyshire since 2014 and is an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Until 2018, local activities had 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 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.

This new approach was welcomed by local organisations, and has generated a renewed energy and enthusiasm for collaborative working around recovery. In order to ensure that finance was not a barrier to delivering innovative and local recovery events, or engaging with larger organised recovery events, small grants have been offered to local organisations who support people in recovery.

We had a successful first year in 2019, grant funding six organisations and sixteen separate events and activities. Events 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 participated in Derbyshire Recovery Month activities in 2019.

Plans for Recovery Month activities during 2020 had to be scaled back due to the uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic. However, a few organisations were able to do some small scale, outdoor activities such as a recovery walk when restrictions allowed.

After the Government announced the Roadmap out of lockdown in February 2021, organisations were invited to apply for funding to support Recovery Month activities in September 2021 but were advised where possible to:

- plan a main activity and a contingency activity
- plan outdoor activities

This was stipulated in case Government restrictions are tightened in September 2021 and to ensure we have some form of Recovery Month celebration taking place.

Five organisations submitted applications covering ten activities/events, and these were considered by an evaluation team comprising the Health Improvement Practitioner for Substance Misuse and the Healthcare Public Health Practitioner for Substance Misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. Nine activities/events scored successfully against the scoring criteria.

It is therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations to enable them to engage in the Recovery Month activities for 2021.

Please note the value of £8,085 would be grant funded if all the higher cost activities went ahead and the value of £3,790 would be grant funded if all the lower cost activities went ahead.

Please also note that some national activities such as the National Recovery Games and National Recovery Walk are not fully confirmed as of yet due to uncertainty around social distancing that could be in place in September.

1. Chesterfield FC Community Trust

Activity number	Main or contingency activity	Activity/event	Location	Funding specifics	Costs
Activity 1	Main	Hosting the Derbyshire Recovery Football Festival (in partnership with Derby County Community Trust)	St Georges Park, Burton on Trent	Coach hire Pitch hire Water Hand sanitizer PPE Refreshments	£2,095.00
	Contingency	Hosting a Derbyshire Recovery football fixture in partnership with Derby County CT and Stand To	St Georges Park, Burton on Trent	Minibus hire Pitch hire Water Hand sanitizer PPE Refreshments	£1,715.00
Activity 2	Main	Attending the National Recovery Games in partnership with Stand To	Newcastle	Coach hire Refreshments Packed lunches T shirts PPE Hand sanitizer	£815.00
	Contingency	Local recovery walk	Chesterfield	Water Hand sanitizer PPE	£115.00

2. Derby County Community Trust

Activity number	Main or contingency activity	Activity/event	Location	Funding specifics	Costs
Activity 3	Main	Recovery football fixture against Blackpool FC CT	Blackpool	Coach hire Pitch hire T shirts Refreshments	£1,000.00
	Contingency	No contingency planned			

3. Derventio Housing Trust

Activity number	Main or contingency activity	Activity/event	Location	Funding specifics	Costs
Activity 4	Main	Hosting transport for the Derbyshire Recovery Network to the National Recovery Walk	Venue to be confirmed	Coach hire Refreshments T shirts Banner	£1,785.00
	Contingency	Local recovery walk	Derbyshire	T shirts Refreshments Travel costs to walk location	£830.00

4. Stand To

Activity number	Main or contingency activity	Activity/event	Location	Funding specifics	Costs
Activity 5	Main	Hosting Recovery Rockboxathon (inviting all partners)	Chesterfield	Instructor hire Venue hire Minibus hire Travel costs to minibus pick up T shirts Refreshments	£880.00
	Contingency	Hosting Recovery RockBox fitness session (with CFCCT only)	Chesterfield	Instructor hire Venue hire Minibus hire Travel costs to minibus pick up T shirts Refreshments	£850.00
Activity 6	Main	Attending the National Recovery Games in partnership with Chesterfield FC CT	Doncaster	T shirts Refreshments Travel costs to minibus pick up	£295.00*
	Contingency	No contingency planned			

Activity 7	Main	Attending the Reuse and Recover Garden celebration hosted by Rhubarb Farm	Bolsover	Minibus hire Travel costs to minibus pick up T shirts	£280.00
	Contingency	Local recovery walk	Derbyshire	Minibus Travel costs to minibus pickup T shirts Refreshments	£360.00

*This is a contribution as Stand To have match funding from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust for this activity.

Stand To are also using residual funds from cancelled recovery Month events in 2020 to fund the following activity to celebrate Recovery Month in 2021:

- Attending the Derbyshire Recovery Football Festival (hosted by Chesterfield FC Community Trust)

5. Rhubarb Farm

Activity number	Main or contingency activity	Activity/event	Location	Funding specifics	Costs
Activity 8	Main	Hosting the 'Reuse and Recover Garden' opening event (open to all organisations in the Derbyshire Recovery Network)	Bolsover	Food Archery activity Archery instructors	£770.00
	Contingency	No contingency			
Activity 9	Main	Transport to Rockboxathon	Chesterfield	Minibus hire Fuel	£85.00
	Contingency	No contingency			

All 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 approved from underspends from the demand-led elements of the substance misuse budget which is met through the Public Health Grant. To date, £10,688 has been allocated to Recovery Month activities in 2019-20 and 2020-21.

5. Legal/ HR considerations

The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is 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"

Paper for Cabinet Member, Health and Communities 14 May 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 grants as detailed in the report to support Recovery activities for 2021 in Derbyshire.

Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health