

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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 title: HOMES FOR UKRAINE COMMUNITY INTEGRATION GRANT
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform members of the successful applications that were supported using the Homes for Ukraine Community Integration Grant.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – To meet the housing needs of all sections of the community.
- Corporate Priorities - To be a well-managed Council providing efficient services based on need.
- Other Considerations – To utilise the Community Integration Grant monies in the borough.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members are aware that as part of the Homes for Ukraine resettlement programme RVBC received a Community Integration grant of £1,000 for each Ukraine guest in the borough. A proportion of the money received has been used to provide family days out to Blackpool, Mrs Dowson's farm, bowling, and Christmas pantomime.

2.2 To ensure that this money benefitted the Ukrainian community in the Valley the Council allocated £34,000 of the money received to a Community Integration Grant Scheme. Two community integration grant scheme opportunities both offering £12,000 in total, a maximum of £3,000 per scheme have been delivered. The first was advertised in October 2022, and the second round was advertised in June 2023 and the bids considered on 18 July 2023. The bids were considered at a joint panel with LCC and RVBC officers. All approved schemes, detailed below, are required to provide monitoring information and feedback.

Approved schemes first application round Oct 2022

Organisation	Bid name	Where its delivered	Brief description	Amount of grant approved
Clitheroe and Chipping Ukraine Support Project (CUSP)	The Hub	Hub Trinity centre Clitheroe	To offer a centre for those in need to meet to support each other. To gather volunteers and build support networks. To offer activities and then play therapy for children.	£3k

CUSP	The Learning Lab	1. Trinity Methodist Church 2. United Reformed Church 3. St James' Church	Parent and child joint learning. Childcare or for those only able to attend smaller courses at college for the same reason. Real work experience at the Pop Up Shop.	£3k
CUSP	Emotional Support	1. Hub Trinity centre Clitheroe 2. Whalley CE Primary School	Art / Play Therapy for children and young people delivered in partnership with Whalley CE Primary School. Specific counselling for adults.	£3k
CUSP	Moving On	Hub Trinity Centre Clitheroe	Collection and storage of donated furniture and distribution of furniture once needed.	£ 2,428
Gill Jacques	Hurst Green Event The Well Church ("Scheme"	Manor Cottage, Clitheroe Road, Ribchester, Preston, PR33XY	Providing a community luncheon and to introduce the local community to our Ukrainian guests and their hosts, involving children from local schools and fundraising for the work of the Clitheroe and Chipping Ukrainian Support Programme (C.U.S.P.)	£ 572

Approved schemes as part of the second application round

Organisation	Bid name	Where its delivered	Brief description	Amount of grant approved
Clitheroe and Chipping Ukraine Support Project (CUSP)	A sense of belonging	Hub Trinity centre Clitheroe	Homework club and IT access. To support access to sports clubs and activity support.	£3k
CUSP	Enjoy a chat	Hub Trinity Centre Clitheroe	Evening hub meetings (as most families are now working) 4pm – 7pm. Build on English skills and general support.	£3k
CUSP	Culture and Integration	Hub Trinity centre Clitheroe	Deliver an integration programme with local community groups. Look at local Lancashire traditions and skills. Deliver celebration activities at Christmas and New Year and other Ukrainian celebrations.	£3k
CUSP	Moving On	Hub Trinity Centre Clitheroe	Collection and storage of donated furniture and distribution of furniture once needed.	£3k

Further details of the individual bids are available on request.

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Note the contents of the report and how the community integration money is being used in the Borough.

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