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£328,000 awarded to 22 local charities by Two Ridings Community Foundation

Today 8th September 2020 22 local charities from across North & East Yorkshire received grants of up to £15,000 each from Two Ridings Community Foundation to support their essential running costs over the next six months as they respond to the continuing double whammy of increased demand and decreased fundraising caused by the Coronavirus crisis and lockdown. This funding is part of [the £750 million pot announced by the Chancellor for frontline charities across the UK](#) during the coronavirus outbreak.

These 22 awards, totalling £328,307 brings the amount distributed by Two Ridings in the last six months to £1,541,399. Since the end of March grants provided by Two Ridings have allowed groups to respond in the immediate lockdown period to help keep people fed, safe, well and connected, adapt services to vulnerable users so that support can still be provided even if self-isolating and now allow key local groups to sustain themselves financially whilst other sources of funding from fundraising events or activities have dried up.

Recent surveys of charities, both nationally and locally in our area, indicate that the next few months will be critical for the long term survival of many charities. Over 5,400 job losses have already been announced in the charity sector since the start of the pandemic but many experts predict this is just the tip of the iceberg. One leading charity think-tank, Pro Bono Economics, predicts that another 34,100 charity sector employees may have lost their jobs by the end of the year and 58% of charities expect demand for their services to increase over the next six months. Locally a survey of charities across North Yorkshire, York and the Humber area indicated that 57% of local charities had experienced a drop in income, and 41% were concerned about their survival beyond the next few months.

The number of grants awarded by the locally-based Foundation in the last six months is equivalent to what it would normally achieve in 18 months. Its small team of staff are working around the clock to ensure funds get to those organisations that can make the biggest impact to quickly support the most vulnerable residents living in North and East Yorkshire, ensuring the donations are spent effectively.

From supporting the reopening costs of services offering employability training, nurseries and essential day care for severely disabled young adults to helping with increased demand for mental health support, family advice and activities for children and young people, the latest organisations to receive a grant from Two Ridings include:

- **Home Start Craven** – funding to cover costs of recruiting additional staff and volunteers to cope with increased numbers of parents and their families asking for assistance;
- **Moorlands in Old Goole** – funding to cover costs of supporting disadvantaged children & young people;
- **Community Works in Thirsk** – helping the charity with funding to cope with increased demand for their mental health support services
- **Boroughbridge Community Care** – critical funding to ensure they can use their minibus safely. The minibus provides a vital means to connect isolated people in the area around Boroughbridge
- **Humber Community Advice Services** in Hull - Funding to deliver a range of services to support ethnic minority communities across Hull and the neighbouring areas
- **Purple House** in Hull – funding to assist with the costs of re-opening their nursery Covid-19 safe. This nursery supports children under 5 witnessing or experiencing domestic violence or family crisis
- **Platform** in Hull – funding to help with the safe re-opening of the day care facility for young adults with profound and multiple disabilities
- **Home Start Richmondshire** – funding to help the charity with volunteer recruitment & training as well as helping them to increase awareness of their services
- **Sight Support Ryedale** - Funding to introduce a new service "Sight Loss MOT" which will act to ensure that people who are blind/partially sighted can access information & support needed to maximise their independence, choices and wellbeing.
- **Trinity Centre, Whitby** – funding to cover essential operating costs so that they continue to support older, vulnerable people including those living with dementia in Whitby and surrounding rural areas.
- **Scarborough YMCA** – funding to cover essential costs so that they can offer activities for young people in the town, especially aimed at improving mental wellbeing
- **Selby AVS** – funding to help with continuation of tailored services to local residents in Selby
- **Move the Masses York** – funding to improve the charity's reach and raise awareness of what it is doing

To see the full list of awards visit

<https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/a-further-328000-awarded-to-22-local-charities-by-two-ridings-community-foundation/>

Jackie McCafferty, Programme Manager at Two Ridings Community Foundation said:

Four months on from the beginning of lock down, groups are now turning their thoughts from emergency response, to the future and how they can meet the increasing demand on their services as the full extent of the economic and resulting public health crisis is revealed. At the Community Foundation we are trying to support the key community organisations whose survival will be so vital in the coming months and years to ensure that no one gets left behind in the wake of this crisis. We will not be able to fund every group but we will do our

damnedest to provide all the support we can as I will never fail to look back in amazement at how our communities responded in those early days.”

