

OFFICER DECISION

Decision: Rough Sleeping Prevention and Recovery Grant (RSPARG) – Voluntary & Community Frontline Sector Allocation decisions.

Decision Date: 16th January 2025

Type of Decision: Director	Key		Non-Key	X
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Portfolio Area that decision relates to:

Leader (inc Policy, Strategy & Partnerships)		Environment and Climate Emergency	
Deputy Leader (inc Economy & Culture)		Finance, Performance, Major Projects, Human Rights, Equalities & Inclusion	
Children, Young People and Education		Housing, Planning & Safer Communities	X
Health, Wellbeing and Adults Social Care	X	Transport	

Background / Decision Summary:

This relates to the RSPARG funding from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), which is to be used for prevention of, and recovery from, rough sleeping.

A minimum of 20% of the £480,000 received by CYC is mandated to be spent in the VCFS (voluntary/community frontline sector), this proposal totals £216,000 which is 45%.

The proposal is to use funds for the following:

- £40k to Peasholme Charity for Transitional Tenancy Support worker – key role for preventing homelessness and rough sleeping by working with people newly moving into a tenancy or precariously housed
- £40k to Restore to increase the existing floating support service delivered to CYC tenants with a view to maintaining tenancies and preventing homelessness
- £41k to Lived Insights to maximise pool of lived experience researchers
- £25k to CareCent towards existing city centre breakfast and shower drop-in provision, and to enable focus on those presenting from out of area with generic support needs so CYC Navigators can offer more specialised support
- £70k to York in Recovery for two part-time outreach workers (one male one female), who can work with hostels and people on the streets to signpost to services, and also offer consistent drop in at the recovery hub for people at any stage of their recovery journey. They are a LERO organization so they would be people with lived experience offering peer to peer support.

This is in line with the Homelessness strategy's focus on multi-agency working, and all works towards prevention of, and recovery from, homelessness. The

additional support and floating support made available from this funding is a step towards increasing Housing First in the city and defining the model to ensure the required support is available, and that prevention of homelessness is front and centre of York's approach.

The outputs required in return for the grants will be defined through the process of completing Grant Agreement forms.

Options Considered:

Due to limited timescales for allocating the funding and embargoed announcements, direct grant awards are being made in line with existing priorities and partners.

As such no other options have been considered at this stage. A future needs analysis is being undertaken by VCSE organisations in the city and closer working with York CVS in future will help drive future priorities.

Options Rejected:

See above – none.

Consultation Process:

York's Rough Sleeping Adviser from MHCLG, has been consulted on this proposal

Implications

Crime & Disorder	X	Equalities	X	Highways	
Human Resources		Legal		ICT	
Financial	X	Planning			
Marketing & Comms		Health	X		
Property	X	ICT			

Implications Contact:

Debbie Mitchell,
Director of Finance

Level of Risk:

Low

Wards Affected:

All Wards	x	Fishergate		Holgate		Rural West York	
Acomb		Fulford & Heslington		Hull Road		Strensall	
Bishopthorpe		Guildhall		Huntington & New Earswick		Westfield	
Clifton		Haxby & Wigginton		Micklegate		Wheldrake	
Copmanthorpe		Heworth		Osbalwick & Derwent			
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe		Heworth Without		Rawcliffe & Clifton			

Comments/Observations:

Other elements of the funding are being used to increase resources working in partnership in relation to probation and resettlement pathways, also around increasing suitable accommodation available to address needs in the city.

Decision: To in total approve the £216,000 in grant payments as follows:

- £40k Peasholme Charity
- £40k Restore
- £41k Lived Insights
- £25k CareCent
- £70k York in Recovery

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On behalf of:

To be implemented by: Denis Southall

On Completion – Signed off by:

Date:16/01/2026

