

**Expression of Interest**

**Veterans’ Places, Pathways & People Programme**

**2024–2027 Midlands**

**Overview:**

Following the success of the [**Veterans’ Places, Pathways & People (VPPP) Programme 2022/23**](https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/veterans-places-pathways-and-people-programme/)in the Autumn Budget 2023 the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced an additional £10M for VPPP. This Fund is being delivered by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust (AFCFT). The **Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS)** successfully led the VPPP 22/23 programme in the Midlands region and continues to do so through the consultation phase of VPPP 24/27.

**Programme Mission**:

Build sustainable and resilient networks to ensure veterans receive prompt, effective and tailored support.

**Expected Outcomes:**

1. Enhanced Help Seeking:
	1. Significant improvements in help-seeking behaviour among the veteran community.
	2. Reducing the stigma associated with mental health and seeking help and support.
2. Holistic Support Approaches:
	1. Better holistic approach to supporting veterans focusing on mental and physical health.
	2. Tailor activities and support services to address the diverse needs of veterans.
3. Support for Carers and Families:
	1. Strengthen support networks for veterans’ carers and families.
	2. Provide resources and services that cater to the wellbeing of the entire family unit.

**Funding Details:**

* **Total regional funding:** £900,000 2024/27
* **Grant Limits:** Up to £50,000 per project
* **Funding Duration:** One-time funding for projects up to 22 months in duration (short impact initiatives welcomed)

**Eligibility Criteria:**

* **Who Can Apply:** Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies (CICs), Statutory organisations, Private businesses, or Limited Companies.
* **Specific Requirements:** Must be operating in the Midlands. Charities and CICs must be UK-registered for at least three years. Use of the AFCFT Impact Hub is a requirement of funding. [Impact Hub : Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust](https://covenantfund.org.uk/impact-hub/). Further restrictions apply.

**Project Scope:** We seek innovative projects that enhance support to vulnerable veterans, their families and carers across the Midlands region, enabling self-sustainability. Focus on seamless access to mental and physical health services through dynamic collaboration and nurturing cross sector partnerships across the region.

**Application Process:** The application process has three phases. Phase 1 is the Expression of Interest (EOI). Phase 2 will require a detailed, fully costed plan, informed by shared consultation findings.

**EOI Guidelines:**

* Total submission word count: 350 words
* Contact Information: **Organisation name, lead contact name, address, phone number, email, website**
* Organisation Overview: Explain why your organisation seeks funding through this programme, including relevant knowledge, skills, and experience
* Brief Project Proposal: Outline, total estimated costs, indicative timings for project completion, and key performance indicators
* **Evidence of collaboration for long term outcomes for beneficiaries**

**Deadline & Submission:** EOIs must be submitted by Friday, 2nd August 2024, by email to VPPPv2Midlands@dmws.org.uk

We look forward to receiving your applications. Selection process details will be shared in due course.

Kind regards,
*The DMWS VPPP Team*