



Defence Medical  
Welfare Service

# Expression of Interest



## Veterans' Places, Pathways & People Programme 2024–2027 Northeast & Yorkshire

### Overview:

Following the success of the **Veterans' Places, Pathways & People (VPPP) Programme 2022/23** 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)** has led the VPPP programme in the Northeast & Yorkshire region since January 2024 and continues to do so through the consultation phase and development of a regional strategic plan.

### Programme Mission:

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

### Expected Outcomes:

1. Enhanced Help Seeking:
  - a. Significant improvements in help-seeking behaviour among the veteran community.
  - b. Reducing the stigma associated with mental health and seeking help and support.
2. Holistic Support Approaches:
  - a. Better holistic approach to supporting veterans focusing on mental and physical health.
  - b. Tailor activities and support services to address the diverse needs of veterans.
3. Support for Carers and Families:
  - a. Strengthen support networks for veterans' carers and families.
  - b. 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 Northeast/Yorkshire. 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](#). Further restrictions apply.

**Project Scope:** We seek innovative projects that enhance support to vulnerable veterans, their families and carers across the Northeast & Yorkshire 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, by email to [VPPPv2NEY@dmws.org.uk](mailto:VPPPv2NEY@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