

**Ministry of Defence – Covenant Fund Small Grants** Grants are available for registered charities, community interest companies, statutory bodies, and armed forces units with a UIN for projects in the UK that support the armed forces community and meet the Ministry of Defence’s priorities.

Maximum value: £ 20,000

### **Application deadline: 17/12/2015**

Three priorities have been set for the first year of this enduring fund. These priorities will be reviewed for 2016-17 and are thus subject to change.

The priorities are:

- Community integration.
- The coordination and delivery of support to the Armed Forces community.
- Former service personnel in the criminal justice system.

### **Who Can Apply**

Registered charities, registered community interest companies, statutory bodies, and armed forces units with a UIN can apply.

**Unincorporated organisations which are not registered as charities cannot apply.** If they have been properly constituted under an adopted governing document and have been operating under that governing document for at least three years then they can be a partner.

As partnerships and some forms of social enterprise are not registered charities or Community Interest Companies, they cannot apply but they can work as a partner with an eligible lead applicant.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

The funding is for one-off projects, which have lasting impact, and clear exit or sustainability strategies.

Projects for this round must address the following priorities:

- Community integration – projects should help integrate Armed Forces and civilian communities across the UK. It is expected that most projects will be for local community projects.
- The coordination and delivery of support to the Armed Forces community – projects should offer support for serving armed forces personnel, veterans, and their families across a number of areas: financial, housing, mental and physical health, employability and social support. It is expected that most projects will offer strategic solutions and be funded through the Large Grants scheme.

- Former service personnel in the criminal justice system – projects should help provide a joined up service to former members of the armed forces that come into contact with the police, courts and prisons. Although it is expected that most projects will offer strategic solutions and be funded through the Large Grants scheme, there may be some local schemes that fill gaps and would thus be suitable for small grant awards.

The funding can cover most of the things needed for the project, including paying for people's time, buying or hiring equipment or minor improvements to land or buildings.

## **How To Apply**

Guidance notes, frequently asked questions, a list of the main questions in the application form, and the terms and conditions can be found on the GOV.UK website. Click on the link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/covenant-fund>

The Covenant Fund application form is an online form (survey). The main questions are listed in a separate document.

All applicants will now have to apply directly to the Covenant Fund Grant Team via an online application form. Local Covenant partnerships do not have to see or authorise the applications, but, as detailed in the application guidance, partnership working, consultation, being joined up and ensuring that projects complement other provision are key criteria. It is highly likely, therefore, that applicants will want to engage with their local Covenant partnerships during the development of their application and delivery of their project, if they are successful.

The Grants Team will answer any questions not covered by the guidance notes or frequently asked questions. Please send an email to [COVENANT-GrantTeamMailbox@mod.uk](mailto:COVENANT-GrantTeamMailbox@mod.uk) and the Grants Team will arrange a time for a call back.