Alison Pearson, Two Ridings trustee and chair of Grants Committee said: I am pleased that Two Ridings can play its part in supporting key local charities respond to the significant increased demand that Covid-19 continues to bring. Recent research commissioned by the National Emergencies Trust showed 1 in eight adults living in the UK expect to seek charitable support this year due to the pandemic. Nearly two thirds of them would be first time charity users. I know that the next few months are critical and we are determined, with the support of our donors, to continue to help local groups with this type of funding.”

Abigail Homer, Manager of Community Works Thirsk said: This grant is essential to Community Works because it will allow us to make our venues Covid-safe so that we can offer more one to one support sessions and group activities.”

Egg Cameron, Move the Masses, York said: “The amount of people Move the Masses supports has vastly increased as a direct result of COVID-19. Funding through TCRF has enabled us to provide essential support to isolated and vulnerable people at a time when we might have struggled to continue operating at all. This grant is a lifeline to our organisation and our community, who rely on us for their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. The funding will give us the opportunity to improve how we communicate with partners, volunteers and beneficiaries and ensure we can reach out to even more people.”

Peter Oluotch, Chief Officer Humber Community Advice Services (H-CAS) Hull “We are grateful to the Two Ridings Community Foundation for their support; and to those who make it all possible. This grant is essential to H-CAS as it will enable us to provide much needed support to our service users who face various difficulties during this very challenging period.”

Karen Parker, General Manager of Boroughbridge Community Care said: “This grant is essential to Boroughbridge Community Care as it enables us to operate our two minibuses to safely transport, using our amazing volunteer drivers, those within our rural community, who have no other means of transportation, to essential appointments of a medical or wellbeing nature. Providing this support maximises the independence of the elderly and vulnerable within our community.

Bill Mustoe, Chair of Scarborough YMCA said: We are very grateful for the Two Ridings support. This very welcome and timely funding is an essential element to restarting our range of activities to all the young people who can now begin to come through our doors once more.

Julie Atkinson, Chief Officer Sight Support Ryedale “The Two Ridings Community Foundation has always been a great supporter of Sight Support Ryedale, the only voluntary sight loss organisation in the rural area of Ryedale. Many of our sight impaired members have told us that, during the Coronavirus pandemic, their eye condition has deteriorated further due to the cancellation of routine eye treatments at local hospital eye clinics. Our recently awarded grant of £14,966 will enable us to implement a Sight Loss MOT service, a consistent, holistic and person-centred sight assessment process which also uncovers any other unmet needs such as loneliness and mental health issues.”

The Coronavirus Community Fund operated by Two Ridings Community Foundation is open for applications from local charitable organisations operating in North & East Yorkshire. To apply visit <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/coronavirus-community-fund/>
If you can make a donation and would like to give directly to you can do so via the Two Ridings Coronavirus Community Fund <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/donate/>

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES

For media enquiries or to schedule an interview with any of the team at Two Ridings or any of the organisations awarded grants, please contact Jan Garrill, Chief Executive on 07554425431 or jgarrill@tworidingscf.org.uk

NOTES TO EDITORS

Two Ridings Community Foundation is a grant making charity that supports North and East Yorkshire, York and Hull. The Foundation has distributed over £12 million in over 4,557 grants across this area and has raised an endowment of £6 million for the long term benefit of local communities.

As well as providing essential funding for small, community projects, Two Ridings Community Foundation is a vehicle for charitable giving. The Foundation works with individuals, families and companies who want to support their local communities to design bespoke grant making that targets specific issues or geographical areas.

There are 46 accredited community foundations in the UK, all under the umbrella organisation UK Community Foundations (UKCF). UKCF delivers UK-wide fundraising and grant making through individual community foundations in partnership with organisations such The National Emergencies Trust.

National Emergency Trust (NET) commissioned research with Opinium last month that showed 1 in eight adults living in the UK expect to seek charitable support this year due to the pandemic. Nearly two thirds of them would be first time charity users. Release here with the survey source etc in in case useful: <https://nationalemergenciestrust.org.uk/seven-million-expect-to-see-charity-support-in-the-next-year-due-to-pandemic/>

If you would like any further information about the work of the Foundation, how to support us or grants awarded in your area, please do not hesitate to contact the team.

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