

# 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 update Committee on the Homes for Ukraine Community Integration work.

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 As part of the Homes for Ukraine resettlement programme RVBC originally received, for each Ukraine guest arriving in Ribble Valley, a Community Integration Grant of £1,000 and a Housing Support Grant of £2,500. This payment was reduced to £1,500 per Ukraine guest from January 2023 with the community integration element removed.

2.2 To ensure that this money benefitted the Ukrainian community in the Valley to date two community integration grant schemes have been run, both offering £12,000 in total, with a maximum grant of £3,000.

2.3 The specific grant scheme created for Ribble Valley enabled community groups to bid into the scheme. The grant was administered by the Integration Team at LCC with the submissions assessed by a panel consisting of the Council's Homes for Ukraine Administrative Assistant and the Council's Housing Strategy Manager along with members of the LCC Integration team.

2.4 The first grant round was advertised in October 2022, and the second round was advertised in June 2023. 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	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	£3k

Project (CUSP)			activities and then play therapy for children.	
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

### **3. FURTHER ROUND OF GRANTS**

2.5 Whilst the amount of funding RVBC receives per guest arriving in the Valley has been reduced and no longer includes community integration on review of the funding, which was received for guest who arrived prior to January 2023, it has been established that there is sufficient funding remaining to run another round of the community integration grant scheme.

2.6 Ribble Valley Council received £96,000 funding for Community Integration (CI), £47,710.39 of this funding was utilised in 22/23 and 23/24 and £14,943.27 is estimated to be spent in 24/25. This leaves £33,346.34 of CI funding that is currently uncommitted.

2.7 As such a further round of this grant will be made available with upto £12,000 in total available with a maximum grant award of £3,000.

2.8 Whilst the specification will not be prescriptive bids which involve projects and activities that target and benefit communities where Ukrainian guests are resettled in the Valley will be encouraged. Proposed projects should also aim to benefit Sponsors and other members of the local community. Proposals that seek to meet localised needs and that educate and inform members of specific social groups will also be considered.

2.9 Proposals will be required to be very clear about what they are going to use the grant for and must clearly demonstrate intended outcomes. The following criteria will be used to assess the suitability of proposals:

- High quality, innovative proposals, including pilots
- Proposals that are based on evidence and engagement with users
- Proposals that demonstrate long term impact and potential legacies
- Proposals which target new audiences, which are not usually introduced to refugee or asylum seeker communities
- Proposals where members of the Ukrainian community are integral to the planning and running of events/activities
- Value for money, defined as high impact, low spend projects
- Match funding from bidders (or other funders)
- Experience of working with refugees (and resettled refugees in particular) is not required; however, proposals from organisations that do not have experience of working with refugees must evidence that they have the required understanding of refugees' issues and local community integration needs
- Added value, i.e. non-duplication of existing activities

2.10 Applications will be welcomed from:

- Voluntary and community organisations
- Registered charities
- Constituted groups or clubs
- Social enterprises
- Group of organisations, if led by a voluntary/community organisation or social enterprise
- Community Interest Company (with two or more directors)
- Statutory Organisations

### **4. DELIVERY**

2.11 The grant will be administered by the Integration Team at LCC who will publish the specification with a deadline for community groups to apply for the fund. We will

advertise this through our social media channels and directly with the contacts the Housing Team have already established.

2.12 The submissions will be assessed by a panel which will consist of our Homes for Ukraine Administrative Assistant and our Housing Strategy Manager along with members of the LCC Integration team. An appropriate level of grant will be offered to successful bids.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

2.13 Committee are asked to note the contents of the report.

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